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FORM B - BUILDING

AREA	FORM NO.
	138

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

PHOTO: (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Photo number _____

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.

See attached map.

Recorded by Betsy Friedberg
Organization Mass. Historical Commission
Date May 1985

Town Sherborn
Address 113 South Main Street
Historic Name Ware's Tavern

Use: Present Residence
Original Residence/tavern

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1780
Source V/A

Style Federal/Greek Revival
Architect N/A
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Main block enlarged ca. 1840, ell moved to 109 South Main before 1875, current ell enlarged in 1958.
Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 2.60 acres

Setting The former tavern stands adjacent to heavily travelled South Main Street (Rte. 27). Its grounds are well maintained.

UTM reference: 19 304740 4677520
scale 1:25,000 Medfield Quadrangle

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

Ware's Tavern is a large, simple structure that was built in two phases and that displays both Federal and Greek Revival detailing. The oldest portion of the Tavern, which faces south, was built ca. 1780 and rests on a granite block foundation. It is two stories high, five bays wide, with a central entrance and large brick chimney above. Windows are 6/6, simply enframed, and symmetrically aligned. South Main Street, the road to Holliston in the 18th century, runs past the western side of the building. The tavern essentially doubled in size ca. 1840,

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The area around the intersection of Goulding and South Main Streets in South Sherborn has historical associations with Sherborn's Ware family. As early as 1710, Capt. Joseph Ware had a grist mill on Sewell's Brook, near Goulding Street. He bought the Sewell-Ware House (100 South Main Street, # 136) in 1734. His grandson, Benjamin Ware, built the oldest portion of 113 South Main Street ca. 1780 as a residence for himself and his wife, Mehitable Leland, whom he married in 1778. Their son, Eleazer, had established a tavern in this residence by the early 19th century. The building had a ballroom on its second floor.

By the 1830s, Ware's Tavern, also known as a halfway house, was one of at least three places of lodging in town. Others were the Tucker Tavern on Prospect Street near Framingham (built ca. 1780, the building received extensive Colonial Revival alterations in the early 20th century and no longer retains integrity) and the Paul Tavern (also built ca. 1780, this structure was serving as a lodging place in the center of town by the 1820s; it is part of the Edward's Plain-Dowse's Corner Historic District). Sherborn's growing local light industries and its location between the industrial town of Framingham and points south meant that South Main Street, a main thoroughfare by the early 19th century, was well traveled. Now known as Route 27, South Main Street is the busiest roadway (Cont'd)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

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Research by Margaret Dowse Buntin.
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Sherborn	Form No: 138
Property Name: Ware Tavern	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

when a northern section, built on a brick basement, was added. The gable roof of the original structure may have been raised and a pedimented attic added at this time.

The tavern's entryway consists of tapered, engaged Doric pilasters surmounted by a broad entablature with a single small medallion and a dentilated cornice. It is a Colonial Revival-style addition, made in the early part of this century.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Cont'd)

through Sherborn. While the first Meeting House was being built in 1830, the Ware's Tavern ballroom served as the town's place of assembly. The Ware family sold the tavern to Brayton Bullard Sr. in 1830.

At some point in the mid 19th century an ell of the tavern was sold and moved across the street to the north to 109 South Main Street. By 1889 John Jackson owned the property and it no longer took in lodgers. Jackson and several of his neighbors raked and sold the cranberries that grew in nearby bogs.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Ware's Tavern retains integrity of design, location, materials, workmanship, and feeling, as well as association with Sherborn's early-mid 19th century development as a growing community of household manufactories and light industry-and thus as a community increasingly linked to external society. A well preserved example of the transition from Federal to Greek Revival styling, Ware's Tavern fulfils Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

MAP KEY

A: House
B: Garage

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Sherborn Multiple Resource Area
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Sanger, Richard, III, House

Entered in the
National Register
Keeper
Attest

Shelton Byers 1/3/86

22. Sawin-Bullen-Bullard House

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National Register
Keeper
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Shelton Byers 1/3/86

23. Twitchell, Joseph, House

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National Register
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Shelton Byers 1/3/86

24. Vaughn, H. G., House

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National Register
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25. Ware's Tavern

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Shelton Byers 1/3/86

26. Woodland Farm-Leland House

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Shelton Byers 1/3/86

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

86000512

Ware's Tavern (Sherborn MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

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: _____

Entered in the
National Register

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

_____ 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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: _____



Ware's Tavern 113 So. Main St.

