

Robert Malcom Carter House



House History

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Address: 27 Forest Avenue

City: Southwest Harbor

State: Maine

Map and Lot Number: Map 6 - Lot 560

Map:

Build Date: 1931

MHPC #:

First Owner: Carter - Robert Malcolm Carter (1905-1975)

Architect:

Builder: Carter - Robert Malcolm Carter (1905-1975)

The land at 27 Forest Avenue was bought from Ben Conley Worcester by Robert Malcolm Carter 7/3/1931 [635-419] who built the house in 1931 [T-146]; Worcester - Ben Conley Worcester Sr. (1882-1978)

"Robert Carter built his house in 1931." - "Traditions and Records of Southwest Harbor and Somesville, Mount Desert Island, Maine" by Mrs. Seth S. Thornton. 1938, p. 146. [Appears in Nell's description of houses on "Forest Road."]

"Robert Carter is having a cottage built on the Forest Road." - The Bar Harbor Times, October 21, 1931. The same issue of the newspaper contains the obituary of Robert's father-in-law, Nahum Millard Norwood.

In 1931, when Robert Carter built his house, his carpenter brothers-in-law, Jasper Chamberlain Hutchins (1897-1972) and Urban Kenneth Hutchins (1903-1957), who was married to Robert's sister, Bernice Charlotte Violet Carter (1908-1994), helped with the construction. The house is substantially unchanged on the outside, except for the siding. During the Carters' tenure it had dark green shingles on the upper story and white clapboards on the lower level.
Hutchins - Jasper Chamberlain Hutchins (1897-1972)
Hutchins - Urban Kenneth Hutchins (1903-1957)

Robert Carter kept cows. Urban Hutchins built the little milk room attached to the rear of the house.

When the barn that housed the cows burned, sometime in the late 1940s, Robert Carter built a chicken house and began to raise experimental broilers for a firm in Belfast, Maine. He raised a flock of 3000 at a time for ten weeks. At the end of each period, Carter would often receive a bonus for his chickens as they exceeded the expected rate.

The part of Robert Carter's property where the barn and chicken house was located was sold as a separate parcel of land from the house lot.

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Creator: Rich - Meredith Adelle (Rich) Hutchins (1939-2016)

Riebel - Charlotte Helen (Riebel) Morrill

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