

255 Western Avenue



Micah Leland House

Form No. 167

Town Sherborn
Address 255 Western Avenue

Historic Name Micah Leland House

Uses: Original Residence
Present Residence

Ownership, 1981 Carleton and Lynn Comins
" Original Micah Leland

Constructed 1824

Source Morse - History of Sherborn and Holliston, 1856

Style/Form Early 19th century frame vernacular

Architect Ebenezer Mann

Ext. Wall Fabric Shingle

Outbuildings

Alterations Remodeled in the 1930's - hip roof was removed at that time.

Moved No

Acreage 5.00 acres

Setting: Located close to road - new houses of Dopping Brook Road and Ames Drive development to rear of property.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was one of several built in the 1810's and 1820's by Sherborn's master builder, Ebenezer Mann. Essentially rectangular in plan this dwelling rises 2 1/2 stories to a gable roof, It was originally surmounted by a hip roof which was removed in the 1930's. At that time the exterior was also remodeled. The pediment above the front door and the sidelights appear to be 20th century replacements. This house's pre 20th century rural setting has been compromised by a ca. 1960's housing development to the east of its property.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1824 for Deacon Micah Leland and his wife Lois. Their son Emlyn inherited this property and owned this property until at least the 1890's.

Note. This house was among the half dozen farmhouses built on or near Western Ave. between 1800 and 1830. Western Ave. was known as the way to the Sudbury River and about 1822-5 as the Road to the West. The master builder Ebenezer Mann was also responsible for Sherborn's finest Federal residence - The Col. Calvin Sanger House at 8 Washington St. (built 1819). He built the Eleazer Goulding House, also on Western Ave. in 1825. (#137)

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