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FORM A - AREA

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

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See District Data Sheet

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

Town SherbornName of Area (if any) Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic DistrictPresent Use Primarily residentialGeneral Date or Period ca. 1750 - 1900General Condition ExcellentAcreage Approximately 87 acresRecorded by Betsy FriedbergOrganization Massachusetts Historical CommisssDate March 1985

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black
& white) - Indicate on back
of each photo street addresses
for buildings shown. Staple to
left side of form.

See attached photos.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the
area indicating properties within it.
Number each property for which individual
inventory forms have been completed.
Label streets including route numbers, if
any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate
sheet if space here is not sufficient).

See attached map.

Acreage: approximately 87 acres.
Quads: Medfield and Natick
Scale: 1: 25,000

UTM References:

Medfield Quad

A: 19 304680 4780020
B: 19 304580 4679700
C: 19 304420 4679700
D: 19 304380 4680030

Natick Quad

A: 19 304060 4681700
B: 19 304680 4680980
C: 19 304660 4680770
D: 19 304380 4680050
E: 19 304360 4680700

UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE
SCALE

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District represents a well-preserved enclave of 18th and 19th century buildings, remnants of the area's early development as a center for small-scale cottage industry and of the families prominently involved in that development. The district retains integrity of setting, design, location, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and holds significant historic archaeological potential for sites related to early industry. As a remarkably intact microcosm of 19th century rural life, the district fulfills Criteria A, B, C, and D of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

The proposed Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District covers situated along North Main Street in a linear north-south configuration, running from Sherborn's commercial district almost to the Natick line. Its land is essentially flat and is bordered by Brush and Peter's hills to the west and Pine Hill and lowlands to the east. Although North Main Street (Route 27) is a main traffic artery in Sherborn, the area remains a small rural community and retains much of its premodern feeling. Its landscape contains 18th and 19th century residences and associated outbuildings, old barns, stone walls, granite gateposts, and Plain Cemetery, a late 18th century burial ground. Its building stock is generally well maintained and unaltered.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.

The Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District developed as a center for light manufacturing during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The district remains a semirural community of well-preserved 18th and 19th century buildings. Now primarily residential, the district nonetheless retains some of the early outbuildings associated with agriculture-related industry. Thirty-three buildings and an early cemetery are included within the district; thirty-one of these structures contribute to the district's significance.

The district was sparsely settled during the late 17th and early 18th centuries; its inhabitants relied chiefly on agricultural pursuits for their livelihood. By the early 19th century, the district had become relatively thickly settled, and between 1780 and 1800, ten new structures were added to the existing seven. With the gradual return of stability and prosperity after the Revolutionary War, the area was transformed into a node of light manufacturing, serving Sherborn Center to the south as well as other communities in the region. Among the tradesmen working within the district between 1780 and 1860 were an edge-tool manufacturer, blacksmiths, gunmakers, a coffin designer, wheelwright, cidemill owners, tanners, whipmakers, and shoe manufacturers. In addition, Deacon William Clark established a general store to the south of 84 North Main Street in 1800 (no longer extant) and by 1824 Captain Daniel Paul kept a tavern at 31 North Main Street (#94).

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Cont.

Community: Sherborn	Form No: B
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The 33 structures in the district generally do not exceed 2 1/2 stories in height, are of rectangular or L-shaped plan and, with one notable exception, are constructed of wood. Stylistically, the building stock ranges from mid 18th century Georgian vernacular to a single well-crafted Queen Anne-style residence. Dowse's Corner, at the northern end of the district, retains a number of intact Greek Revival-style houses, and with its broad lawns, presents a remarkable unspoiled picture of a pre-Civil War New England community. The majority of the properties are in Federal and Greek Revival styles, reflecting the district's period of greatest prosperity, between the Revolution and the Civil War. Many were associated with the district's light manufacturing during these years, and retain some features associated with that early industrialization.

