

# 68 Whitney Street



**The Whitney House (no longer extant)**

<b>Form No.</b>	171
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	68 Whitney Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	A Whitney house
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Douglas R. Brian
<b>" Original</b>	Whitney
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1840-1845
<b>Source</b>	Deduced from Morse's <u>History of Sherborn and Holliston</u> , 1856
<b>Style/Form</b>	Mid 19th century frame vernacular
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Garage
<b>Alterations</b>	
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	3.28 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated near the Ashland-Sherborn town line on a well maintained lot.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, August 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a simple ca. 1840-45 cottage - a smaller, more loosely interpreted Greek Revival temple-like house. Wide corner and fascia boards define its edges, its windows are simply enframed and its front door is flanked by Doric pilasters and a dentillated cornice.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Built by a Whitney ca. 1840-45, this house was owned by a W. Whitney in the 1870's and 1880's. Originally Whitney Street was lined with only Whitney farms and was known as the Road to Ashland. Whitneys settled in northwest Sherborn in the mid-18th century. The Whitneys who lived in this house and other houses in the area were the descendants of the Hon. Daniel Whitney 1733-1810. He was a member of the Provincial Congress of 1775 and a Representative to the General Court for 14 years. He lived at 41 North Main Street. According to Anne Shaughnessy his children, with the other many Whitney descendants, preferred their North Sherborn holdings and the [North Main Street] homestead was sold in 1824, to Captain Daniel Paul.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

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