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This small frame building faces southeast on the Norwichtown green. It is one and a half stories high with a gambrel roof and it was built between 1772 and 1774 as a shop.¹ The shape of the building is rectangular with a 30' wide front and 24' sides. It rests on a stone foundation and has stone entrance stoops. There is one brick chimney in the southwest corner which was originally intended for a forge. The heavy timber frame structure is covered with clapboards on the front and sides, and with flush horizontal siding on the rear. There are two simple batten doors placed next to each other in the center of the front side of the building and one very narrow door on the southwest side. The northeast and south west ends of the building have paired, horizontally sliding windows. There are two pair on the front with twenty light sash and one pair on the rear with twelve light sash. The sliding windows on the front and rear have folding batten shutters hinged at the head and sill of the windows. The gambrel roof, framed without a ridge pole overhangs two feet on the front and back with no projection on the sides. It is covered with wooden shingles.

The building has a cellar, main floor, and attic. Although it was originally a single room interupted by one post in the center. It has been partitioned by recent users into a lobby, conference room, drafting room, storeroom and toilet. The attic is a single open space used only for storage. There is a modern disappearing overhead stairway. The main room has plaster ceilings and side board walls both vertical and horizontal with beaded edges on the boarding. The trim is simple molded wood and there is some original wrought iron hardware. Modern additions include doors, electric lighting and a space heater.

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