

# 119 Maple Street



*Stillman Ramsdell House*

<b>Form No.</b>	72
<b>Town</b>	Sherborn
<b>Address</b>	119 Maple Street
<b>Historic Name</b>	Stillman Ramsdell House
<b>Uses: Original</b>	Residence
<b>Present</b>	Residence
<b>Ownership, 1981</b>	William J. Ford, Jr.
<b>" Original</b>	Stillman Ramsdell
<b>Constructed</b>	ca. 1837
<b>Source</b>	Margaret Dowse Buntin
<b>Style/Form</b>	Greek Revival
<b>Architect</b>	
<b>Ext. Wall Fabric</b>	Clapboard
<b>Outbuildings</b>	Barn and garage
<b>Alterations</b>	Barns were attached to the main house until destroyed by fire; the house remained intact.
<b>Moved</b>	No
<b>Acreage</b>	6.12 acres
<b>Setting:</b>	Situated on a well maintained lot on the southern side of Maple St. To the southwest is Dirty Meadow Hill and Dirty Meadow.
<b>Recorded by</b>	Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981

## **ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is composed of three units: temple form sidehall plan main block with flanking wings. A ca. 1920 Colonial Revival porch has been added to its main facade. This house's edges are crisply defined by corner and fascia boards. Its pedimented gable displays a window with 6/6 sash. The core of this house is one of several ca. 1840-1870 Greek Revival houses on Maple Street.

## **HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Stillman Ramsdell, born 5 August 1817, married Eunice Fay of South-borough and settled in Sherborn in 1837, 119 Maple Street was probably built for the Ramsdells. An S. L. Ramsdell lived in this house in 1875. By 1889 a Mr. Harding owned this property.

Maple Street is one of Sherborn's oldest thoroughfares. This hilly road was once the principal route west to Ashland from Sherborn.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- Margaret Dowse Buntin's card file
- 1875 Map - S. L. Ramsdell
- 1889 Map - Harding
- 1857 Map