The Minnie F. Shippee House sits back from the south side of Sanford Avenue. Other domestic buildings of similar style are visible to the east and west.
Oriented ridge-to-street, the Minnie F. Shippee House displays a gable-to-street modern ell off its northern facade. A gable-roofed dormer protrudes from the attic story of the main block. The house exhibits little detail and windows are of various sizes. An exterior brick chimney and enclosed entry porch suggest modern alterations. Original unaltered features are the overhanging eaves, raking cornice, and central brick chimney.

In 1882 Matthew and Mary Foster sold an adjoining ½ acre of land for $100 to their daughter, Minnie (Foster) Shippee (FLR 65:624). Minnie (b. 1866) was the wife of Forrest D. Shippee (1856-1883), (also recorded as Forrest D. Quipple). Sometime before her husband's death in 1883, Minnie probably erected this house. In 1897 she and her three children: Edith, Ernest, and Eva sold the property to Hannah Rodgers (FLR 71:297). Blanche S. Carpenter purchased it from Rodgers in 1901 for $600 (FLR 71:536). The following year it was quit-claimed to Jasper H. Smith (FLR 69:625) and then to Edwin J. Carpenter (FLR 69:626). In 1903 Carpenter sold the property to Thomas C. Boxtley who then sold it to August Anderson in 1907. From that time on it changed owners several times.

Although modest in style, the Minnie F. Shippee House contributes to the streetscape of Sanford Avenue.

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