

320 Western Ave



Ebenezer Leland House

Form No.	169
Town	Sherborn
Address	320 Western Ave
Historic Name	Ebenezer Leland House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Bruce and Barbara Marcel
" Original	Ebenezer Leland
Constructed	Early 1700's, enlarged 18th century
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
Style/Form	Federal
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Synthetic siding
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	Enlarged ca. 1800
Moved	No
Acreage	3.22 acres
Setting:	Attractive manicured lawn and tree shaded grounds. Area retains rural, farm country atmosphere.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although denatured by the application of aluminum siding to its walls, this house retains its ca. 1800 Federal form. Of a rectangular plan, it rises 2 1/2 stories to a hip roof. Its highly symmetrical 5 bay main facade features an elegant main entrance. Its front door is flanked by narrow sidelights and is surmounted by a fan light. Sheltering the entrance is a semicircular porch whose roof is supported by Tuscan columns. Like many Sherborn houses it is not readily apparent from the exterior that it contains a much older nucleus - in this case the oldest portion dates to the early 1700's.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Lelands or Laylands were among Sherborn's earliest settlers. A portion of this house may have been built at the time of Ebenezer Leland's marriage in 1708. His son Capt. Caleb Leland (b. 1712) inherited this property and passed it on to his 9th child John. After John's marriage to Caroline Jones in 1783, the place became known as the "Jones-Leland Home".

In 1875 this house belonged to a J. J. Leland. By 1889 a Mr. Hartly owned this property.

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