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SOUTHBIDGE MASS

FORM B - BUILDING

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MRA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	446

Town Southbridge

Address 230 South Street

Historic Name H. Morse House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1845

Source local history/map

Style Greek Revival

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings NONE

Major Alterations (with dates) addition of  
ell and rear sections; ca. 1870 & later-19th  
respectively

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting residential

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci  
ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-  
mission

Date May 1986

609# 2-20

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

UTM REFERENCE 18/744 270/4662 250

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge Mass Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The H. Morse House is significant for its association with Southbridge's Globe Village development and its regionally important gable-front, Greek Revival form. It meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of 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, side entry gable front house is an excellent example of a typical well-detailed Greek Revival house. The substantial architectural embellishments and the three bay facade with a full pediment are common for the 1840's and 1850's in Southbridge, as well as throughout Worcester County. Typical details seen here are the deep matchboarded pediment, wide frieze with architrave, paneled corner pilasters and an architrave/cornice doorframe.

Additions were made to the house between 1855 and 1870 and again between 1870 and 1878. The present ell appears to have been added in the 1870's. Additions to the rear were made at the later date.

## 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 South Street developed in the early to mid 19th century, first, as a neighborhood of established families, and later, largely of industrialists and successful merchants. On the outskirts of the more thickly settled Globe Village, it was typified by the mid-19th century by scattered houses in a semi-rural setting.

The construction of the H. Morse house seems to have been related to the expansion of the nearby High-Sayles Street residential district where numerous other Greek Revival houses were built in the 1840's and 1850's. The original owner seems to have been the H. Morse shown here in the 1855 Southbridge map. Lyman Morse who occupied the house in the 1870's was listed in the town directory as a farmer. It is not clear whether or not the open land to the rear of the house at that time was his "farm." In 1878, it belonged to the "Misses Morse." By that time most of the lot to the rear had been developed with houses, an extension of the High-Sayles Street neighborhood.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories

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>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
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53.	LaRochelle, Napoleon, Two-Family House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Morse, H., 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: 89000538

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

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

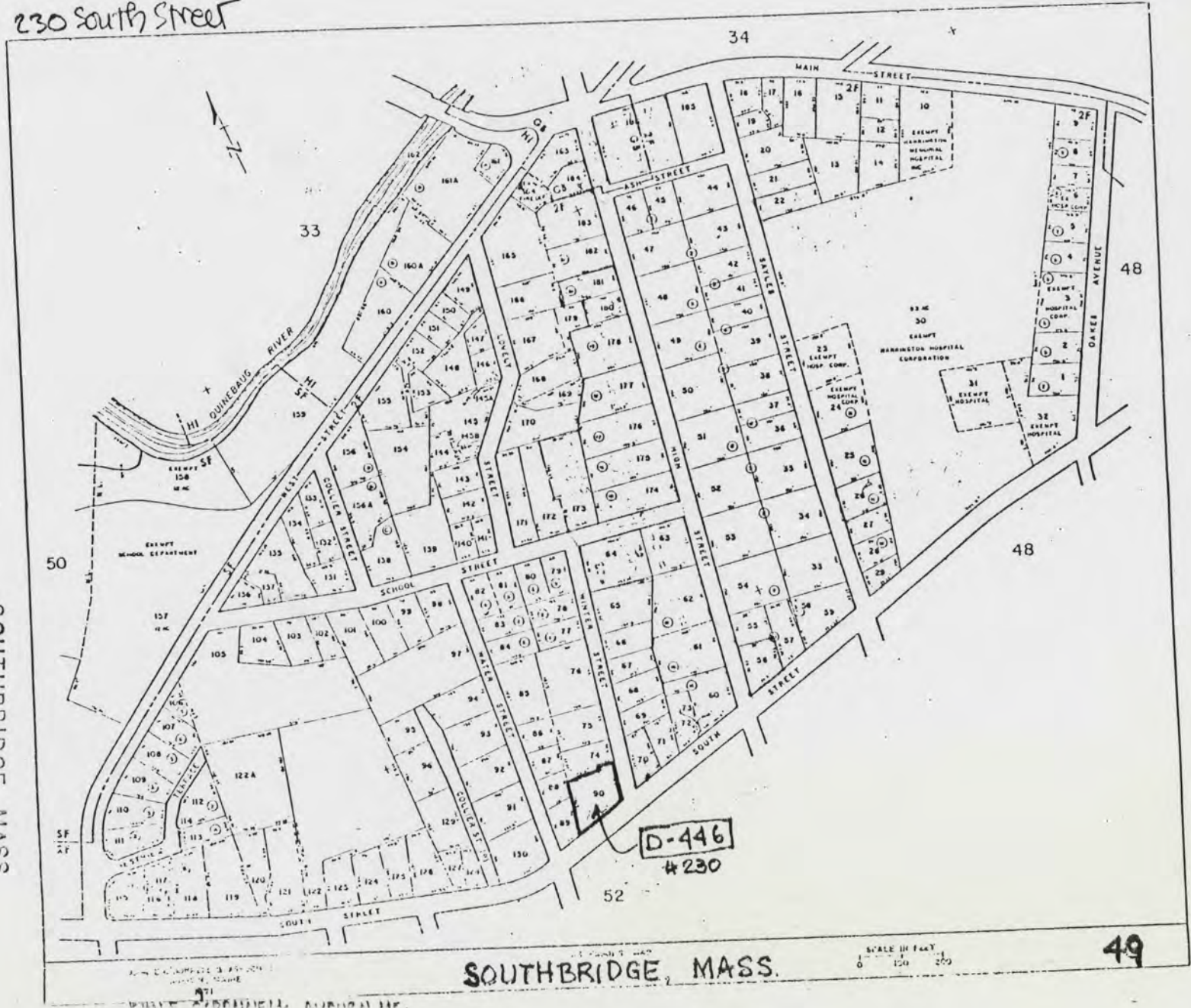
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H. Morse House  
Southbridge, MA MA  
(D-446)

1986  
Southbridge Historical Commission  
Roll # 2-20

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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