

5 Zions Lane



Laundry ell of the Col. Sanger house

Form No.	174
Town	Sherborn
Address	5 Zions Lane
Historic Name	Laundry ell of the Col. Sanger house
Uses: Original	Housed laundry of private home
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Phillip Gulesian
" Original	Col. Sanger
Constructed	1819
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Early 19th century frame vernacular
Builder	Ebenezer Mann
Ext. Wall Fabric	Clapboard
Outbuildings	Garage
Alterations	Originally laundry ell of 8 Washington Street. Remodeled ca. 1928-30
Moved	From rear of 8 Washington Street after 1875
Acreage	3.08 acres
Setting:	Situated at the foot of a picturesque cul-de-sac off North Main Street. An 8-foot rubblestone garden wall is located to the rear of the house. Adjacent to its eastern gable is a horse corral.
Recorded by	Edward W. Gordon, July 1981.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This diminutive 1 1/2 story clapboard cottage is of a rectangular plan and rests on a brick basement. Its 4 bay main facade features a narrow entrance which is blanked by louvered shutters and crowned by a Colonial Revival fanlight. Its edges are defined by narrow corner and fascia boards. This dwelling is one of at least a dozen Sherborn residences which were originally constructed as "ells" attached to residences. Many of these ells were moved to new locations in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

This structure was originally the laundry ell of 8 Washington Street (built in 1819 by Ebenezer Mann). It was moved to its present location between 1875 and 1889. During the 1890's and early 1900's this was the residence of George Sanger and his Australian bride. In the 1920's his widow returned to Australia. For many years this was the home of Helen Farar, who kept Toggenburg goats in the walled garden behind the house.

Note: This structure is said to have housed a Zionist congregation in the early 20th century - probably in the 1910's. During the late 19th century Zions Lane was called Pratt St. after the inventor and landscape architect Jacob Pratt. (He helped design Sherborn's Pine Hill Cemetery.) By 1906 it was called Linden Court. The Zions Lane - Linden Lane enclave acquired its present form between 1857 and the 1890's. It originally had 3 or 4 more structures than it has now - including George Clark's shop (blacksmith?) to the south of this house. This enclave's diminutive structures were once ells attached to large residences, outbuildings of unknown origin, etc.

Note: Joseph Blanchard, a life-long Sherborn resident, recalls that the chapel was located at 1 Zions Lane - a building he believes was moved there by the Clarks (no longer extant). This was probably the "shop" owned by George Clark of 16 North Main St. which appears on the 1875 atlas.

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