

# 80 Maple Street



*George Coolidge House (no longer extant)*

<b>Form No.</b>	68
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	80 Maple Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	George Coolidge House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	Paul M. Kerrissey
<b>" Original</b>	George Coolidge
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1840
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin's file
<b>Style/Form</b>	Mid 19th century frame vernacular
<b>Carpenter</b>	George Coolidge
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn
<b>Alterations</b>	Two story bay and front porch added in late 19th c.
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	4.25 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated at the edge of steep rise; wooded area on western side of house.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, September 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Essentially L shaped in plan this simple mid 19th century farm house has been altered by the addition of a front porch and two story polygonal bay. Unlike other Maple Street houses of its vintage, it lacks wide corner and fascia boards and pedimented window surrounds.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

An 18th century house owned by Ebenezer Mann, the noted builder, originally occupied this site and burned. The present house dates to ca. 1840. It was built by George Coolidge. George's son, Lowell, was hurt in a blasting accident clearing boulders from his pasture and was ever after known as "One-Arm Coolidge" - this nickname was used to differentiate him from Deacon Lowell Coolidge on Main Street. George and Lowell were both carpenters and presumably the former built this house.

Lowells daughter Fanny, Mrs. Jasper Smart lived here until the early 1960s.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- Margaret Dowse Buntin's card file
- 1857 Middlesex County map
- Maps of 1875 and 1889