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## FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

| AREA | FORM NO. |
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| F    | 605      |

Town SouthbridgeAddress 215 Lebanon Hill RoadHistoric Name Eugene Tapin HouseUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

## DESCRIPTION

Date 1929Source Assessor's RecordsStyle Tudor RevivalArchitect F. X. Laliberte and SonExterior Wall Fabric brick and stuccoOutbuildings garage (G)Major Alterations (with dates) noneCondition excellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage one acre or lessSetting outlying suburban areaRecorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci  
ed. S. CeccacciOrganization Southbridge Historical Com-  
missionDate May 1986

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 18/745 140/4660 030USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-ConnSCALE 1:25,000

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Eugene Tapin House is significant for its association with the town's early twentieth century real estate development on the town's rural outskirts and its stylish Tudor 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 is one of the few high style Tudor Revival houses in Southbridge. The major elements of the style is the false half timber and stucco infill representing the structural components of the house. The arched doorway has heavy double-leaved door. Above the door is a small gablet. The red in the brick nearly matches the red of the roof tile. A particular feature found in the Lalibertes' residential work is the placement of an enclosed sunroom on the south side of the house and an open screened porch on the north side of the house.

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

F. X. Laliberte and his architect son, Oswald, built this for his daughter, Camille and her husband Eugene L. Tapin. Camille Tapin worked as a clerk in her father's business and her husband was a music teacher and the organist of Notre Dame Church.

Oswald Laliberte was the first Franco-American architect in town, and his father was one of the major builders. The architectural pretensions of the house show the socio-economic advancement of the Franco-American community in Southbridge.

The construction of this house here in the late-1920's was part of the gradual suburbanization of previously rural sections of Southbridge which occurred during the first half of the 20th-century. At about the same time this house was built, Cohasset Farm nearby was subdivided by the Wells Family for large suburban family estates, forms #F-68 (1927) and #F-603 (1932).

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Assessor's Records  
Southbridge Evening News, "The Story of Southbridge" pictorial essay, 15 Feb. 1930.  
oral history, Albert LePain  
directories

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA  
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

| Nomination/Type of Review                                                                      | Date/Signature                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 71. Tapin, Eugene, House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                                | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 72. Tiffany--Leonard House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                              | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 73. Twinehurst American Optical Company<br>Neighborhood<br>Entered in the<br>National Register | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 74. Upper Chapin Street Historic District<br>Entered in the<br>National Register               | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 75. Vinton--Boardman Farmhouse<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                          | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 76. Vinton--Torrey House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                                | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 77. Wells, George B. and Ruth D., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                 | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 78. Wells, H.C., Double House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                           | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 79. Wells, John M., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                               | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |
| 80. Wheeler, Albert H., House<br>Entered in the<br>National Register                           | Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89<br>Attest _____ |

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Tapin, Eugene, 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: 89000549

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 6/20/89 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  
☐ UTM's ☐ 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

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

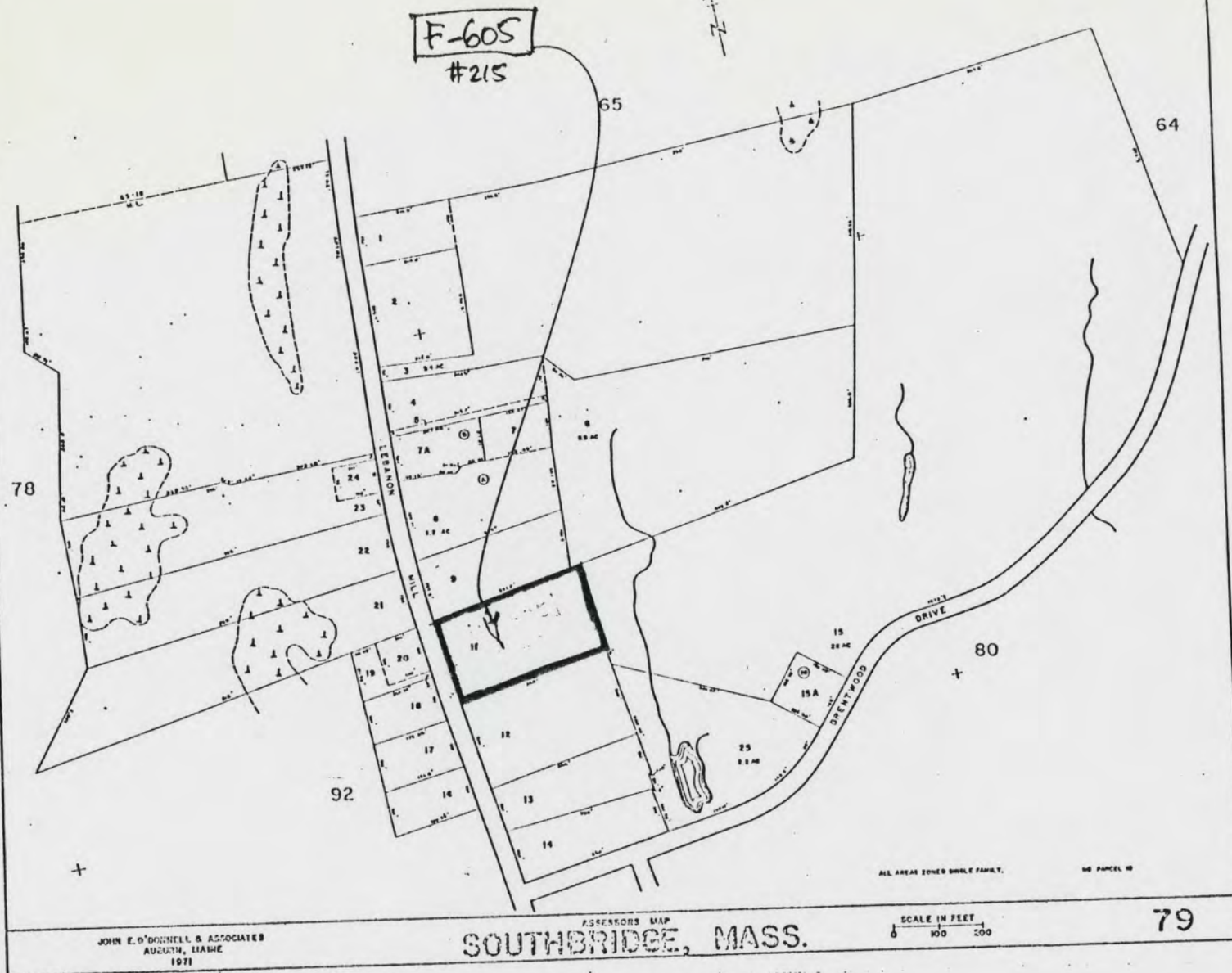
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Ceccacci, 1986  
Southbridge Historical Commission  
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M.A.



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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