

11 Sparhawk Road



Vaughn Stable/Residence, May 1999

Form No.	343, 344-Ice house
Town	Sherborn
Address	11 Sparhawk Road
Assessor's #	13/22
USGS Quad	Medfield
Historic Name	Vaughn Stable
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Stable and garage
Constructed	1916
Source	Prior research
Style/Form	Colonial Revival
Architect/Builder	Little and Brown, architects
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	
Wall/Trim	Stucco
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	Ice house
Alterations	Remodeled from stable and garage to residence, 1970s
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	6.25 acres
Setting	Wooded
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 12
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999
NRMRA, NRIND	1/3/86

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The house at 11 Sparhawk Road (**MHC #145**) survives substantially as it is described on the survey form completed in 1981. The former outbuildings are located 100 yards east of the former Vaughn Estate. Two outbuildings were constructed at the same time as the house and were sold separately from the main house in the 1970s. The building formerly used as a barn and stable is now a residence. Like the main house, it is clad in stucco but the design is Colonial Revival not Spanish Revival. The facade is five bays wide with the left (north) two bays occupied by segmental arched roll-up garage doors. The center entry occupies what used to be a vehicle door but has been converted to a pass door with sidelights and a segmental arched fanlight filling the remainder of the opening. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. A two-story porch with a first story arcade made from a trellis is attached to the south elevation. This section of the building formerly housed animals and hired help. The rear of the plan is enlarged by a one and one-half-story cross-gabled mass that was formerly the barn.

East of the rear section of the house is the former ice house (#344) which is now used for storage. The former use of the building is determined by the thick walls which are insulated with seaweed. The gable front, wood-framed building pre-dates the former barn and stable. Decorative elements on the facade include a molded cornice with gable returns and molded trim around the sliding doors. A smaller shed is adjacent to the former ice house and was built during the second half of the 20th century. Like the main house these former outbuildings used to serve, the setting is wooded.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The mansion and outbuildings at 11 Sparhawk Road (originally a Bullard Street address) were constructed for William and Elizabeth Vaughn in 1916. (See MHC #145 for additional information.) The original plot of land was the 46 acre Bullard lot, accessed by a right of way which Mrs. Vaughn purchased from George Mann, a farmer who lived on Bullard Street.

Architects Little and Brown were responsible for the design of the house and the outbuildings consisting of a stable, garage and a water works in tax valuations. A building formerly used as an ice house also exists. Since no ice house appears in tax valuations and no evidence of a water works is apparent, it is possible that the ice house functioned as a water works from 1925-1945. From 1925-1935, four horses were stabled on the wooded property which by then had been enlarged to around 320 acres. The Vaughns occupied the house for part of the year. They spent the remainder of their time in South Berwick Maine and in Boston.

The outbuildings were converted to separate residences in the 1970s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

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