The Whitney House/Paul Tavern, 41 North Main Street (#94), is the oldest building in the district. It was built ca. 1750 as an early Georgian residence and greatly enlarged in 1824 in the Federal style. Local tradition suggests that the building may also contain remnants of a ca. 1680 structure. The Col. Samuel Bullard House, 33 North Main Street (1763, #92), is a well-preserved simple Georgian-style residence, with its entrance topped by a fanlight and framed by narrow pilasters and dentilated cornice.

Notable Federal-style residences include: the Tapley Wyeth House's main block, 46 North Main Street (ca. 1795, #96), and the Jeremiah Butler House, 5 Butler Street (1818, #5). Both are five bays wide, hip roofed, with two rear interior chimneys. Among the more common gable-roofed five-bay Federal-style houses are: the Capt. Harvey Partridge House, 51 North Main Street (ca. 1800, rear ell, ca. 1820, main block, #98); the Morse Perry House, 83 North Main Street (ca. 1782, rear ell, ca. 1810, main block; #105); the Benjamin Dowse House, 91 North Main Street (1814, rear ell, 1830, main block; #108); and the Joseph Dowse Jr. House, 106 North Main Street (1819, #112). The first three of these reflect the trend in the district to use an older structure as the ell of a newer one.

The district is rich in vernacular Greek Revival-style houses. Most are rectangular, temple-form buildings, three bays wide with a front-facing gable. Built primarily for members of the Dowse family between 1840 and 1860, these solid dwellings feature wide corner and fascia boards, heavy classicized front door enframements, and pedimented attics. Particularly noteworthy is the Joseph Dowse Jr. House at 100 North Main Street (1844, #110), which has all of these features as well as a front verandah supported by fluted Tuscan columns. Next door at 102 North Main Street, the Nathaniel Henry Dowse House (1854, #111), the facades are enlivened by a deeply recessed entrance, heavy pedimented door and window surrounds, and an open verandah with Doric columns. Other noteworthy examples of the Greek Revival style include the Lowell Coolidge House, 93 North Main Street (1847, #109) and the William Chamberlain Dowse House, 13 Lake Street (1856, #54). The Tucker-Rice House, 14 Coolidge Street (ca. 1788, ca. 1820, #8), the Dowse-Mann House, 30 North Main Street (1782, #90), and the Amory L. Babcock Jr. House, 123 North Main Street (ca. 1825, #115) were

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all originally Federal-style buildings that received Greek Revival-style surface treatments in the 1840s.

The Italianate style, less popular in Sherborn, is essentially represented in the district by small details in otherwise traditional buildings. The Andrew Jackson Church House, 1 Coolidge Street (1851, #6), for instance, is a finely detailed Greek Revival-style residence, similar in size, plan, and ornamentation to others in the district, with a pair of Italianate-style roundheaded windows in its attic gable.

Only two houses may be said to represent the romantic revival styles of the mid to late 19th century. 112 North Main Street, built in 1859, exhibits an irregular plan and elements of the Gothic Revival and Italianate styles; a triple roundhead window, Italianate in feeling, is placed beneath a gothic quatrefoil in the attic gable. A late example of the Gothic style is to be found at 59 North Main Street (ca. 1890-1895). Both Victorian houses were owned by Charles Dort Dowse (#113 and #102, respectively).

The Jonathan Holbrook House, 44 North Main Street (1880, #95), is the only full-blown Queen Anne-style building in the district--and, indeed, in Sherborn. Of irregular plan, the house displays many of the features characteristic of the style: animated surface detail, including a variety of patterned shingles and half timbering, punchwork and Chinese fretwork; a mansard-roofed tower; several porches; and differing window treatments.

Although most of the district's buildings were built as residences, several special-use structures were constructed in the late 18th-early 19th centuries. They now serve as dwellings. Capt. Harvey Partridge's Edge-tool Factory, 53-55 North Main Street (1796, #99), is the only stone building in the district. Built of locally quarried granite with walls fifteen inches thick, the factory is sited with its three-bay east gable end facing the street. The building has been used as a residence since the 1860s.

The Plain School, 60 North Main Street (1834, #103), is a 1 1/2-story Greek Revival-style structure that originally had separate entrances for boys and girls. Bigelow Cider Mill, 47-49 North Main Street (ca. 1850, #97), was a simple front-facing-gable vernacular structure that received a pair of two-story polygonal bays on its front facade when it was converted to residential use ca. 1875.

