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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	454

200-2-77

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 West Street at Main Street

Historic Name Globe Village Fire House

Use: Present Veterans' Association

Original Fire Station

DESCRIPTION

Date 1894

Source plaque

Style Colonial Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) mansard roof removed from corner tower (late-19th century)

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting mix: industrial/commercial/residential area

UTM REFERENCE 18/744 380/4662 650

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge MA CT

SCALE 1:25,000

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

Organization Southbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Globe Village Fire House is significant for its association with the expansion and development of Globe Village late in the 19th century, and for its brick Colonial Revival 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.

Almost Greek Revival in its appearance, this fire house has an only mildly Victorian corner tower which was originally capped with a mansard roof. It is not clear whether the Greek Revival reference was intentional or whether the building was merely a retardataire vernacular expression. Blocky gable-front buildings of this type sometimes appear in the Colonial Revival style which was popular in the late-19th century. The gable front Classically-inspired design and the brick construction of the building relate it to nearby Greek Revival brick houses and to some of the Hamilton Woolen mill buildings across the street. It is possible that the design of the fire station was inspired in part by these surroundings. Simple in design, the structure takes its ornament from its gable cornice and returns, oculus window, corner pilasters, corbel table and segmental arched windows and doors.

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

Until 1832 the only fire apparatus in Southbridge was a tub engine belonging to the Hamilton Woolen Company in Globe Village. In 1832 the town made an appropriation of \$350 to be matched by private subscription, to buy a tub engine for the town. At that same town meeting it was voted to establish volunteer teams to man both the new town engine and the existing apparatus owned by the Hamilton Mill. In February 1833, a few months after Engine Company #1 was established in the center, Globe Village Engine Company #2 was formed.

As no fire house is shown in Globe Village on the 1855 map of Southbridge, it is likely that the fire engine was kept in some building belonging to the mill until the town built a fire house about 1860. That fire house, which stood on the north side of Main Street just east of the bridge over the river, was used until the present building was built.

The last two decades of the 19th-century brought several modernizations to fire protection in Southbridge. In 1880 the old "hand engine companies" were disbanded and a new town fire department was established. During the 1890's two new fire houses were built. The present building was built first, in 1894, at a cost of \$9,000. Five years later a large imposing brick fire house (form #D-401) was built on Elm Street in the town center to replace the much smaller 1860's fire house on Central Street. During this same period the town was able to boast an ample supply of water for fighting fires, supplied by hydrants and subterranean street reservoirs. A "Gamewell Fire Alarm System" was also functioning at this time.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

_____. Souvenir of Southbridge 1898. Southbridge : George Grant-Press Print, 1898, pp. 66-69.

_____. "Tiger Engine Co. 7 (A New Fire Department for Southbridge)", Southbridge Evening News, 2/14/1964.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

- | Nomination/Type of Review | Date/Signature |
|---|---|
| 31. Gleason, James, Cottage
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 32. Globe Village Fire House
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 33. Glover Street Historic District
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 34. Hamilton Mill Brick House
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 35. Hamilton Mill--West Street Factory Housing
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 36. Hamilton Millwright--Agent's House
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 37. Hamilton Woolen Company Historic District
Substantive Review | Keeper <u><i>Betty F. Savage</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
Attest _____ |
| 38. Harrington, Theodore, House
Entered in the
National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
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| 39. Hartwell, George H., House
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National Register | Keeper <u><i>Arlene Byrum</i></u> <u>6/22/89</u>
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| 40. Hartwell, Samuel C., House
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Globe Village Fire 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: 89000540

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 _____



AMERICAN
VETERAN

Globe Village Fire House, (D-454)
Southbridge, MA ~~MA~~
Ceccacci, 1986
Southbridge Historical Society
Roll # 2.17

West St at Main Street

West Street Fire House

D-454



SOUTHERIDGE MASS

ADJ. TO MAP 13 AS NOTED
1971

SOUTHERIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
0 100 200

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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