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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	150

Town SouthbridgeAddress Hook and Hamilton StreetsHistoric Name Dunbar-Vinton House

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

Use: Present residence
schoolhouse (speculated)
Original residence (known)

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1828Source local histories and visual analysisStyle FederalArchitect unkExterior Wall Fabric brickOutbuildings 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) _____

addition-1970'sCondition GoodMoved No Date n/aAcreage less than one acre

Setting at angle of intersection of two
streets near in commercial/residential
neighborhood near central business district

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 340/4662 390USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by A. N. LePain, S. Ceccacci
ed. S. CeccacciOrganization Southbridge Historical Com-
missionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Dunbar-Vinton House is significant as a rare small brick residence that may have originally served as a school, meeting National Register criterion C at the local level. It retains integrity of location, materials, workmanship, and design. 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.

Published references to this small one-and-a-half story gable end brick building indicate that it was built as a residence. However, its design, with a tall arched entrance at the far end of the facade, suggests that it may, in fact, originally have been a schoolhouse.

Although a clapboard addition to the west end of the facade was made in the early 1970's, the building is otherwise intact and well preserved. It retains 6/6 sash, granite sills and lintels and a six panel door. The surface of the exterior brick walls has unfortunately been damaged by abrasive cleaning.

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

This building was mentioned in a report in the Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets, written about 1901:

"At the corner of Hook and Hamilton Streets is the dwelling of Albert E. Vinton. This was the home of Lemuel Dunbar and was built by Capt. Clemence over 70 years ago. Here Andrew W. Maray and Mrs. Lawson, mother of Mrs. C. D. Rose, attended a private school held by Mrs. Dunbar."

If it is true that the structure was built by Clemence, it cannot have been built after 1828. Capt. Calvin Clemence died at the age of forty-five in February of that year. No documentation has been found to clarify whether Clemence had built the building for himself or as a builder for Dunbar. However, in 1836 Moses Plimpton's History of Southbridge described the location of a (pre-1816) schoolhouse in the town center as having "stood where Mrs. Clemence now lives". This suggested connection between the building's ownership by Clemence and the fact that the building looks like a school is tantalizing. Also, the reference above to Mrs. Dunbar's holding a school here seems to strengthen the possibility that the building might originally have been built as a school and that certain details in these reports were inaccurate. Further research is necessary to determine the original use and early history of this unusual building.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

Holbrook. Southbridge Vital Records to 1850 p. 63

Plimpton, M. History of Southbridge (1836), Southbridge: Journal Steam Book Print, 1882, p. 33

Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets, Vol. I, p. 35

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

21. Comins--Wall House ~~Substantive~~ ReviewKeeper Beth A. Sarge 6-22-89
Attest _____22. Congregational Church Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____23. Cummings, E.B., House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____24. Dani and Soldani Cabinet Makers and
Wood Workers Factory Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____25. Dennison School House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____26. Dresser, Sylvester, House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____27. Dunbar--Vinton House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____28. Durfee, Henry E., Farmhouse Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____29. Elm Street Fire House Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____30. Evangelical Free Church Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Shelene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Dunbar--Vinton 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: 89000573

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 _____



Dunbar - Vinton House (A150)

Hook & Hamilton Streets

Southbridge, MA MA

1986

Southbridge Historical Commission

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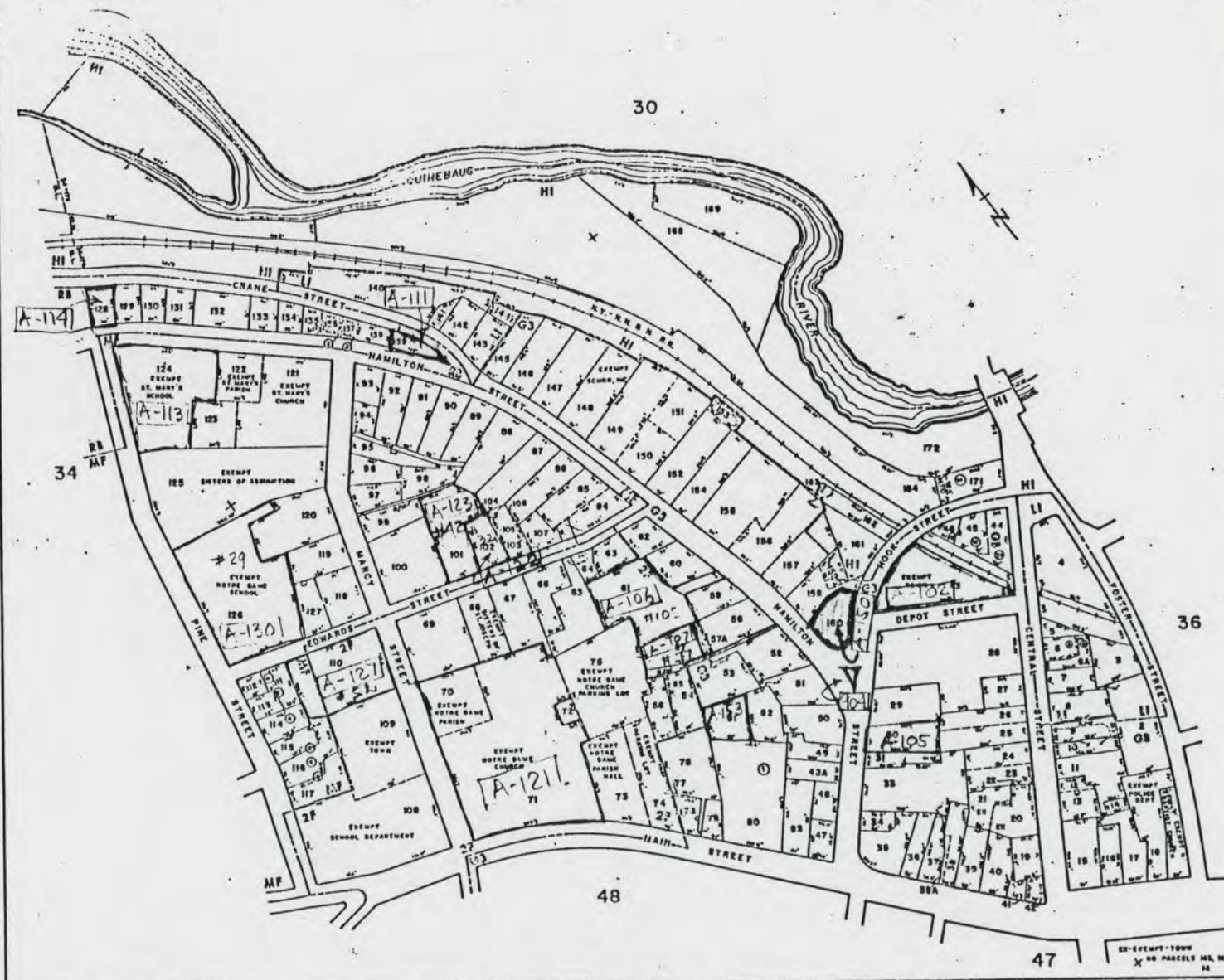
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JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES
AUBURN, MAINE
1971

ADDITIONS MAP
SOUTHRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
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Dunbar-Vinton House, Hook & Hamilton Street

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294