

133 South Main Street



Charles McCarthy House, November 1998

Form No.	340
Town	Sherborn
Address	133 South Main Street
Assessor's #	12/109
USGS Quad	Medfield
Historic Name	Charles McCarthy House
Uses: Present	Residence
Original	Residence
Constructed	ca. 1944
Source	Assessor information
Style/Form	Cape Cod
Architect/Builder	Edward Sanderson, architect; Daniel Canning, builder.
Exterior Material:	
Foundation	Concrete
Wall/Trim	Wood clapboards
Roof	Asphalt shingles
Outbuildings	Attached garage
Alterations	
Condition	Good
Moved	No
Acreage	7.5 acres
Setting	On state highway 27
Film Roll/Negative	Roll 3
Recorded by	Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Cape Cod house at 133 South Main Street is a well-preserved example of mid-century domestic architecture. The two-story, side-gabled, five by two-bay form is expanded at the right (south) by an attached single-bay garage. Gabled dormers with decorative gable returns, pilasters and beaded window trim light the second story and a brick chimney marks the roofline between. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. The center entry has a Classical surround with pilasters and transom. Ornament includes the arched garage door and breezeway openings and corner boards. A picket fence separates the well-maintained house from busy South Main Street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Land for the house at 133 South Main Street was under cultivation for hay in 1939. The house was designed by Edward Sanderson of Wellesley and built by Daniel Canning of Natick in 1944 for Charles and Phyllis McCarthy who continue to live here. Mr. McCarthy is the grandson of the 1910-1938 owner of the cider mill at **69 Forest Street****. His father was selectman in the 1920s and was instrumental in establishing the St. Theresa Chapel in 1925. Mr. McCarthy himself served as an assessor for 32 years.

Residential construction in the Cape Cod style was common response to demand for housing beginning in the 1920s and lasting beyond mid-century, particularly in increasingly suburban Sherborn. The town was ahead of many in attracting homeowners who commuted to regional employment centers such as Medfield, Framingham and Boston. The setting in 1939 was amid pasture land.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and REFERENCES

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