The district contains only two intrusions. One is a mid-20th century house built in the "colonial" style; the other, the Lemuel Leland House, 61 North Main Street (ca. 1810, #104), was the work of Sherborn's master builder, Ebenezer Mann. Nevertheless, the building was drastically altered in the 1950s and no longer retains integrity. It must therefore be considered noncontributing.

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Edward's Plain is said to have been named for Edward West, one of the town's first selectmen, lay preachers, and schoolteachers. West was named schoolmaster in 1694. He was granted a large tract of land in the 1680s, which stretched from Sherborn Center north to Everett Street. The first area of settlement in Sherborn or Boggestow had been located in the southeast section of the town along the Charles River. Undoubtedly settlement on Edward's Plain was spurred by the construction of a meetinghouse on a hill above "the plain" in 1680. Among the first families to settle on the northern section of "the plain" in the late 17th century was the Whitney family. Jonathan Whitney came to Sherborn from Watertown in 1678. Local tradition maintains that the Whitney House/Paul Tavern, 41 North Main Street, contains remnants of Jonathan Whitney's original dwelling house. Subsequent members of the family built the ca. 1760 main block of the present structure. Despite the arrival of the Whitneys and a few other families in the area, development was slow until after the Revolution.

In the forefront of the district's post-1770s settlement was Ebenezer Dowse, from whom the district takes its name. Dowse and his family fled Charlestown, Massachusetts, on the eve of the Battle of Bunker Hill and settled on Everett Street in the northern part of Sherborn and the nominated district. He utilized the boggy lowlands behind his house for the soaking of hides, and was the first to successfully engage in tanning and whipmaking in the area. This trade was carried on by his four sons. It was members of the Dowse family who built six houses on and around Dowse's Corner during the building boom of 1840-1860. By the 1850s, some family members had turned to manufacturing shoes. Dowse-related buildings include residences of Ebenezer's grandsons, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Joseph Dowse Jr. at 91, 102, and 106 North Main Street, respectively, as well as the Joseph Dowse III House, 3 Coolidge Street, the William Chamberlain Dowse House, 13 Lake Street, and the Dowse-Mann House, 30 North Main Street. Nathaniel Henry Dowse's three-story shoe shop was located at the fork of Coolidge and North Main Streets. His shop's twenty men made a heavy work shoe, called a brogan, which was shipped out for sale to southern plantations. Lowell Coolidge served an apprenticeship with Nathaniel Dowse and later built a sizeable shop next to 93 North Main Street (#109). The automation of large-scale shoe factories in the early 20th century terminated New England's small shoemaking businesses. Dowse's shoe manufactory burned in 1907. The last shoe was made in Coolidge's shop in 1908 and his building was moved to nearby East Holliston.

In addition to the Dowses' industries, a number of buildings associated with the area's artisans survive, virtually intact remnants of north Sherborn's heyday as a light manufacturing center in the early to mid 19th century. Among the trades practiced in the district between 1780 and 1860 were: edge-tool manufacturing (Capt. Harvey Patridge's stone factory, built 1796, stands at 53-55 North Main Street); gunmaking (Lemuel Leland's nationally known gunshop was behind his home at 61 North Main Street, ca. 1810); carpentry (Amasa Green, 54 North Main Street, ca. 1800); carriage wheel manufacturing (Jeremiah Butler's establishment was at 5 Butler Street, 1818); and cidermaking by James Bigelow (51 North Main Street, ca. 1850).

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, Cont.

After the Civil War, some industries that had thrived in the antebellum period disappeared. As coaches passed out of service, the last whips were made by the Dowses in 1876. First, large-scale urban factories outside Sherborn and then the arrival of automation terminated the town's single-shop shoe manufactories. Gradually the district became more strictly residential, home to a number of prosperous Sherborn citizens. The last remnant of this area's commercial character is the still-thriving firm of C. A. Dowse and Sons, Inc., apple growers. This business was established in 1919 for the automobile touring trade by Nathaniel Henry Dowse's son, Charles Herbert Dowse. Today only the former factories--now residences-- and the dwellings and outbuildings of the district's artisans remain.

