

MAY 15 1989

554 SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	102

202-1-8

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 Depot Street

Historic Name New York, New Haven & Hartford Passenger Depot

Use: Present senior citizens center

Original passenger railroad depot

DESCRIPTION

Date 1910

Source Footsteps Through History, p. 50

Style Spanish Villa

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric stucco

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) enclosure of section on E. wing, replacement of front doors, removal of shelter at trackside at rear (ca. 1970's)

Condition Good

Moved no Date N/A

Acreage less than one acre

Setting mixed commercial/residential/ industrial area

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1986

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 420/4662 360

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Passenger Depot of the New York, New Haven, & Hartford Railroad is significant for its association with the expansion and development of Southbridge's commercial and institutional center late in the nineteenth century, and for its familiar form and Spanish Colonial design. 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 railroad station is unusual in Southbridge for its exotic Spanish design and for the use of stucco and tile as building materials. The Spanish Style was popular in the United States during the early 20th century particularly for commercial buildings and for residences. Although the style was sometimes used in Central Massachusetts cities and towns, it was not particularly common.

Recently rehabilitated for use as a center for senior citizens, the building is relatively unaltered. The long tile roofed passenger shed which once stretched along trackside at the rear of the building is no longer standing.

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

After numerous attempts to bring railroad service to Southbridge, the first train of the Blackstone & Southbridge Railroad arrived in town in November of 1866. The company was re-organized as the New York & New England Railroad in 1873. Later it became the New England Railroad a lessee of the Norwich & Worcester line. Finally in 1907 it was acquired by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

The last train on the New Haven line left Southbridge from this depot in August of 1930. A newspaper article published at that time attributed the removal of train service to the coming of trolley cars, buses and automobiles which had lessened the local demand for trains.

With the exception of an altered brick freight depot which still stands on Central Street, this is believed to be the only railroad-related building still standing in Southbridge. The original passenger depot, freight house and engine house was located near the river on Crane Street, off of Hamilton Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

newspaper clipping, probably a Worcester paper, Aug. 13, 1930,

Worcester Historical Museum, Southbridge file #3

Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets, Vol. II, pp. 245-254

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review		Date/Signature
51.	Kinney, A., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
52.	LaCroix--Mosher House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
53.	LaRochelle, Napoleon, Two-Family House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
54.	Maple Street Historic District Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
55.	Marcy, Mrs. R., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
56.	McKinstry, William, Jr., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
57.	McKinstry, William, Farmhouse Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
58.	Morse, H., House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
59.	New York, New Haven & Hartford Passenger Depot Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
60.	Notre Dame Catholic Church Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY New York, New Haven & Hartford Passenger Depot
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: 89000554

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

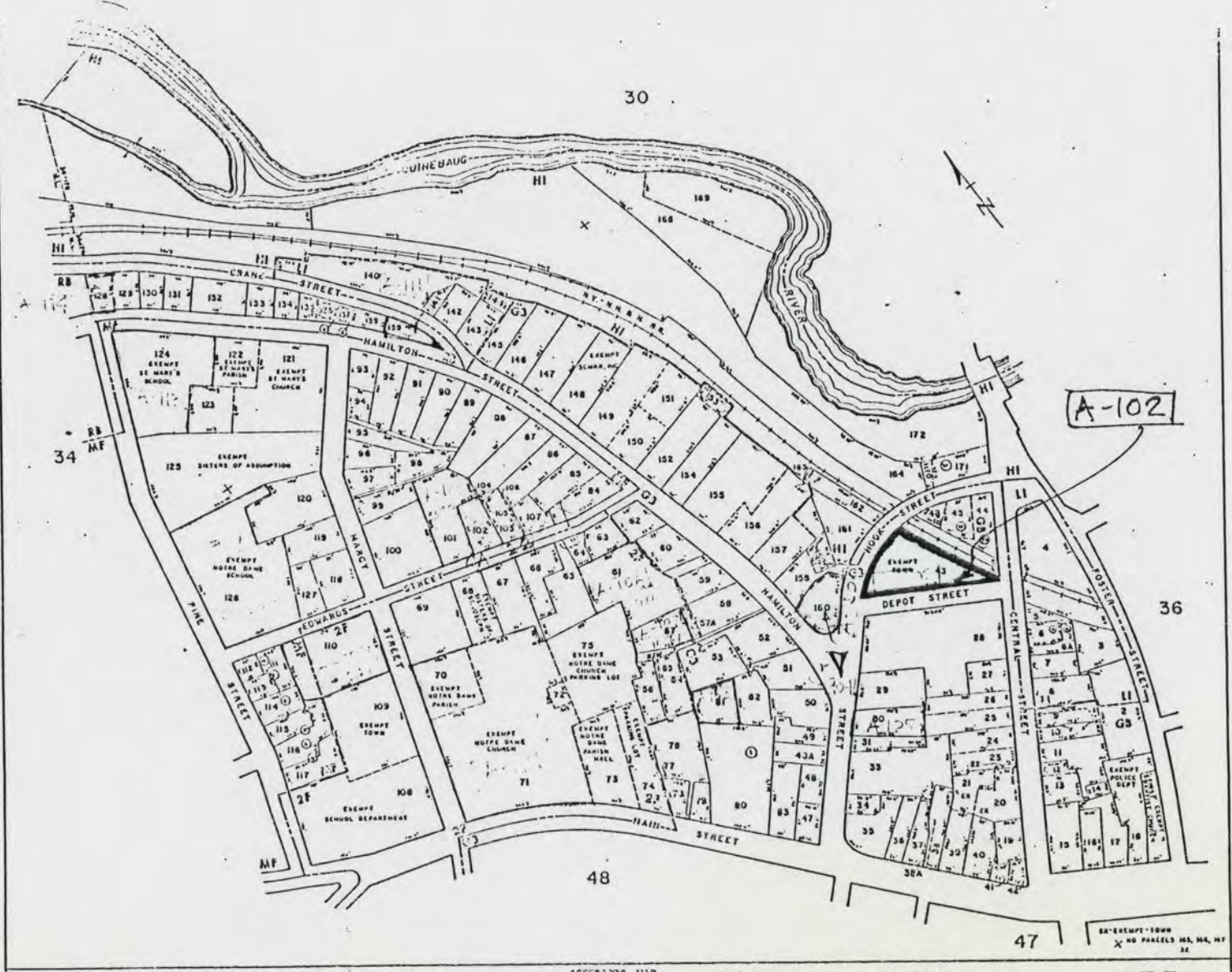
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



NY, NH, +H Passenger Depot, A-102
Southbridge, MA ~~MA~~
Ceccacci, 1986
Southbridge Historical Commission
Roll #1-8



SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
MRA

A-102

JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES
AUBURN, MAINE
1977

ASSOCIATED MAP
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
0 100 200

35

Depot, Depot Street

EX-EXEMPT-TOWN
X-NO PARCELS MA, ME, NY
32

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294