

127 North Main Street



Sanger-Reed House

Form Nos.	116 house, 298 barn
Area	B,G
Town	Sherborn
Address	127 North Main Street
Assessor's Map	10/3A
USGS Map	Framingham
Historic Name	Sanger-Reed House
Uses: Original	Residence
Present	Residence
Ownership, 1981	Wilfred Hooper
" Original	Samuel Sanger
Constructed	House ca. 1840, barn ca. 1930
Source	Margaret Dowse Buntin's research
Style/Form	Greek Revival
Architect	
Ext. Wall Fabric	Synthetic siding, slate roof
Outbuildings	Barn
Alterations	
Moved	No
Acreage	1.28 acres 1981, 1.2 acres 1999
Setting:	Its northern wall runs parallel to edge of a steep rise.
Recorded	July 1981, by Edward W. Gordon

Updated 1999, by Sanford Johnson

Film Roll/Negative Roll 5

X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. NRDIS/MRA 1/3/86

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

1981 Survey

A solid rendition of the temple form, side hall plan Greek Revival formula, this house's 3 bay main facade displays a handsome classicized entrance. Its recessed front door is flanked by narrow multi-pane sidelights. It is enframed by a country housewright's interpretation of Doric pilasters and heavy entablature. Unfortunately, synthetic siding hides clapboards, corner, and fascia boards. Its pedimented attic exhibits a 6/6 sash window. A two story wing projects from the south wall.

1999 Update

The house at 127 North Main Street (**#116**) survives as it is described on the survey form completed in 1981 except for the fact that the exterior has been returned to wood clapboards from aluminum. Corner pilasters and the frieze have been exposed.

The barn (**#298**) at 127 North Main Street is a front-gabled, one and one-half-story cast concrete block building oriented perpendicular to the street. Ornament on the barn consists solely of the rusticated joints in the cast block. Window types include 6/6 double-hung sash in the facade and fixed 4-pane sash at the eaves in the side elevations. A rolling door with built-in pass door fills the vehicle opening in the center of the facade. The gable peak is clad in wood clapboards and the roof is asphalt shingles.

The barn and house, sited thirty feet west of busy North Main Street, are well-maintained.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

1981 Survey

This ca. 1840 house was built before North Main Street was extended into Natick in 1857. Originally the "road to Natick" was via Everett and Rockwood streets. Originally owned by Samuel Sanger, this house was purchased in 1853 by Asa Reed, an employee of Joseph Dowse's leather business. It remained in the Reed family until the early 20th century. By the 1920's the Cousineau family owned this dwelling. Their son Edward started the Laurel Farm Stand in 1934. The fruit orchards and fields of this property supplied the farm stand with produce.

1999 Update

Historically, the Samuel Sanger Farm has been the site of a single barn used for housing a horse, carriage and a small number of cows. Mr. Sanger lived here from ca. 1840 until 1853 when Asa Reed bought the farm. He was listed as a farmer in the 1855 census and was taxed for ownership of an orchard in 1865. The yearly apple crop, harvested from Mr. Reed's 1 ¼ acre orchard, was processed here as well.

The current barn was constructed in ca. 1930 to replace a burned barn according to tax valuations from the period. Laura and Hormisdas Cousineau were the owners by that time. This date coincides generally with the 1934 date for the opening of their son Edward Cousineau's Laurel Farm Stand and may have been the storage building for the stand. Edward had worked as a carpenter for another relative, Peter

Cousineau, who lived on Main Street, possibly in this house, until at least 1930 according to resident directories. The concrete block barn remains unaltered since that time except that it now appears to serve as a garage. The vegetable stand was removed from the tax rolls in 1970. Mr. Cousineau also worked as a cabinetmaker.

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1999 Update

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