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DISTRICT BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION AND DELINEATION

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

The bounds of the Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District were drawn to include a cohesive linear grouping of late 18th and early-mid 19th century residential buildings distinguished for their associations with the area's small-scale cottage industries and by the high quality of their preservation, design, and detail. The district is semirural with large lots and houses set well back from the road. A number of the buildings retain original outbuildings. The district's bounds are defined by the presence of widely scattered new construction on the periphery--residential to the north and east, and commercial to the south--and by an area of swamp and marshland at the district's northwest end. The district's western boundary south of Coolidge Street is determined by the presence of the Framingham and Mansfield railroad tracks. North of Coolidge Street, a row of new residences set on a rise on the west side of North Main Street fail to intrude on the district and lie just beyond its western bounds.

Specifically, beginning at the southwest corner of 33 North Main Street and proceeding north along rear lot lines and the tracks of the Conrail railroad tracks to the northwest corner of 3 Coolidge Street; thence turning to follow the northern lot line of 3 Coolidge Street to the lot's northernmost corner, turning to follow the curblin westward and crossing the street to follow the lot lines of 14 Coolidge Street; thence following the northern curblin of Coolidge Street southeast to its intersection with North Main Street; thence turning northward and traveling along the curblin of North Main Street up to the beginning of a lot now held as town conservation land and turning to travel west, then turning north at a point behind the 21 milestone and continuing north across Rockwood Street and following rear property lines to the northernmost corner of 127 North Main Street, turning at a right angle, and traveling to the North Main Street curblin; thence turning to proceed southward along the western side of North Main Street, and crossing to the eastern side at the intersection of Rockwood, North Main, and Everett Streets; thence traveling east following the northern lot lines of the Plain Cemetery, 100 North Main Street (which extends behind 102 to 112 North Main Street), and 13 Lake Street, then turning south to follow the eastern lot lines of 13 Lake Street, crossing Lake Street, and traveling along the rear (east) and side (southern) property lines of 86 North Main Street; thence turning at an oblique angle to follow the property line of 84 North Main Street and traveling south to cross the edge of a marshland area fronting North Main Street and reach the northeast corner of 5 Butler Street; continuing south along the eastern lot line of 5 Butler Street and crossing Butler Street to follow rear lot lines of 46 and 44 North Main Street, crossing over Eliot Street, and continuing along rear lot lines from 35 North Main Street to 32-34 North Main Street; thence turning at a right angle to travel west along the southern lot lines of 30 and 33 North Main Street.

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SHERBORN MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA: SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS
EDWARD'S PLAIN-DOWSE'S CORNER HISTORIC DISTRICT
DISTRICT DATA SHEET

NC = Noncontributing

NA = Not Applicable

MHC #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE	MAP #
5	Jeremiah Butler House	5 Butler Street	1818	Federal	9
6	Andrew Jackson Church House	1 Coolidge Street	1851	Greek Revival	26
7	Joseph Dowse III House	3 Coolidge Street	1846	Greek Revival	27
8	Tucker-Rice House	14 Coolidge Street	1788 (rear ell), 1820 (main block)	Federal/Greek Revival	28
53	Charles Arthur Dowse Sr. House	1 Lake Street	1907	Queen Anne	23
NA	NA	2 Lake Street	mid 20th c.	NC	21
54	William Chamberlain Dowse House	13 Lake Street	1856	Greek Revival	22
90	Dowse-Mann House	30 N. Main Street	1782	Greek Revival	1
91	Ben Bullard House	32-34 N. Main Street	ca. 1795 (enlarged ca. 1830-1840)	Federal/Greek Revival	2
92	Col. Samuel Bullard House	33 N. Main Street	1763	Georgian	3

