

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

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

Roll # 1-11

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 18/745 220/4662 430
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn
SCALE 1:2,000

MAY 15 1986

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
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MRA

AREA	FORM NO.
A	106

Town Southbridge
Address 105 Hamilton Street
Historic Name George H. Hartwell House

Use: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1855-1870
Source maps
Style Italianate
Architect UNKNOWN
Exterior Wall Fabric brick
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) rear 1870's
north side - 1880's - 1890's
Condition good-fair

Moved no Date n/a
Acreage less than one acre
Setting set back off commercial/residential
street (behind commercial buildings)

Recorded by E. Woodford
Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
mission
Date May 1986

The George H. Hartwell House is significant for its association with the town's mid-19-century real estate development and its stylish brick Italianate design. It meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of 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.

An early example of an Italianate cottage, this is one of the few in town constructed in brick. Other surviving Italianate style houses of community leaders, such as the Chamberlain-Bourdeau House (form #A-134) and the James Gleason House (Main and Sayles Street) are much more imposing and less vernacular in appearance. While the Hartwell House has a gabled facade with side ell, these other two Italianate houses are of the more massive, boxy type with flat roof silhouettes and overhanging bracketed eaves.

Significant features of the Hartwell House are its bracketed entry porch, paired windows, labeled brick window caps and bracketed eaves. Brick additions, not visible from the street, were made to the rear in the 1870's and to the north side in the 1880's or 1890's. Set back from the street, the house still retains some of its original suburban estate setting. However, modern encroachments on either side of the driveway have damaged the historical setting when the house is viewed from the street.

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

When Hamilton Street was first opened in the early 1850's, it was developed as a suburban estate district. The Hartwell House was one of the earliest houses to be built on the Centre Village end of the street. Like this house and the nearby Harrington House (form #A-107), these early houses were set back from the street with ample front lawns. Later houses were built on smaller lots and closer to the street. Residences built here during the initial development of the area typically belonged to Centre Village businessmen who had offices or stores on Main Street.

This house was built by Dr. George H. Hartwell, nephew of the prominent local physician Samuel Hartwell (see form #C-304). George Hartwell, who lived here as late as 1898, operated a pharmacy in the Hartwell Block on Main Street in the town center. The Hartwell block was originally owned by Samuel Hartwell and managed by George Hartwell. At least as early as 1870 the building was owned by George Hartwell. After George Hartwell's death, the operation of the pharmacy was continued by his son and grandson, both also named George H. Hartwell. Hartwell's Drug Store was still in operation in this same location as recently as the 1970's.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases
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clippings, Worcester Historical Museum.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Gleason, James, Cottage **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____
32. Globe Village Fire House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____
33. Glover Street Historic District **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____
34. Hamilton Mill Brick House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____
35. Hamilton Mill--West Street Factory Housing **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____
36. Hamilton Millwright--Agent's House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
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37. Hamilton Woolen Company Historic District **Substantive Review** Keeper *Betty L. Savage* 6/22/89
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38. Harrington, Theodore, House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
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39. Hartwell, George H., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
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40. Hartwell, Samuel C., House **Entered in the National Register** Keeper *Helene Byrum* 6/22/89
Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hartwell, George H., House
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: 89000556

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
___ UTMs ___ 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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George H. Hartwell Hse
Southbridge, MA MA

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Southbridge Historical Commission

Roll #1-11

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Hartwell House, Hamilton Street

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294