

262 Western Avenue



Hawes House, November, 1998

Form No. 377, 378 - garage

Town Sherborn
Address 262 Western Avenue
Assessor's # 3/74
USGS Quad Medfield

Historic Name Hawes House

Uses: Present Residence
Original Residence/agriculture

Constructed 1910

Source Local historian
Style/Form Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:
Foundation Cobblestone
Wall/Trim Wood shingle
Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings Detached garage; stone wall

Alterations South side ell added ca. 1980

Condition Good
Moved No

Acreage 2 acres
Setting Rural

Film Roll/Negative Roll 7
Recorded by Sanford Johnson, May 1999

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Hawes House at 262 Western Avenue is a Craftsman style Bungalow set on a small wooded lot at the corner of Brook Street. The side-gabled, one and one-half-story house is expanded at the left (south) side by a one-story gable-roofed addition made in the last 20 years. The three-bay facade, covered by a shed-roofed integral porch, is lit by 2/2 double-hung sash and a center entry flanked by " length sidelights. A shed dormer, also lit by 2/2 sash, occupies the front slope of the roof. Decoration is limited to the exposed rafter ends and cobblestone foundation, typical ornament in Craftsman style design.

A detached garage, also decorated with exposed rafter ends, is in the back yard.

Owner Sol Hartman built the low stone wall in the front yard in the 1970s. Several ornamental plantings separate the buildings from Western Avenue and Brook Street.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Albert and Marion Hawes owned the larger property which included nos 262, 264, and 266 Western Ave. Their daughters Edna, Alberta, Sylvia and Dorothy may have lived in the 1910 Bungalow at 262 Western Avenue. They kept 4 horses, 6 cows, and 30 fowls in their barn, shed and hen houses. A garage was also here at the time, indicating the presence of an automobile. Edna is thought to have gone to Radcliffe College and then taught Latin at Framingham High School. Alberta graduated from Radcliffe and taught Astronomy at Vassar College in the 1930s and subsequently math at Brooklyn College, NYC. She later owned the house. Sylvia also attended Radcliffe and worked in the Samuel French play publishing house in New York City. Dorothy went to Wellesley and then edited math textbooks. She later married and may have lived at 264 Western Avenue, built by her husband William H. Poole, intermittently until the 1960s when the Hawes property was legally divided.

In 1939 pasture land surrounded the small farm. Hawes family members continued to reside here until mid-century. The small farm existed on 30 acres of pasture.

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