SHERBORN MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA: SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS
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MHC #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE	MAP #
93	Charles Rockwood House	36 N. Main Street	ca. 1840	Greek Revival/ Italianate	4
94	Whitney House/Paul Tavern	41 N. Main Street	ca. 1750 (enlarged 1824)	Georgian/Federal	5
95	Jonathan Holbrook House	44 N. Main Street	1830	Queen Anne	6
96	Dr. Tapley Wyeth House	46 N. Main Street	ca. 1795	Federal	7
97	James Bigelow Cider Mill	47-49 N. Main Street	ca. 1850 (altered ca. 1875)	Vernacular Italianate	8
98	Capt. Henry Partridge House	51 N. Main Street	ca. 1800 (rear ell), ca. 1820 (main block)	Federal	10
99	Capt. Henry Partridge Edge-Tool Factory/Stone House	53-55 N. Main Street	1796	Stone Vernacular	11
100	Amasa Green House	54 N. Main Street	ca. 1800 (altered ca. 1930)	Federal/Georgian	12

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MHC #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE	MAP #
101	Babcock-Erickson House	58 N. Main Street	ca. 1852 with ca. 1910 Colonial Revival additions)	Colonial Revival	13
102	Charles Dort Dowse House	59 N. Main Street	ca. 1890-1895	Victorian Gothic	14
103	The Plains School	60 N. Main Street	ca. 1834	Greek Revival	15
104	Lemuel Leland House	61 N. Main Street	ca. 1810 (with mid 20th c. alterations)	NC	16
105	Moses Perry III House	83 N. Main Street	ca. 1782 (rear ell), ca. 1810 (main block)	Federal	17
106	Deacon Oliver Fisk House	84 N. Main Street	ca. 1850	Greek Revival	18
107	Emline Sparhawk House	86 N. Main Street	1833	Federal cottage	19
108	Benjamin Dowse House	91 N. Main Street.	1814 (rear ell), 1830 (main block)	Federal	20
109	Lowell Coolidge House	93 N. Main Street	1847	Greek Revival	24

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MHC #	HISTORIC NAME	STREET ADDRESS	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	STYLE	MAP #
110	Joseph Dowse House	100 N. Main Street	ca. 1783 (rear ell), 1844 (main block)	Greek Revival	25
111	Nathanial Henry Dowse House	102 N. Main Street	1854	Greek Revival	29
112	Joseph Dowse Jr. House	106 N. Main Street	1819	Federal	30
113	Charles Dort Dowse House	112 N. Main Street	1859	Italianate/ Gothic Revival	31
803	The Plain Cemetary	N. Main Street	1792-1928	NA	32
902	The 21 Milestone	N. Main Street	ca. 1790	NA	33
115	Amory L. Babcock Jr. House	123 N. Main Street	ca. 1825	Federal/Greek Revival	34
116	Sanger-Reed House	127 N. Main Street	ca. 1840	Greek Revival	35

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Sherborn Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTSCover Patrick Andrus 1/3/86

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Assington

Substantive Review for KeeperPatrick Andrus 1/3/86

Attest

Beth L. Savage 1-3-86

Determined Eligible

2. Buttonballs

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION
Substantive Review

Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrus 1/3/86

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Beth L. Savage 1-3-863. Edwards Plain-Dowse's
Corner Historic
DistrictSubstantive Review for KeeperPatrick Andrus 1/3/86

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4. Morse-Barber House

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5. Sewall-Ware House

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Beth L. Savage 1-3-866. Sherborn Center Historic
DistrictSubstantive Review for KeeperPatrick Andrus 1/3/86

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Beth L. Savage 1-3-86

7. Stannox Farm

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Keeper

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8. Sudbury Waste Weir A

Substantive Review

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9. Bullen-Stratton-
Cozzen HouseEntered in the
National Register

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Shelton Byers 1/3/86

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10. Clark-Northrup House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Shelton Byers 1/3/86

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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Edward's Plain--Dowse's Corner Historic
District (Sherborn MRA)
Sherborn
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Substantive Review

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Working No. NOV 20 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/4/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-3-86
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal

also ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The district represents a well-preserved enclave of 18th and 19th-century buildings, remnants of the area's early development as a center for small-scale cottage industry and of the families prominently involved in that development.

