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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA	FORM NO.
	164

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 137 Western Avenue

Historic Name Eleazer Goulding House

Use: Present Residence

Original Residence

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1825

Source Research by M.D. Buntin

Style Federal

Architect Builder: Capt. Ebenezer Mann

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard & Shingle

Outbuildings Shed

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Rear wing, probably mid 19th century.

Moved No Date N/A

Approx. acreage 2.00 acres

Setting Situated in the heart of West Sherborn's farm country, the house, its lot, and surrounding area retain pre-modern rural character.

(Staple additional sheets here)

UTM Reference: 19301430 ⁴⁶⁷⁹¹⁰⁰~~4379180~~

scale 1:25,000 Holliston Quadrangle

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

This well-detailed, finely proportioned residence reflects the talents of Sherborn's early 19th century master builder, Ebenezer Mann. The main facade of the 2½-story gable roof dwelling shows a good deal of simplicity and restraint. Its main entrance is much more understated than that of the Col. Sanger House (#147, Sherborn Center Historic District) which Mann built 6 years earlier on Washington Street. Its front door is flanked by attenuated Doric pilasters and crowned by a shallow fan and dentilated cornice. Its windows are simply enframed and contain 6/6 lights.

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

This house was built by Sherborn's master builder Ebenezer Mann for Eleazer Goulding, a farmer who served briefly as a selectman (1815) in 1825. Mann constructed residences of high quality from ca. 1805-1840. His most notable structures included the Col. Calvin Sanger House at 8 Washington Street (1819). (While the Sanger House is an in-town residence of one of the town's most prominent citizens, the Goulding House is a farmhouse in the western hinterlands of town - and these distinctions are reflected in the surface treatments for these two dwellings.)

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

As a finely detailed, intact example of a Federal-style country house, one which was the work of a local Master, Ebenezer Mann, the Eleazer Goulding House retains integrity of setting, design, location, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It fulfils Criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Maps of 1788, 1875, 1889.
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Anne C. Shaughnessy, A Guide to Sherborn, 1974.
Bardwell, "Historical Sketches of the Town of Sherborn in Mass."

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName 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

Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

12. Dowse, Rev. Edmund, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

13. Fleming, Thomas, House

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National Register

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

14. Goulding, Eleazer, House

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

15. Holbrook, Charles, House

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

16. Leland, Deacon, William,
HouseEntered in the
National Register

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

17. Lewis, Charles D., House

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

18. Morse, Daniel, III, House

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Melvyn Byers 1/3/86

19. Morse-Tay-Leland-Hawes House

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20. Sanger, Asa, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

86000501

Goulding, Eleazer, House (Sherborn MRA)
Middlesex County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. NOV 20 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 3/3/87
Date Due: 12/19/85 - 1/14/86
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1-2-86
☐ 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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

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: _____



137 WESTERN AVE

Goulding, Eleanor, Hilda
Shelton Mrs. M. M.

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Prints

Prestige Prints

by Berkey

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164 137 Western Ave.
Map # 2 Lot# 78 & 78A
1969 Assessors Map
Scale 1" = 200'

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000293