



Address: 232 North Main Street

Contemporary Building Name: 232 North Main Street

Historic Building Name: L. Alger House

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Vernacular / Queen Anne

Date constructed: c. 1850 (Baber), 1840 (Assessor)

Description: One gable end of the L-shaped house faces the street. There are two 6-over-6 windows in both first and second floors, offset to the north. The gable peak above is covered with imbricated shingles. Front entrance is on the side, toward the front of the south elevation of the section. The doorway there is under a hipped-roof hood. The second section of the ell corresponds to a wing set back to the south. One brick chimney rises from the exterior of the north wall, another from the center of the set-back section of the house.

Significance: 232 North Main Street is a plain house without architectural stylistic features, save for the imbricated shingles on the front gable end, which establish a relationship to the Queen Anne style. The offset of the front windows to the north, instead of the customary even spacing, is off, suggesting that alterations may have occurred which are not immediately recognizable. Baber (1978 Inventory) states that 232 North Main Street is mill housing, without further elaboration, which is possible because the date of construction corresponds to the years when the textile mill was nearby to the north. On the 1869 atlas the house carries the name L. Alger.

Sources: Baber, David. Capitol Region Council of Governments Historic Resource Survey of Marlborough, 1978.

Ransom, David. Historical and Architectural Resources Survey, Town of Marlborough, Connecticut. April 1998.

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