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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
A	117

18/744-760-32

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 SouthbridgeAddress 428 Hamilton StreetHistoric Name William E. Alden HouseUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1882-1887Source maps/visual analysisStyle Victorian / Queen AnneArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboard/shingleOutbuildings Stick Style carriage house

(c)

Major Alterations (with dates) noneCondition ExcellentMoved no Date n/aAcreage one acre or less

Setting tree-lined residential street, late
-19th, early-20th c. single and multifamily
houses, church next door

UTM REFERENCE 18/744 760 /4662 910
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass - Conn
SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by E. Woodford, ed. S. CeccacciOrganization Southbridge Historical Com-
missionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The William E. Alden 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 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 a handsome and well preserved example of a Victorian style house with Queen Anne overtones. More elaborate and more original in plan and design than the typical middle class Victorian style of the period, it is less imposing than larger, grander houses such as the A.M. Cheney House on Chestnut Street (form # C-323). Victorian in its somewhat vertical lines, the house has a broad sweeping roof, ornamental panels and some shingle siding which are typically associated with the Queen Anne style. Its turned porch posts and balusters are also of the Queen Anne style. Other features such as the asymmetrical design and the complexity of the roofline are common to both styles. The board and batten carriage house, with cupola and facade balcony is of the same style and makes a significant contribution to the historic feeling of the setting.

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

This house was built as the home of William E. Alden, Jr., who with his father, William E. Alden, ran a grocery and dry goods business on Main Street in Globe Village. The store was located in the Alden Block (form #A-148) (1878-1888), a fine high style Victorian commercial block which they had built. It was the only brick commercial block in Globe Village.

The construction of this house was part of the earliest development of this section of Hamilton Street. In 1878, shortly before it was built, only the church next door and a small house to its east were standing here. The land across the street from it remained undeveloped until the early-20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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for Keeper Beth L. Savage 6-22-89

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2. Allen, William E., House

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Alden, William E., 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: 89000562

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

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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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



William E. Aiden House, A-117

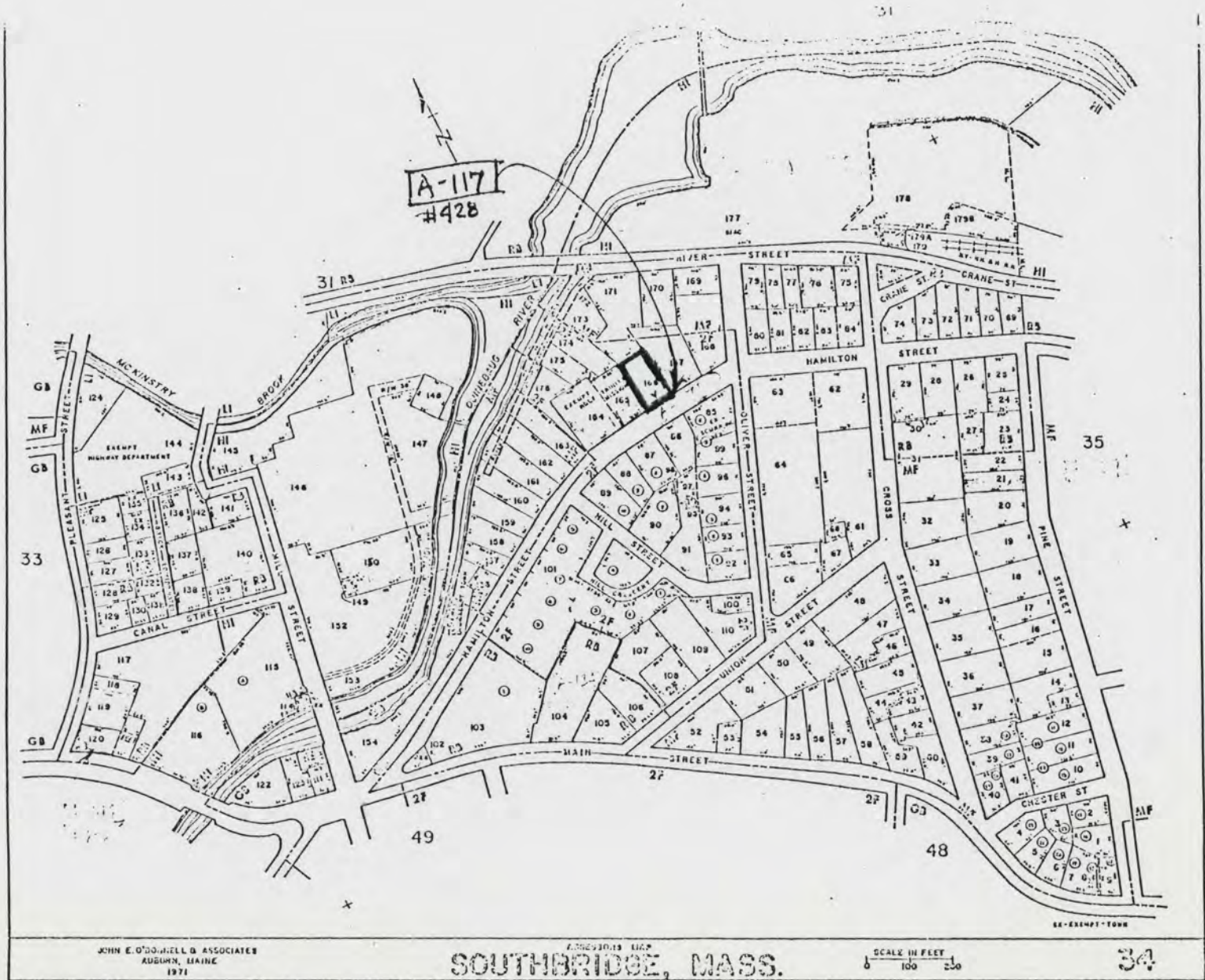
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428 Hamilton Street

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

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