Recom./Criteria Accept A, B + C
Reviewer Salzer
Discipline Architectural History
Date 1-3-86
____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Streetscape

91, 93, North Main, Sherborn, Mass

1, #3, Coolidge St.

Edwards Plain-Dawse's Corner Historic District



100 North Main St.
Sherborn Mass. 01904
Edwards Plain-Dowdes Corner Historic District

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Streetscape

#46, #44 North Main St.

Sherborn Mass. *MRA*

Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District



Streetscape

51, # 53/55 North Main St.
Sherborn Mass.

Edward's Plain - Dowse's Corner Historic District





#53/55 North Main Street
Dowse's Corner/Edward's Plain
Historic District
Sherborn, Mass. *MA*
photo: Mark O'Brien

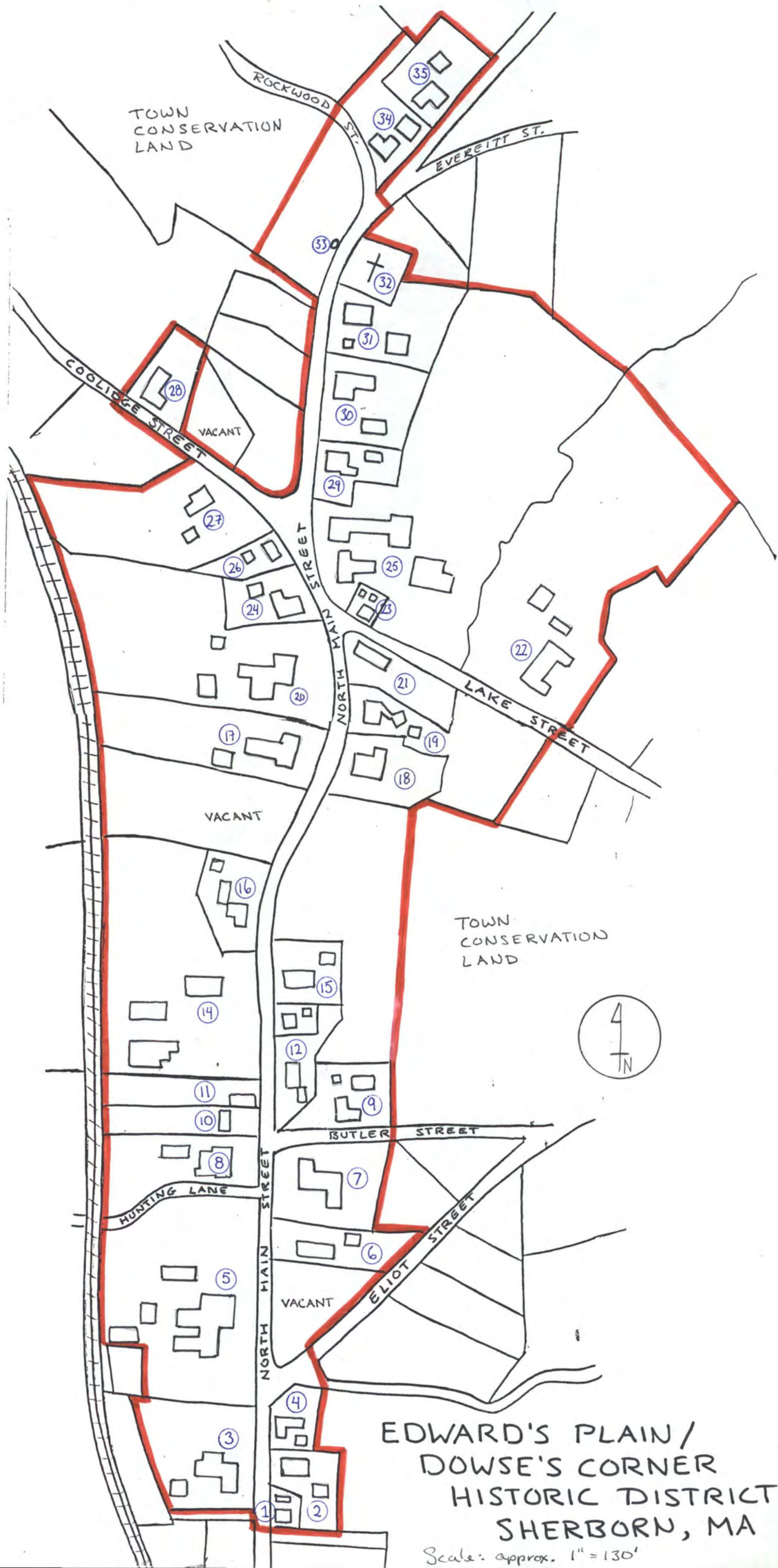
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Col. Harvey Partridge's
Edge-Tool Factory
View from east, showing east
and south elevations
Neg. with photographer



