

# 37 Maple Street



*Chubbuck House (no longer extant)*

<b>Form Nos.</b>	65 house, 254 carriage barn, 255 garage
<b>Area</b>	
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	37 Maple Street
<b>Assessor's Map</b>	7/167
<b>USGS Map</b>	Medfield
<b>Historic Name</b>	Chubbuck House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Mrs. Augustus Johnson
<b>" Original</b>	Chubbuck
<b>Constructed</b>	House ca. 1900, carriage barn ca. 1900, garage ca. 1940.
<b>Source</b>	Joseph Blanchard
<b>Style/Form</b>	Early 20th century frame vernacular
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn
<b>Alterations</b>	Enclosed corner porch added ca. 1920
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	11.00 acres 1981, 4.83 acres 1999
<b>Setting:</b>	Maple St. has retained its pre 20th century rural charm.

**Recorded** September 1981, by Edward W. Gordon

**Updated** 1999, by Sanford Johnson

**Film Roll/Negative** Roll 6

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

### 1981 Survey

This is a simple 1 1/2 story turn of the century dwelling. Projecting from the northeast corner of this rectangular structure is an enclosed porch which was added ca. 1920. It is crowned by a steeply pitched roof - a corbelled chimney projects from its eastern slope. Its fascia boards and simple window enframements are reminiscent of Greek Revival elements popular in the 1840's and 1850's. This house is a "newcomer" to Maple Street as most of its building stock dates to the 1840's and 1850's. Several 18th century houses are still extant to the west of this house.

### 1999 Update

The house at 37 Maple Street (**#65**) survives in a similar form to that described on the survey form completed in 1981. A one-story addition has been made to the rear of the house that projects to the west, but does little to alter the building's historic appearance.

There are two historic outbuildings on the property, illustrating the history and former uses of the rural residence. Immediately behind (south) of the house is a one-story, two bay garage (**#255**) or former shed, built in the first third of the twentieth century. The wood clapboard building has a pair of rolling doors to give access to the interior from the principal gable-front (west) elevation. A secondary pass door and 2/2 double-hung sash are located on the north elevation. Simple trim boards are found at the corners, eaves and around the openings. Molded trim accents the gable-front cornice.

To the west of the garage is the two-story, front-gabled Victorian Eclectic style carriage barn (**#254**) adapted for use as a garage and possibly living space upstairs judging by the skylights. The wood-framed building is clad in wood clapboards with asphalt shingles on the roof. The foundation is built of an undetermined material. The principal entry is a double-width roll-up door in the facade with secondary access at the west side. A herringbone patterned hay-mow door accessing the second story and a round-topped opening with molded hood occupy the upper part of the front gable. Corner pilasters with molded caps, gable returns, a narrow frieze and molded cornice further articulate the facade. The roll-up door and skylights in the west slope of the roof are additions made since the mid 20th century to the well-maintained barn.

## **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

### 1981 Survey

According to Joseph Blanchard this house was built around the turn of the century. It is not one of the two houses labeled Holden which appear on the 1875 and 1889 maps - those houses are 39 and 41 Maple St. The latter is no longer extant "Solomon's Temple" which was built for Emerson Holden of 39 Maple St. The 1913 Property List has a Chubbuck owning this house. This house was bought by Augustus Johnson and occupied by his parents ca. 1930.

### 1999 Update

According to historical research done in 1981, Stillman Chubbuck was the first owner of 37 Maple Street around 1910. By 1915, he owned the house, barn and a hen house on 5 acres of land. He appears to have been a small farmer with a side interest in chickens which was maintained by the subsequent owner, Augustus Johnson, who assumed ownership by 1925. No hen houses are in evidence today. Mr. Johnson had a two-car garage built around 1940 which is the building behind (south of) the house. (#255).

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

#### 1981 Survey

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- Anne C. Shaughnessy - A Guide to Sherborn, 1974
- Margaret Dowse Buntin's card file
- Maps of 1788, 1857, 1875 and 1889

#### 1999 Update

- 1981 MHC B form from survey by Edward Gordon
- Tax valuations, 1905-1945
- Visser, Thomas. Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm Buildings

### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The house at 37 Maple street was destroyed by fire in the late 1990s.