

12 Washington Street



Col. Sanger's store (4/12/2006 photo)

Form No.	149
Town	Sherborn
Address	12 Washington Street
Historic Name	Col. Sanger's store
Uses: Original	Store
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Robert Luther
" Original	Col. Sanger
Constructed	1805
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Federal with Victorian modifications
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	2 story bay added to it's southwest wall in the late 19th century
Moved	No
Acreage	less than 1 acre
Setting:	Located on corner lot across from First Parish Church, surrounded by architecturally and historically significant public buildings and private residences.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1805, this residence is composed of a two story main block (center hall plan) and two story rear "ell". It exhibits a symmetrical 5 bay main facade. Beneath its eaves are an Italianate touch-paired sawcut brackets. A 2 story polygonal bay projects from the southwestern wall. Constructed to house Col. Sanger's store, this house's restrained treatments contrast with those of its more elegant neighbor to the northeast - the Col. Calvin Sanger House.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This structure has significant historical associations with Col. Calvin Sanger. It was built ca. 1805 to house his store. In addition he bought and sold real estate and started the first cotton factory in Framingham. Col Sanger's many interests and accomplishments rate two pages in Morse's History of Sherborn. Sanger's Federal "mansion" next door at 8 Washington Street was built in 1819. The house appears unlabeled on the 1875 map and the name on the 1889 map in illegible.

Note: In 1824, a group of Sherborn residents opened an academy in the hall over Col. Sanger's store. The Town refused to build a Town House in which such a school could be conducted. The school was started by subscription. Its 30 proprietors soon erected a 2 story school on the site of the present Old Town Hall.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



West End of Col Sanger's Store (4/12/2006 photo)