

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

MAY 15 1989

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

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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

Town SouthbridgeAddress 30 Pine Street

Historic Name Napoleon LaRochelle Two -
Family House

Use: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca 1890Source mapsStyle Victorian VernacularArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) two windowson south side clapboarded overCondition Good(early - 20th century)Moved noDate n/aAcreage less than .25 AcresSetting mixed residential/institutionalstreetUTM REFERENCE 18/744 020 /4662 760USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass. Conn.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccaccied. S. CeccacciOrganization Southbridge Historical Com-missionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Napoleon LaRochelle Two-Family 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, 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 two-and-a-half story Victorian Vernacular style house is typical of many one and two family houses built in Southbridge in the late-19th century. The popularity of the gable front plan with cross gable and side hall entrance, also commonly seen are the cross bracing and bargeboard ornament in the facade gable and the Stick style porch with basketweave railing. This house is an unusually well preserved example of this popular house type, still retaining its original trim, sash, and double leafed front doors.

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

Although Pine Street had been cut through as early as 1870 when the original Notre Dame Church was built on the east side, development was slow getting started. By 1878 only three houses had been built on the street. They were all on the west side and on the more southerly end of the street, which is on higher ground than the section near Hamilton Street. However, by 1894 the west side of the street had been completely developed as far south as Edwards Street (Pine Street was not cut through to Main Street until the early-20th century). The 1898 atlas shows that with only one exception, the owners of the houses on Pine Street all had French surnames. Attracted by the French Canadian parish, French Canadians appear to have developed Pine Street. The lot adjacent to the church property on the corner of Pine and Edwards Streets was still undeveloped in 1894, allowing the parish to buy it in 1898 in order to build a new parish school, Academie Brochu there in 1899.

The Napoleon Larochelle Rental House was one of two houses on Pine Street owned by Napoleon Larochelle, a polisher at American Optical Company. Located next door to each other, they were very similar in appearance. Larochelle lived in the one next door. It is likely that he built both at the same time, one to live in and one as a rental property. Larochelle's house has been altered.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories

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
51. Kinney, A., House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
52. LaCroix--Mosher House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
53. LaRochelle, Napoleon, Two-Family House Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
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57. McKinstry, William, Farmhouse Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
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59. New York, New Haven & Hartford Passenger Depot Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
60. Notre Dame Catholic Church Entered in the National Register	for Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY LaRochelle, Napoleon, Two-Family 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: 89000567

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 _____



30 Pine St (A-129)

Southbridge, MA

Napoleon LaRoche 2 Family
1986

Southbridge MA, Pa.

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Southbridge

30 Pine Street

1986 photo

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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
MRA



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

ASS-10-13 MAP
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294