

# 68 Maple Street



*Cuddy House and Barn, November 1998*

<b>Form No.</b>	262, 389--Garage
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	68 Maple Street
<b>Assessor's #</b>	6/73, 6/74
<b>USGS Quad</b>	Medfield
<b>Historic Name</b>	Cuddy House and Barn
<b>Uses: Present</b>	Residence
<b>Original</b>	Residence
<b>Constructed</b>	1950
<b>Source</b>	Former owner's son
<b>Style/Form</b>	Ranch
<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Howard Barton, architect; Brundage Co.
<b>Exterior Material:</b>	
<b>Foundation</b>	Cement block
<b>Wall/Trim</b>	Cement block; stucco
<b>Roof</b>	Asphalt shingles
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Garage; stable
<b>Alterations</b>	Three rooms added, 1995-99
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	17.61 acres
<b>Setting</b>	Rural
<b>Film Roll/Negative</b>	Roll 7
<b>Recorded by</b>	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The Ranch style house at 68 Maple Street is a one-story, ridge-hipped form set back from the road behind a stylish cobblestone and wood-shingled garage. The shingled roof dominates the view of the house with its tall, narrow sash and deep eaves. A pergola and gabled center-entry porch further articulate the facade. A one-bay attached garage existed at the west side at the time of construction. The low wide brick chimney occupies the left (west) end of the roof.

The front-gabled, two-story Craftsman style garage formerly belonging to the house is accessed through a double-leaf door made of wide wood panels with decorative central knobs. Eight-pane horizontal fixed sash flank the doors and a compass window is in the gable peak. The broad wood-shingled gable over the high cobblestone foundation dominates the view of the property.

A network of stone walls and post and rail fences divides the front yard, enclosing horse paddocks and a stable. The walls fences and many trees work to block the view of the well-maintained house from the road.

## **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

Dr. Thomas and Gertrude Cuddy bought this property in 1937 as a summer home. The Cuddys planned a new home on the lot at 68 Maple Street and moved the earlier house to what is now 66 Maple Street. The family relocated full-time to Sherborn in 1946. In 1950, they built the Ranch style residence now on the property. Dr. Cuddy was a general practitioner with an office in Natick. Dr. Cuddy died in 1961. Mrs. Cuddy lived here until her death in 1990. The barn and house at 66 Maple Street were formerly part of this property but are now owned separately. The architect of the house was Howard Barton and the builders were Gilmour Brundage and Son.

The Cuddys built the garage (part of the property at 66 Maple Street) in 1937 according to information provided by the former owners' son. It was sold as a separate property in 1992. Land around the barn is depicted on the 1939 WPA map as pasture.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- Communication with former owner's son.
- Interview with Betsy Johnson, 6/99.
- 1939 W.P.A. Map of Sherborn.