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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	111

Roll # 1-12

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 808-222 Hamilton at Crane Street
Historic Name Chapin Block or Flat Iron Bl

Use: Present commercial/residential
Original commercial/residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1888
Source "A Walk Through Globe Village", p.
Style Shingle Style
Architect unknown
Exterior Wall Fabric wood shingles
Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) 2nd story verandas added (1894-1904), clock faces re moved from tower (early 20th c) display - window glazing slightly modifie early 20th c.
CONDITION: Good

Moved no Date n/a
Acreage less than one acre
Setting commercial/residential street

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 210/4662 700
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn
SCALE 1:2,000

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci
ed. S. Ceccacci
Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
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Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Chapin Block is significant for its association with the town's industrial expansion, the growth of the Globe Village, and the elaboration of commercial building late in the century. It meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of location, 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 Hamilton Street landmark is the only Shingle style commercial block in Southbridge. A good example of the adaptation of a structure to its site, the building takes its more or less triangular plan from the wedge of land on which it is situated at the corner of Hamilton and Cran Streets. With the exception of the removal of a clock from the upper portion of the corner tower, the appearance of the building had not changed greatly since its construction. Although the glazing pattern of the display windows was altered in the early-20th century, the present design is not entirely out of character with the overall design of the building. The late 19th century addition of second story verandas across the back of the structure does not significantly affect the appearance of the building when seen from Hamilton Street.

Characteristic of the Shingle style are the horizontal lines of the main body of the building, the sheathing of the entire building in wood shingle siding, the amplexity of the turret-like curved corner and the sculptural effect of the tower above. Also typical is the use of modified Classical motifs such as the moulded modillions in the eave cornice.

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

This block was built by Francis L. Chapin, an officer of the Southbridge National Bank and an active local real estate developer. About six months after the building was occupied, it was bought by J. J. Delehanty, a furniture dealer in Globe Village (see form #A-148). It remained in the Delehanty family until 1972.

The block was built to contain stores on the ground floor and a "society hall" on the second floor. In 1894 the building housed a grocery store, a clothing store, a barber, a tobacconist, a candy store and one vacant store.

Although this section of Hamilton Street was mostly residential, a stores selling groceries, fruits, tobacco and paints were scattered along the north side of the street in other buildings between Crane and Union Streets in 1894. The only concentration of stores in the neighborhood was in the Chapin Block.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Curtis, John O. and Southbridge Historical Commission. "A Walk Through Globe Village and Along Hamilton Street in Southbridge", Supplement to SUNDAY, The Evening News Weekend Magazine. ca. 1980

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

- 11. Building at 38--42 Worcester Street
Entered in the
National Register *f* Keeper Melrose Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____
- 12. Building at 52 Main Street
Entered in the
National Register *f* Keeper Melrose Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____
- 13. Central Mills Historic District
Entered in the
National Register *f* Keeper Melrose Byers 6/22/89
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- 14. Chamberlain--Bordeau House
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- 15. Chapin Block
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- 16. Cheney, Alpha M. House
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- 17. Cheney, J.M., Rental House
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- 18. Clarke--Glover Farmhouse
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- 19. Cliff Cottage
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- 20. Cole, E., Merritt, House
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Chapin Block

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: 89000558

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 _____



Chapin Block / Flat Iron
Building, A-111

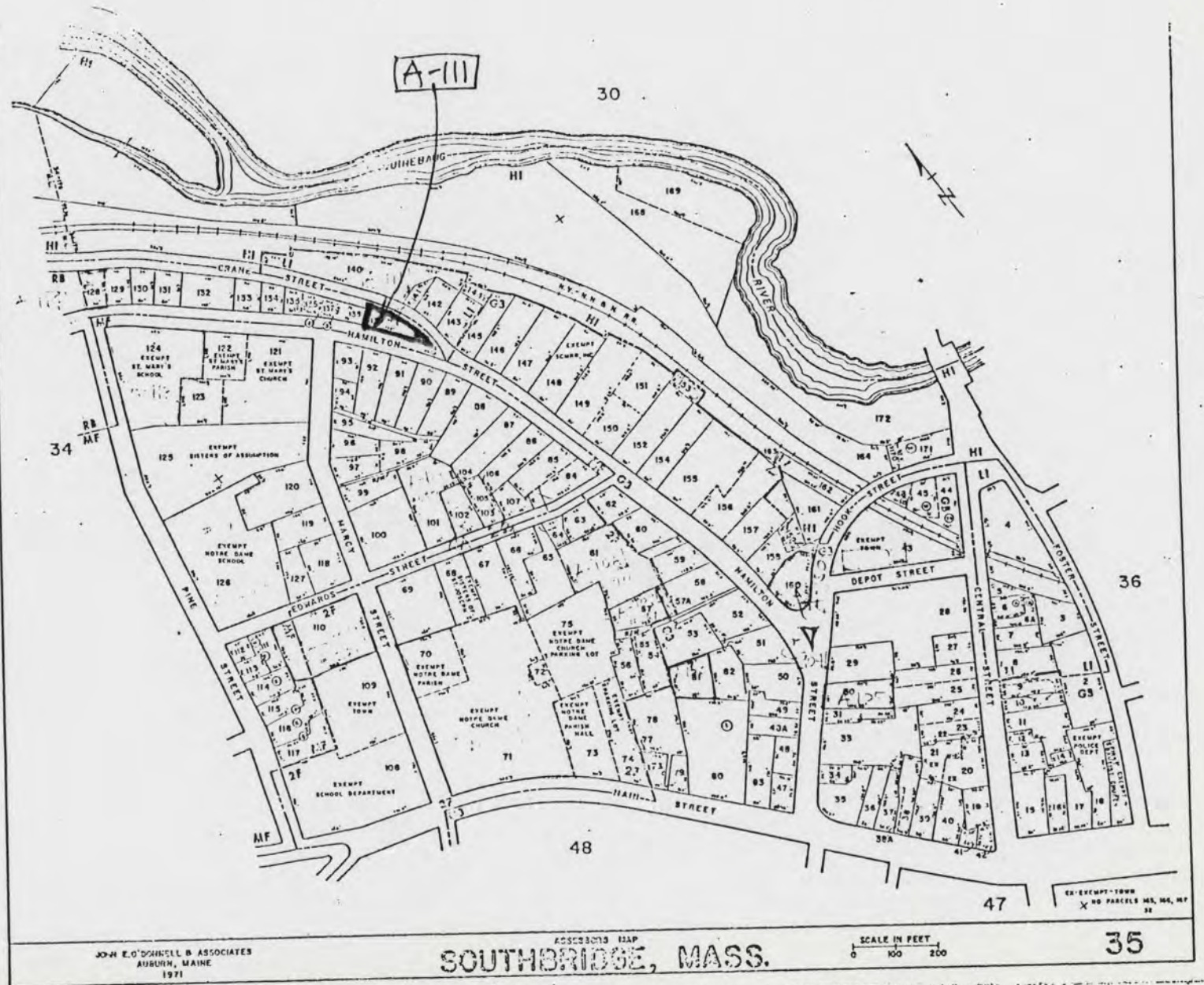
Southbridge, MA, WPA

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Chapin Block, Hamilton & Crane Streets

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294