

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

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AREA

FORM NO.

A

146

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Roll = T-34

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

- Ⓐ 18/744 900/4664 000
- Ⓑ 18/744 900/4663 895
- Ⓒ 18/744 520/4663 820
- Ⓓ 18/744 500/4663 920
- Ⓔ 18/744 390/4663 920
- Ⓕ 18/744 360/4663 985
- Ⓖ 18/744 490/4664 025

UTM REFERENCE see above

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

Town Southbridge

Address 361 Pleasant Street

Historic Name William McKinstry Farmhouse

Use: Present residence

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1780

Source local history, visual analysis

Style Colonial Revival (New England)
(Vernacular)

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings barn in rear (C)

Major Alterations (with dates) front

roof raised, side extension (19th c.)

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 3 acres

Setting rural/suburban area

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commis-
sion

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The William McKinstry House is significant for its association with the settlement period of Southbridge's history, the subsequent persistence of its agricultural economy, and its regionally significant end chimney variation of the Cape Cod house form. 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 marked on the attached assessors map are drawn to include the surviving contributing resources on the west side of Pleasant Street.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This is one of the few remaining pre-1816 farmhouses in Southbridge which has not been turned into an ell or extension of a later, larger farmhouse. Despite mid to late-19th century alterations, much of the "one-and-a-half story five bay facade" appearance of the house has been retained. The use of double chimneys seems to confirm a late-18th century date of construction. The double chimney form was rarely used in central Massachusetts before the mid-18th century. The house still retains some 12/12 sash, transoms over the front and side entrances and a six paneled front door. Despite the fact that more modern houses have been built nearby, the house still has a rural feeling. Surrounded by an ample lawn, it has a barn at the rear and open fields across the street.

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

One of the few houses remaining from the pre-1816 period of settlement, this house is a rare reminder of the pre-industrial agricultural era of the history of Southbridge. It is the second house built by one of the area's earliest settlers, William McKinstry, who arrived in Southbridge (then part of Sturbridge) about 1748. McKinstry came to this country on a British man-of-war. Having been badly treated on the voyage, he and a companion deserted at Boston. After making their way across *the State*, travelling by night to escape arrest, they arrived in this area. For the first few years he was employed by Gershom Plimpton, an earlier settler of Globe Village. McKinstry built his first house in the vicinity, near a pond. William's son, William (see form #D-42), was born in the present house in 1791. The house is still occupied today by McKinstry descendants. Descendants of the original William McKinstry settled much of this section of Southbridge during the 19th-century. Although *predated*, the Provostus McKinstry House (form #A-147) (ca. 1840) still stands at 389-391 Pleasant Street.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases
Quinebaug Historical Leaflets, Vol. I, pp. 55-56

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
51. Kinney, A., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
52. LaCroix--Mosher House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
53. LaRochelle, Napoleon, Two-Family House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
54. Maple Street Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
55. Marcy, Mrs. R., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
56. McKinstry, William, Jr., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
57. McKinstry, William, Farmhouse	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
58. Morse, H., House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
59. New York, New Haven & Hartford Passenger Depot	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
60. Notre Dame Catholic Church	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: McKinstry, William, Farmhouse

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: 89000571

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 _____



361 Pleasant St. (A-146)
William McKinstry Farmhouse
Southbridge, MA MAH

1986

Southbridge Historical Commission

Roll # 1-34

#361

A-146

see map 19
house &
barn on
this lot



JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES
722 1/2 N. MAIN
1971

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
0 100 200

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361 Pleasant Street

see also map 19

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
MRA

STURBRIDGE



#361
A-146

house & barn on this lot

see map 20

JOHN E. O'CONNELL & ASSOCIATES
ALDEN, MAINE
1971

ASSESSOR'S MAP
SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
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361 Pleasant Street

See also map 20

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294