



Address: 61-63 South Main Street

Contemporary Building Name: 61-63 South Main Street

Historic Building Name: H. Dickenson House

Present Use: Residential

Historic Use: Residential

Architectural style: Greek Revival / Vernacular

Date constructed: c. 1860 (Baber), 1770 (Assessor)

Description: In the gable end of the H. Dickenson House facing the street the eaves return slightly. At the first floor a central front door is flanked by 2-over-2 windows in plain flat casings. There are two of these windows at second-floor level. The door is glazed with a single large pane. The one-story wing to the south is fronted by a shed-roofed porch supported by square posts. A large two-story frame garage to the south (1950) has open bays at the first floor. The property consists of 7.5 acres.

Significance: The H. Dickenson House is a vernacular structure with the Greek Revival-related feature of three-bay facade with gable end toward street. The glazed front door and 2-over-2 windows are late 19th-/early 20th-century details, while the assessor's date of construction is 1770, leaving the actual building year in doubt. Architecturally, the house is without pretense or stylistic features of consequence. The house is included in the survey because of its age. Presumably, historic fabric more than 100 years old is included in the framework. Both the 1855 and the 1869 atlas show a building at approximately this location identified with the name H. Dickenson. Sandra Soucy (then President of the Marlborough Historical Society) states that the house once was owned by William Richmond, who operated a mill (presumably a sawmill or gristmill) nearby and who built the fence at the Moseley Talcott House (see 10 Cooley Road). The Marlborough library was named for his son, William Henry Richmond.

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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