

95 Coolidge Street



Dupuis House

Form No.	198
Assessor's #	5/51
USGS Quad	Framingham
Town	Sherborn
Address	95 Coolidge Street
Historic Name	Dupuis House
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Residence
Constructed	1926
Source	Plans of land recorded in registry of deeds
Style/Form	Craftsman/Bungalow
Architect/Builder	Sears, Roebuck & Co., designer
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Cobblestone
Wall/Trim	Wood shingles
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	
Alterations	Some windows replaced
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	0.59 acres
Setting	Rural
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 5
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Bungalow house with Craftsman style details at 95 Coolidge Street is built on an L-shaped plan of one story. The house is a banked building with the cobblestone foundation exposed on the right (northwest) and in the rear (southwest). The two by three-bay plan is covered by a low, front-gabled roof that projects at the facade to form an integral porch. An ell expands the plan at the southeast (left) side elevation and a screened porch is attached at the rear. Craftsman style design is denoted by the exposed purlin ends in the gable, low-pitched roof and integral porch. Windows are modern single-pane casements in the facade and southeast elevation with double-hung units in the northwest. Two interior chimneys are covered in stucco. The foundation exhibits a change in texture at the rear, possibly the result of an addition to the house or the filling in of an opening in the basement. The house, set thirty feet from the road with fields behind, is in good condition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Dorothy and Oscar Dupuis bought the land for their house in 1926 from Dorothy's father, Peter Bacigalupo, a neighboring farmer who also worked as an accountant. The house was built according to plans made by Sears, Roebuck & Co. for the house named the "Wellington". Chimneys, the ell and porch closely resemble this design. The house was constructed during prohibition and legend states that Oscar Dupuis earned some money by bootlegging and distilling alcohol in this basement. The field behind the house has been cultivated in hay since at least the time of the 1939 W.P.A. map. The Dupuis's occupied the house into the 1950s, after which the Edward Leland family lived here.

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