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AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Southbridge

Address 306 Hamilton

Historic Name Alexis Boyer House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

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

DESCRIPTION

Date 1888

Source maps & directories

Style Queen Anne Vernacular

Architect A. Boyer

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting mixed commercial/residential street lined mostly with houses, cottages & multi-family dwellings , late-19th c.

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 030/4662 850

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1986

## **NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)**

The Alex Boyer House is significant for its association with the town's late-19th century real estate development and its adaptation of the familiar gable-front form to the Queen Anne style. 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.**

A rare well preserved example of a Queen Anne Vernacular house in Southbridge, this is one of the best preserved and most elaborate late-19th century residences on this section of Hamilton Street. Outstanding features of the house are the one-story wrap-around porch and the elaborate stickwork and jigsaw-cut trim of the gable apron and bargeboard. At the rear of the house is an outside staircase, an element often seen on Southbridge houses which is believed to be of French Canadian origin.

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

Although Hamilton Street had been cut through in the 1850's, this section remained largely undeveloped until the 1880's. Houses were first built on the north side of the street between Crane Street and Union Street during the 1880's and 1890's. After the establishment of a separate French Canadian parish and the construction of a church on Pine Street in 1870, this area became popular among that ethnic group. The owner of this house, Alexis Boyer, was a major leader in the Franco-American community. He served in the State Legislature in 1907-1908, the State Senate in 1914 and was also on the State Democratic Committee. Boyer, a builder, is also known for having constructed numerous two and three deckers in Southbridge and for having trained other carpenter-builders who followed him in his trade.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**

maps, atlases, directories  
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Gatineau, F. Histoire des Franco-Américains de Southbridge, Lakeview Press, 1919

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA  
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
Cover		for Keeper <u>Beth J. Savage 6-22-89</u>
1. Academic Brochu	Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Helene Byers 6/22/89</u> Attest _____
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Boyer, Alexis, 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: 89000560

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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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Southbridge, MA MA  
Alexis Boyer House

1986

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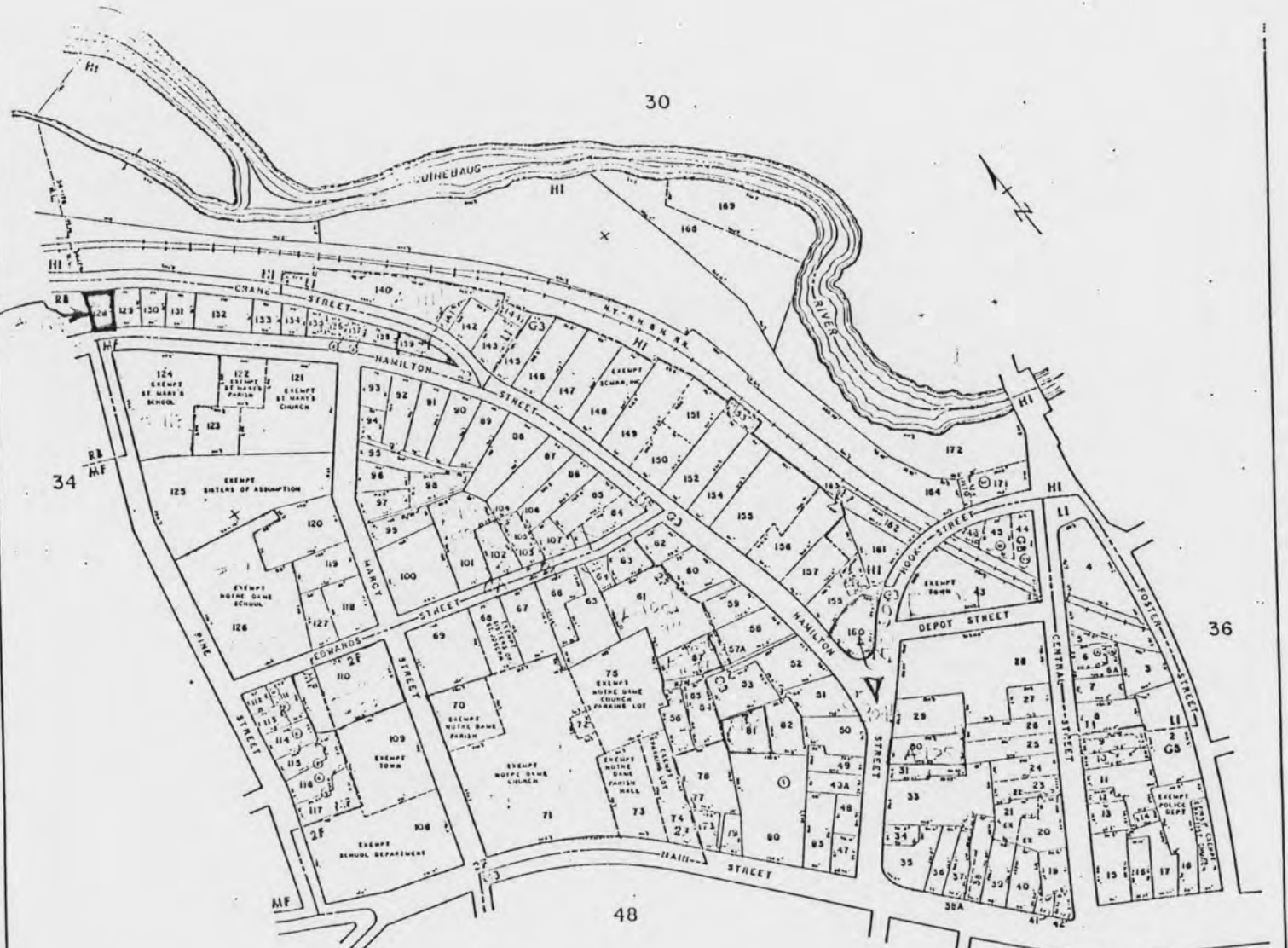
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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS  
MRA



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

ASSESSOR'S MAP  
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET  
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306 Hamilton Street

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

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