Sherborn, Mass.

SHERBORN MA

MIDDLESEX CO

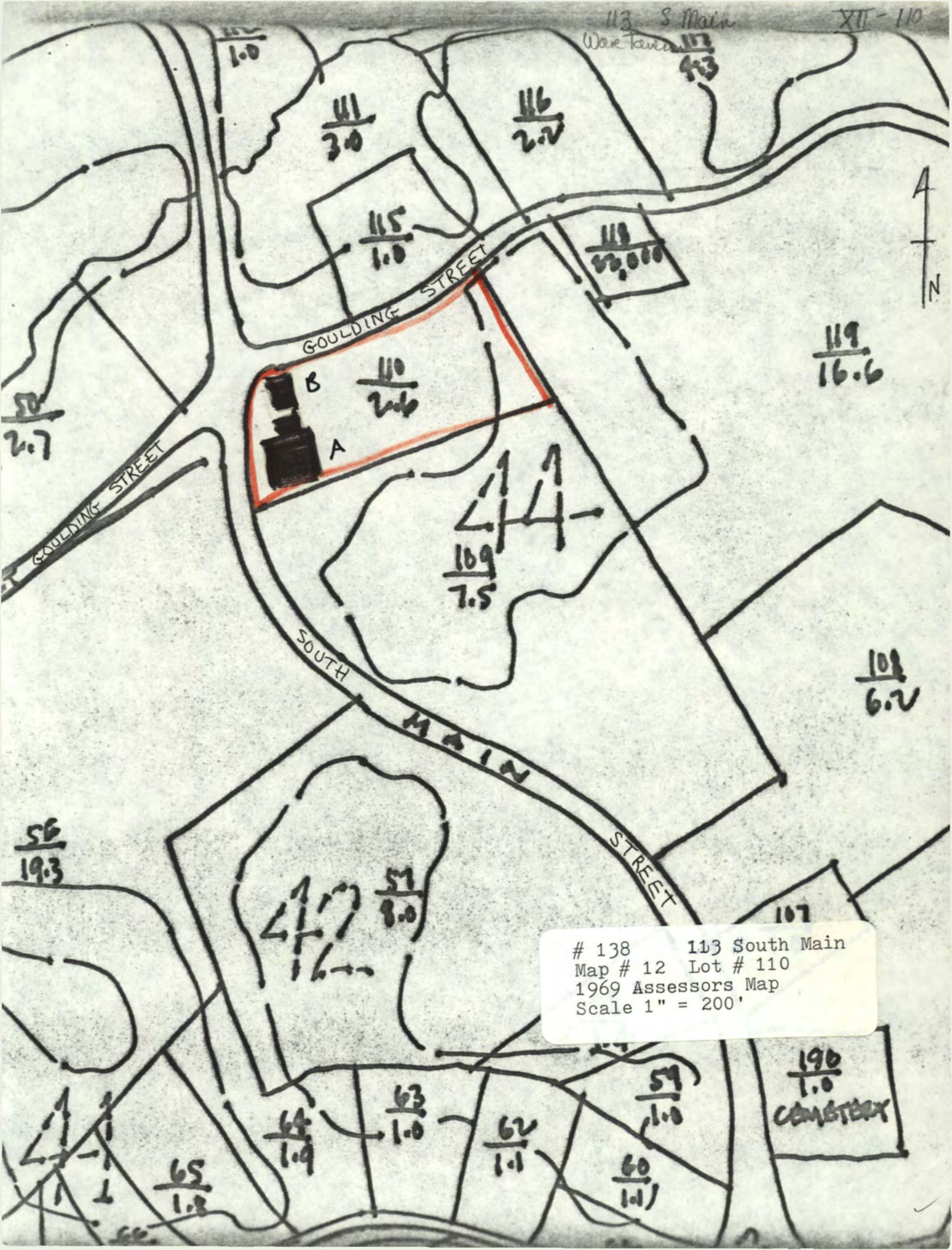


Ware Tavern

113 South Main St.

Sherborn MA, Ma

Inv. # F38



113 S Main XII-110
 Water 12/43

138 113 South Main
 Map # 12 Lot # 110
 1969 Assessors Map
 Scale 1" = 200'

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 CEMETERY

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293