(# 102 and) # 100 North Main St.
Dowse's Corner/Edward's Plain
Historic District
Sherborn, Mass. *MAA*
photo: Grace Shepard

Photo #2 of 2

Nathaniel Henry Dowse House (L)
and Joseph Dowse Jr. House (R)
View from west showing south
and west elevations
Neg: with photographer



EDWARD'S PLAIN /
DOWSE'S CORNER
HISTORIC DISTRICT
SHERBORN, MA

Scale: approx. 1" = 130'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293

WHITE OAKS FARM
13 LAKE STREET
SHERBORN, MASS. 01770

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January 21, 1984

Valerie A. Talmage
Mass Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

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MASS. HIST. COMM.

Dear Ms. Talmage,

Re: 13 Lake Street Edward's Plain/Dowse's Corner
Historic District Sherborn Multiple Resource
Area

We would be pleased to have our property placed in
an Historic District as well as be nominated to
the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

W. Cahill Price, Jr.

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RECEIVED

Mrs. Anthony R. Cataldo
Sixteen Eliot Street

JAN 22 1985

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Sherborn, Massachusetts 01770

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Mass. Historical Comm.
80 Royiston Street
Boston, Ma. 02116

Jan 24, 1985

Attention: Mr. Valerie A. Talmage
Dear Ms. Talmage:

Mr. Cataldo and I are pleased and honored that our property at 41 No. Main St., Sherborn, Massachusetts, is being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are aware of our farm's historical significance and feel proud to be considered for the nomination.

We would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of the nomination as you suggest in your letter of January 10, 1985. We shall await word of the Board.

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decision at your convenience.

Thank you for contacting us.

Sincerely yours,

Hous. M. Cataldo

(Mrs. Anthony R.)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District
Sherborn Multiple Resource Area (Middlesex Cty)

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Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District

The Colonel Samuel Bullard House, 33 North Main Street Sherborn, located within the Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District, no longer possesses integrity of materials, workmanship, setting, design, or feeling, and has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The building was a well-preserved simple Georgian-style residence, with its entrance topped by a fanlight and framed by narrow pilasters and dentilated cornice. It has undergone significant alterations and now has a substantial addition on the rear. In addition, it has lost historic fabric on both interior and exterior, its chimneys have been removed, and all windows, doors, and clapboards have been replaced.

The property's status is therefore changed from contributing to noncontributing.

3/25/91

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Edward's Plain--Dowse's Corner Historic District

Middlesex County, MA

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVAL

for Keeper *Shelley Zuer*
4/3/91

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Edward's Plain--Dowse's Corner Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Sherborn MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 3/25/91 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/09/91
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86000492

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: Y PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 4/3/91 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



March 20, 1991

Carol Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior, National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

RE: Col. Samuel Bullard House, Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner
Historic District, Sherborn, MA

Dear Ms. Shull:

At the written request of the Sherborn Historical Commission, the Massachusetts Historical Commission is sending you additional technical documentation regarding the Col. Samuel Bullard House, located in the Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District (listed 01/03/86) in the Sherborn Multiple Resource Area (Middlesex County).

The Massachusetts Historical Commission wishes to change the status of this property from contributing to noncontributing. The property owner was informed in writing of MHC's intention and given the opportunity to comment. No comments were received.

A continuation sheet for the district nomination is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Judith B. McDonough
State Historic Preservation Director
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

cc: Betsy Johnson, Chairperson, Sherborn Historical Commission

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