

168 Maple Street



Brick-Cushing House

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| Form No. | 74 |
| Town | Sherborn |
| Address | 168 Maple Street |
| Historic Name | Brick-Cushing House |
| Uses: Original | Residence |
| Present | Residence |
| Ownership, 1981 | Barbara MacFarlane |
| " Original | Brick family |
| Constructed | ca. 1776-1778 |
| Source | Margaret Dowse Buntin's file |
| Style/Form | Georgian |
| Architect | |
| Ext. Wall Fabric | Wood shingle |
| Outbuildings | Garage |
| Alterations | One story enclosed porch wings added probably in 1924, shingles added 1977 |
| Moved | No |
| Acreage | 3 acres |
| Setting: | Situated on a large, well maintained lot at the corner of Bear Hill Road and Maple Street. |
| Recorded by | Edward W. Gordon, June - July 1981 |

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This solid late Georgian house displays a highly symmetrical 5 bay main facade. Its rectangular main block is crowned by a hip roof and flanked by one story wings. Rising from the center of the hip roof is a brick chimney. The clapboards of both the main block and wings are swathed in wood shingles. The main entrance is elegantly enframed by pilasters and a dentillated entablature. The Brick-Cushing House retains its original lines and even some of its original glass.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

One of the oldest houses on Maple Street, the Brick-Cushing house was built 1776-1778 by a member of the Brick family. The Bricks had long been associated with Bullard St. and vicinity in southeast Sherborn. Six Brick family members fought in the Revolutionary War.

By 1880 William Cushing owned this property.

The Brick-Cushing House is one of the oldest houses on Maple St. Maple Street was once the principal route west to Ashland.

Note: Bear Hill Rd. which forms this lots eastern boundary was laid out in 1956 or shortly thereafter.

Fred Cushing owned the house in 1910. Sam Carter bought it in the 1920's. His son Seymour had it until 1973. He sold it to Carl Drew, Barbara Mac Farlane's father.

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