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**FORM B - BUILDING**

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
	155

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

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**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 70 Washington Street

Historic Name Asa Sanger House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

**DESCRIPTION:**

Date ca. 1700-1720

Source Rev. Abner Morse, History of Sherborn and Holliston

Style First Period/Georgian transitional

Architect N/A

Exterior wall fabric Wood shingle

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance altered ca. 1960

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage Less than one acre

Setting Located in area which retains much of its pre 20th century farming community atmosphere.

UTM reference: 19 303520 4678450  
scale 1:25,000 Holliston Quadrangle

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

One of several early 18th century Sherborn houses, with integral lean-tos that demonstrate the transition from First Period to Georgian styling, the Asa Sanger house retains an integrity of form, if not fabric. Its clapboards are presently covered with wood shingles. The present entry surround, incorporating 3/4 sidelights and a narrow entablature, is a ca. 1960 alteration. Previously, the doorway had been crowned by a five-pane transom and framed by engaged pilasters and a somewhat broader entablature. The exterior otherwise appears

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

Although an exact construction date has not been established for the Asa Sanger House, visual analysis suggests that it was built in the early decades of the 18th century. The property's early owner was Elisha Bullen. The building is an example of a transitional house type, from massive First Period construction to less weighty, symmetrical Georgian styling. By the time of the Revolution the house's owner was Asa Sanger, a farmer who, a 19th century history recounts, was "putting on a roof when (he) heard cannon fire and left hammer, nails and shingles, and headed for Concord." The building was probably receiving a new roof at this time. The Sangers were a prominent family in 18th and 19th century Sherborn, involved in farming, tavern and shop keeping, the law, and, by the 19th century, factory ownership.

The building remained essentially intact until the 1960s, when its clapboards were shingled and a Greek Revival-style entryway replaced the Georgian transom-crowned doorway.

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

- Maps of 1788, 1857, 1875, 1889.
- Abner Morse, History of Sherborn and Holliston, 1856.
- Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
- Anne C. Shaughnessy, A Guide to Sherborn and A History of Sherborn, 1974.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Sherborn	Form No: 155
Property Name: Asa Sanger House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

to be intact. Its highly symmetrical five-bay main facade features simply enframed 9/6 windows. A massive brick chimney projects from the center of the roof's ridge line.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

The Asa Sanger House retains integrity of location, design, setting, and feeling, as well as associations with a prominent Sherborn family. It is a fine example of the transition from First Period to Georgian-style dwelling, retaining the massive form, central chimney, and integral lean-to of the early dwelling yet with the symmetry and plan of the later style. The building thus fulfils Criteria C and A of the National Register of Historic Places.

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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

11. Cleale, Joseph, House

Entered in the  
National Register  Keeper  
Attest

Delores Byers 1/3/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

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National Register  Keeper  
Attest

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13. Fleming, Thomas, House

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Delores Byers 4/3/86

14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

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15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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16. Leland, Deacon, William,  
House

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17. Lewis, Charles D., House

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18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

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19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

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20. Sanger, Asa, House

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Delores Byers 4/3/86

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sanger, Asa, House (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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Sage, Asa, Hesse

Shelton, N.H., Ma

To Washington St.  
~~Francis Shephardson~~

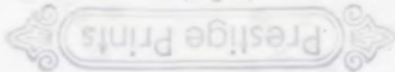
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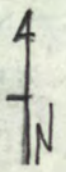


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70 Wash.  
O'Donnell

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95  
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WASHINGTON STREET



88  
15.4

86  
25.0

WAY

96  
1.4

86  
2.0

# 155      70 Washington  
Map # 7      Lot # 94  
1969 Assessors Map  
Scale 1" = 200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293