



Address: 5 Lake Road, aka 256 North Main Street

Contemporary Building Name: 5 Lake Road, aka 256 North Main Street

Historic Building Name: E. Lord House

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Colonial / Saltbox

Date constructed: c. 1765 (Baber), 1750 (Assessor)

Description: The five-bay fenestration of the front elevation is articulated in the 2-1-2 rhythm. Windows surrounding the central door are 6-over-6. At the roof line the heavy fascia and crown molding briefly return on the side elevation. The central chimney is stone. On the south side elevation, first floor, the sequence of openings from the front is two 6-over-6 windows, door, and window, while the second floor has two 6-over-6s, and the third one 6-over-6. The roof slopes down to one-story level at the rear, forming the saltbox configuration. S. Soucy (then President of the Marlborough Historical Society) notes that: "When the roof was rebuilt a few years ago, the rear sloped section was removed and revealed a gambrel roof underneath. When the gambrel roof was removed, a cape roof appeared under that. As the building was expanded to its present saltbox shape, the old roofs were left intact underneath. This house is shown as the Dayton House on the 1747 map."

Significance: The E. Lord House is a good example of an 18th century saltbox in a fine state of historic preservation. It is one of the few saltboxes in Marlborough. It is one of the few historic houses in Marlborough with a stone chimney (see also 55 Chapman Road, both chimneys appear to have been recently re-laid). Its prominent site, elevated on the corner location on a busy street, makes it one of the more prominent historic houses in Marlborough. The 1869 atlas shows the name E. Lord as owner of the house.

Marlborough Mill properties were next door to the north and across North Main Street.

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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