

# 97 Maple Street



*Emerline Sanger House*

**Form No.** 71

**Town** Sherborn  
**Address** 97 Maple Street

**Historic Name** Emerline Sanger House

**Uses: Original** Residence  
**Present** Residence

**Ownership, 1981** Murray Randall  
**" Original** Emerline Sanger

**Constructed** ca. 1850

**Source** Anne C. Shaughnessy - A Guide to Sherborn, 1974

**Style/Form** Greek Revival

**Architect**

**Ext. Wall Fabric** Clapboard

**Outbuildings**

**Alterations**

**Moved** No

**Acreage** 2.00 acres

**Setting:** Close to roadside, a large fir tree shades the western side of the house. This street retains much of its pre-20thc. rural character.

**Recorded by** Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

97 Maple Street is a part of Maple Street's collection of ca. 1840 - ca. 1870 Greek Revival dwellings. Like Numbers 18 and 16, its main block is representative of the side hall/3 bay main facade temple form house. Its main facade exhibits multi-pane side lights and a heavy entablature. Its gables are fully enframed. Projecting from its west wall is a 2 1/2 story wing which was probably built in the late 19th century. An ell behind the main block has an interesting fireplace into which a large hemispheric-shaped iron caldron has been built to boil maple sap into syrup.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Emerline Sanger built this house ca. 1850 and is listed as its owner in 1875. By 1889 G. A. Newall owned this property. Maple Street is one of the oldest streets in Sherborn. It was once the principal route west to Ashland from Sherborn. On late 19th century deeds this street is called Dirty Meadow Road after the hill, meadow, and brook of the same name. (These natural features are located to the southwest and southeast.) At some point in the late 19th century Emerson Holden of #39 Maple St. planted Vermont Maple trees along this thoroughfare.

Most of the houses along Maple St. date to c.1835-1870. A few houses on the far western portion of the "Road to Ashland" date to the late 18thc.

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