

# 129 Maple Street



*Fred Carter House, March 1999*

**Form No.** 266, 267 garage

**Town** Sherborn  
**Address** 129 Maple Street  
**Assessor's #** 7/155  
**USGS Quad** Medfield

**Historic Name** Fred Carter House

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

**Constructed** ca. 1928

**Source** Tax valuations  
**Style/Form** Craftsman/Bungalow

**Architect/Builder**

**Exterior Material:**  
**Foundation** Undetermined  
**Wall/Trim** Wood clapboards  
**Roof** Asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings** ca. 1930 two-bay garage

**Alterations** Major addition made at rear of house, 1988

**Condition** Good  
**Moved** No

**Acreage** 2.3 acres  
**Setting** Rural

**Film Roll/Negative** Roll 9  
**Recorded by** Sanford Johnson, May 1999

## **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The house at 129 Maple Street is a Bungalow with significant additions at the south side. The main block, built around 1928, is a ridge-hipped, one-story form of three by three bays. The size of the house has been doubled by construction of a two-story, ridge-hipped mass. Windows in the Bungalow are 6/6 double-hung sash with some large-pane, fixed sash in the north elevation. A pergola projects from the west elevation and covers a small porch. Two interior brick chimneys are present.

The addition was built with sympathetic materials and elements of form. The wood clapboards, similar eave detail and ridge hipped roof are compatible with the original building.

The garage is also a ridge-hipped form, with two vehicle bays accessed by roll-up doors. Walls are clad in wood shingles, the roof in asphalt shingles and the foundation is built of undetermined material.

## **HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

The house at 129 Maple Street was built on part of the Carter Farm around 1928 for Fred Carter. A garage and pump house were also built at that time. Pump houses were intended to shelter private water works of which there were others in Sherborn at **137 Western Avenue\*\*** and **46 Forest Street\*\***. Mr. Carter grew up farming his father's land nearby at 140 Maple Street (see Form 73) in the 1910s. By 1930-31 he was an insurance agent in Framingham and married to his wife Beatrice. Beatrice was a first and second grade school teacher in Sherborn for many years. Land around the house in 1939 is described as pasture according to WPA maps. The Carters maintained residence here until the 1960s.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES**

- Resident directories, 1898, 1915, 1917, 1930-31.
- 1939 W.P.A. map of Sherborn.
- Conversation with Betsy Johnson 12/18/98.
- Town valuations;