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MURDOCK—ATWOOD HOUSE

Present site of the Carver Council on Aging
House built by one of Carver's Iron Masters

Jesse Murdock built this house in 1845 after his marriage to Harriet Ellis. Harriet was the daughter of Benjamin Ellis, the "Iron Senator" and owner of the Ellis Foundry Company. Mr. Murdock was involved in the iron foundry business from the age of 21, and eventually became the major shareholder of the Ellis Foundry Company. He was also one of the founders of the Murdock Parlor and Grate Company, established in 1853. He also served as a selectman and as a state senator for the area. At the time of his death in 1875, he was the largest landholder in Plymouth County.

This prominent Greek revival style home with the attached barn is situated at the corner of Tremont and Lakeview Streets, abuts the original Charlotte Furnace site, and both Foundry and Sampson's Pond. Jesse Murdock's sister, Susan, inherited the property and lived in the house until she died in 1902. The property was then left to Marcus Atwood.

Marcus Atwood was a great uncle of Ellis D. Atwood, founder of the Edaville Railroad. The Atwood property later came into the ownership of Ellis Atwood and his wife, Elthea. Elthea sold the property to the Town of Carver in 1975.

The house and barn has been used as a community building since 1975 and presently houses the Council on Aging. The façade remains the same with the exception of two entrance doors which were altered to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Significant interior renovations have been made to the property using Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

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