

FORM B - BUILDING

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AREA	FORM NO.
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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Southbridge

Address 219 South Street

Historic Name Albert H. Wheeler House

Use: Present residence

Original residence

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

DESCRIPTION

Date ^{ca.} 1887-1896

Source directories, maps & atlases

Style Victorian / Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric Synthetic siding

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) Front porch

extended porch (early/mid-20th c.) Siding 198

Condition Good-fair

Moved No Date n/a

Acreage less than one acre

Setting Large lot with large trees set

back from street in neighborhood of 19th c

houses but some 20th c. on west side

Recorded by S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1986

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 18/744 340/4662 230

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge Mass Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Albert H. Wheeler House is significant for its association with the town's late-^{19th} century real estate development and its adaptation of the familiar gable-front form to the Queen Anne style. It meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level. It retains integrity of setting, location, 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 rather straightforward and simple Victorian house is well built and ornamented with Victorian Gothic details such as king-post ornament in the high-pitched gables and paired pointed windows on the second floor. Although the Wheeler house is unpretentious in comparison to other larger Victorian style houses, such as the A.M. Cheney House (form #C-323) built in Southbridge during the same period, the L-shaped plan, quality detailing and the ample lawn which surrounds it, set this house off from the typical middle class houses of the day. *The application of synthetic siding has not impaired the detailing 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.

Albert H. Wheeler was a successful businessman in Globe Village during the late-19th century. After serving in the Union forces during the Civil War, Wheeler returned to Southbridge. He ran a dry goods and clothing store in Gothic Hall in Globe Village. The actual date of its establishment is not clear. However, it is known to have been operated for some years during the 1880's as Bugbee & Wheeler in partnership with B. U. Bugbee. During the 1890's and on into the early-20th century, it was run as A.H. Wheeler Company. Wheeler died sometime between 1912 and 1919. His widow, Annie, was living in the house as recently as 1928. Some time after that, and apparently until the late 1940's, the house was owned by American Optical Company as served as housing for its employees.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories

American Optical housing file cards, J. Edwards Memorial Library

 . Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets Vol. II, pp. 124, 128.

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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wheeler, Albert 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: 89000544

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 _____

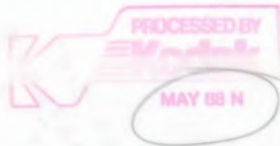
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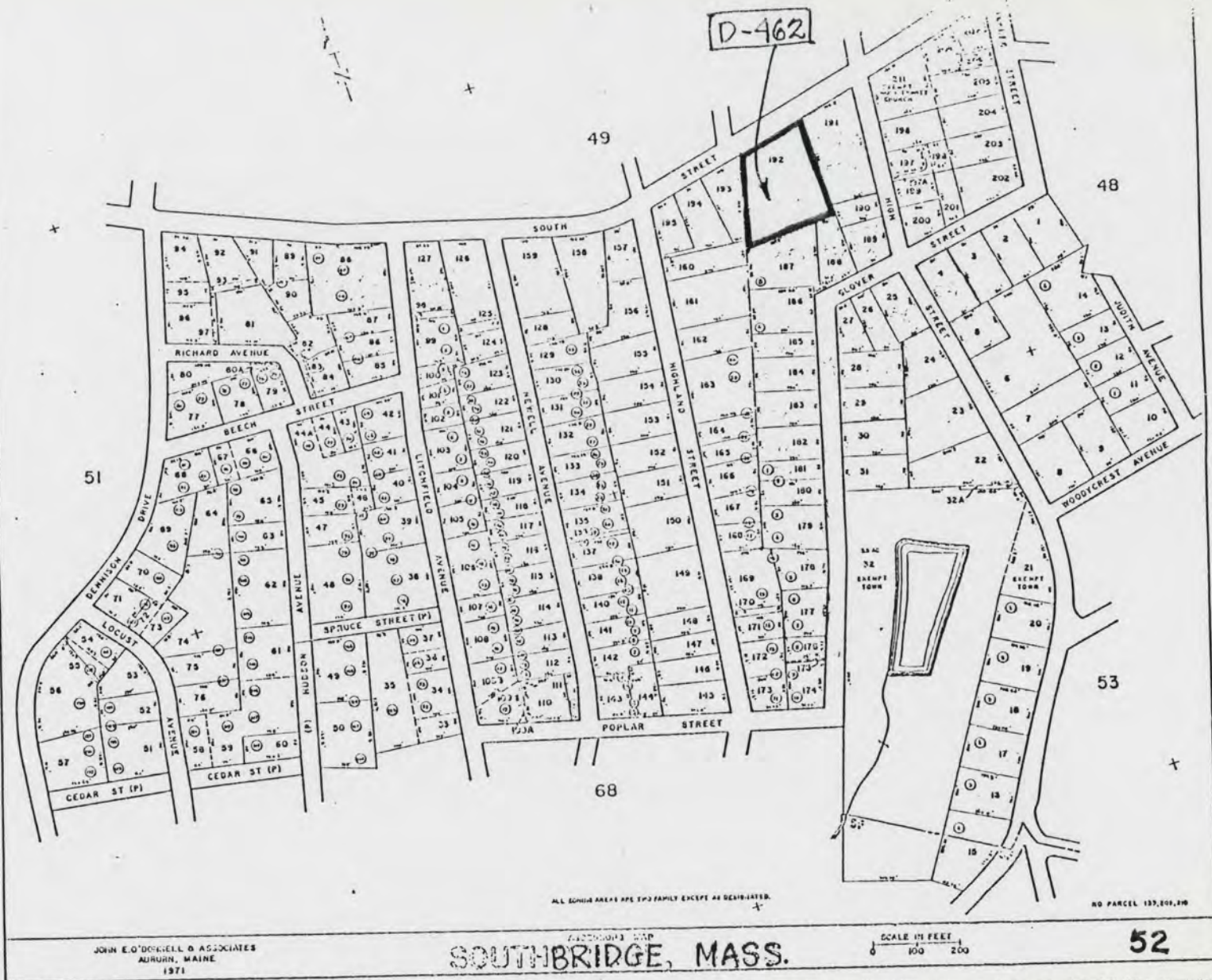
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Southbridge MA, Ma

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219 South Street
Southbridge



SOUTHRIDGE MASS
MRA



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294