

FORM B - BUILDING

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532 SOUTHBIDGE MASS

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	406

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

Town Southbridge
Address 35 Dresser Street
Historic Name E. M. Phillips House

Use: Present residential
Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date Ca. 1870-1875
Source atlases, maps, directories

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) removal of part of attached carriage house with cupol & conversion to living space (ca. 1900)

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting treelined residential street, largely late-19th century single family houses

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 160/4662 000
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass.-Conn.
SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci
ed. S. Ceccacci
Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
mission
Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The E.M. Phillips House is significant for its association with the town's mid-19th century real estate development and its adaptation of the Italianate to the familiar gable-front form. It meets National Register criteria A and 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.

This house, built on an L-plan, is somewhat unusual for the location of its entrance on the side adjoining the ell, rather than on a facade facing the street. Following a pattern often seen in Central Massachusetts Italianate houses, the main body of the house is three bays wide and one room deep. Other Italianate details seen here are the broad eaves with frieze and paired brackets, gable returns and round arched windows in the gables. The house is well preserved, still retaining its original window sash and the shutters, which are an important decorative feature.

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

This section of Dresser Street, known as Vinton Street in 1870, was one of the first areas to be developed south of Main Street and east of Elm Street. The first houses to be built here appeared on the north side of the street on the 1870 atlas. By 1879 both sides of the street had been developed as far as a short distance west of Chapin Street. Most of the houses on this section of Dresser Street today date from this period of construction. Both middle and upper-middle income houses appeared here during this initial development of the street. To the east of the Phillips house are small middle class cottages. To the west originally stood the larger homes of Hiram C. and George W. Wells of the American Optical Company. Both the cottages and the Wells houses were contemporary to this house.

The Phillips House was built by E. M. Phillips, an insurance agent, who had his office in the Ammidown Block on Main Street. The house was later occupied, during the first two or three decades of the 20th century, by Herbert E. Wells, son of Hiram C. Wells. It later was used (1930's-1940's) by American Optical Company as housing for its employees.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories
American Optical Company, housing card file, Jacob Edwards Library

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

		Date/Signature
61. Oakes, J.J., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
62. Phillips, E.M., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
63. Plimpton, Simon, Farmhouse	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
64. Richard, Stephen, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
65. Sacred Heart Church Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
66. Smith--Lyon Farmhouse	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
67. St. George's Greek Orthodox Church	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
68. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church-- St. Mary's School	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
69. Stone, Lorenzo R., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
70. Sumner, George, House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Sharon Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Phillips, E. M., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Southbridge MRA

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: 89000532

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 _____



35 Dresher St (D-406)

James Gleason Cottage

Southbridge, MA

1986

Southbridge Historical Commission

Roll # 4

Phillips, E. M. Huse

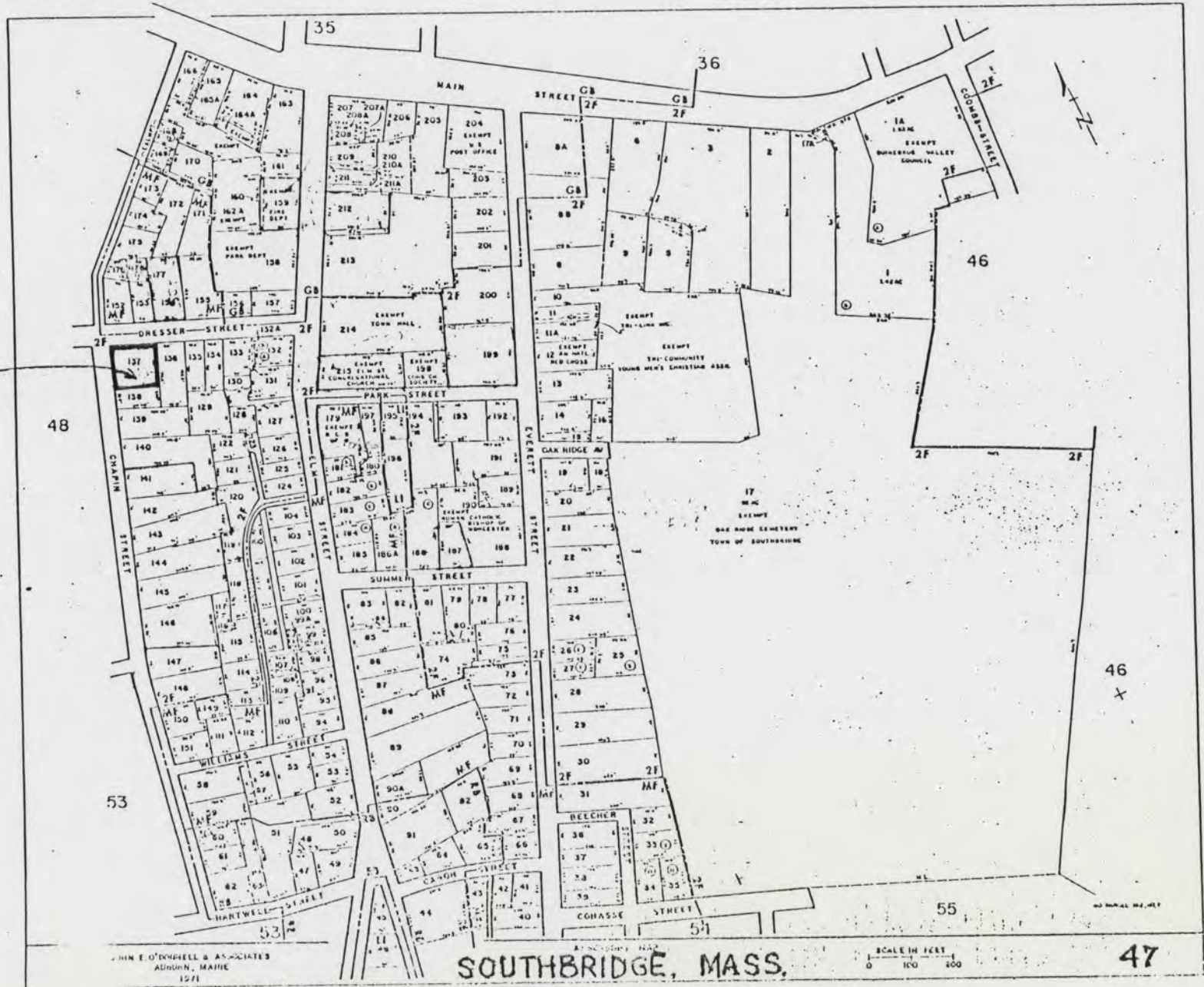
35 Dresser Street

D-406

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SOUTHBIDGE, MASS.

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

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