

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

MRA

AREA

FORM NO.

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Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection(s).
Indicate north

UTM REFERENCE 18/744 910/4662 930
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge Mass-Conn
SCALE 1:25,000

Town SouthbridgeAddress 25-27 River StreetHistoric Name n/aUse: Present 3-decker residenceOriginal 3-decker residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1910Source Sanborn mapsStyle Colonial Revival VernacularArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting in a row of 3-deckers across street
from Harrington Cutlery factory

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
mission
ed. S. Ceccacci

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

25-27 River Street is significant as an example of the distinctive regional multi-family housing type known as the triple decker, constructed during the growth of the town's eastern section late in the 19th to early in the 20th century. It meets National Register criterion C at the local level and retains integrity of setting, location, materials, workmanship, design, feeling, and association. The boundaries indicated on the attached assessors map are those of current ownership.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

One of two similar three deckers standing next to one another, this house is of the more severe Classical style which was common during the 1910's and 1920's. This severity contrasts with the lacy effect of the porches seen on many three deckers in the Flats for instance, which were built ten to twenty years earlier. This is one of the best preserved three deckers in the Hamilton Street area.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

Built on a large plot of land, opposite the "New Mill" of the Hamilton Woolen Company, which had remained vacant well into the 20th-century, this was one of a row of six three deckers of several different designs, all built at about the same time. The sustained activity of the Hamilton Woolen Company at a time when many other New England textile mills were shutting down was the source of continued housing growth in Globe Village during the 1910's and 1920's. Hamilton Woolen continued to remain competitive in the world textile market through the introduction of new fabrics and by the replacement of obsolete machinery until a strike forced it to close in 1935.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps
MHC Renonnaissance Report

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

for Keeper Beth L. Savage 6-22-89

1. Academic Brochu

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National Registerfor Keeper Shelores Byers 6/22/89

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2. Allen, William E., House

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3. Alden--Delahanty Block

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4. Ammidown--Harding Farmhouse

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6. Bacon--Morse Historic District

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7. Beechwood

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8. Boyer, Alexis, House

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9. Building at 25--27 River Street

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10. Building at 29--31 River Street

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Building at 25--27 River Street
NAME:

MULTIPLE Southbridge MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 5/15/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/31/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/16/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/29/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89000574

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/22/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___ count ___ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___ historic ___ current

DESCRIPTION

___ architectural classification
___ materials
___ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___ summary paragraph
___ completeness
___ clarity
___ applicable criteria
___ justification of areas checked
___ relating significance to the resource
___ context
___ relationship of integrity to significance
___ justification of exception
___ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___ acreage ___ verbal boundary description
___ UTM's ___ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___ sketch maps ___ USGS maps ___ photographs ___ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



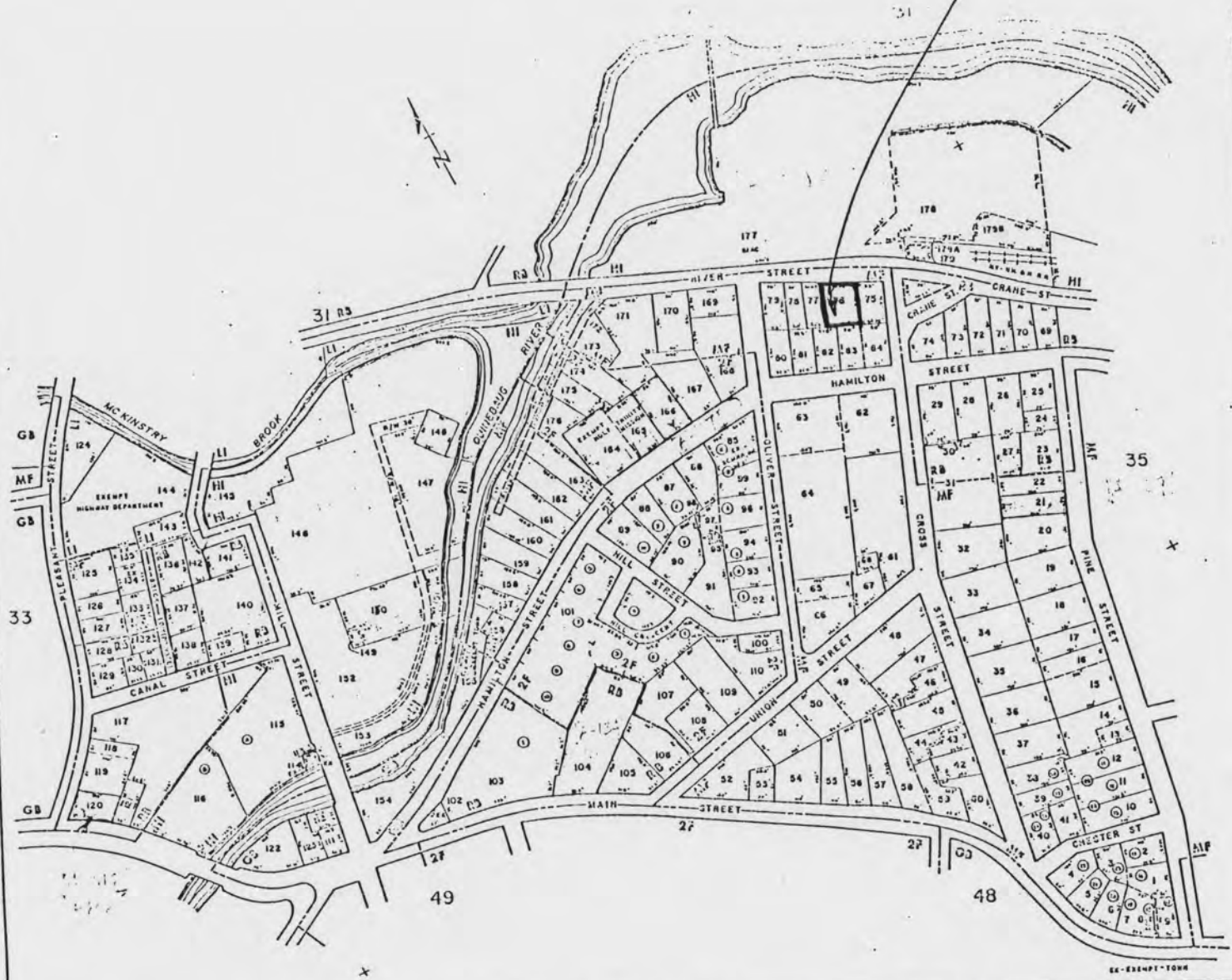
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JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES
AUBURN, MAINE
1971

SOUTHBIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
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25-27, River Street

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294