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AREA FORM NO.

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Southbridge

Address 400 North Woodstock Road

Historic Name Smith-Lyon Farmhouse

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

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1850

Source map, visual analysis

Style Greek Revival

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings garage (nc)

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

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

garage added onto rear wing mid-20th centu

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage one acre or less

Setting rural/suburban

UTM REFERENCE 18/746 880/4650<sup>9</sup> 970

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

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

Organization Southbridge Historical Commis  
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Date May 1986

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Smith-Lyon FarmHouse is significant for its association with Southbridge's persistent agricultural economy and its regionally important gable-front, Greek Revival form. It meets National Register criterion 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.

With unusually fine detail for a farmhouse, this well-preserved Greek Revival house rivals its contemporaries in the center of town. The handsome two-and-a-half story, two bay facade is accented by full length sidelights flanking the simple doorframe, paneled corner pilasters and a pedimented gable. The facade is complemented by a porch with unusual broad fluted Doric columns and a matchboard wall. An original two story ell extends from the rear of the main body of the house. Much of the rural setting of the house has been retained although other houses have been built nearby.

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

According to Lucius Ammidown writing in the Quinebaug Historical Leaflets, this house was built by Luther Smith on land originally settled by Moses Marcy, the grandson of the town's first settler, Col. Moses Marcy. Known as "Mule" Smith, Smith was an extensive dealer in mules. By as early as 1855 the farm had come into the hands of Lucius Lyon whose father, Corbin Lyon lives on the next farm to the south. The 1878 Southbridge map shows that at that time the Smith-Lyon farm comprised 175 acres, was owned by Lucius Lyon and was still known as "Smith Farm."

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

Quinebaug Historical Leaflets, Vol. I, #2, p. 25

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

61. Oakes, J.J., House Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Delores Byers* 6/22/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

62. Phillips, E.M., House Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Delores Byers* 6/22/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

63. Plimpton, Simon, Farmhouse Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Delores Byers* 6/22/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

64. Richard, Stephen, House Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Delores Byers* 6/22/89

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

65. Sacred Heart Church Historic District  
Entered in the  
National Register

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66. Smith--Lyon Farmhouse Entered in the  
National Register

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67. St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Entered in the  
National Register

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68. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church--  
St. Mary's School Entered in the  
National Register

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69. Stone, Lorenzo R., House Entered in the  
National Register

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70. Sumner, George, House Entered in the  
National Register

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Attest \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Smith--Lyon 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: 89000546

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:

DRAFT  
PERRYMAN & CO.

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_  
REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_  
DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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CLASSIFICATION

\_\_\_ count      \_\_\_ resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

\_\_\_ historic      \_\_\_ current

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DESCRIPTION

\_\_\_ architectural classification  
\_\_\_ materials  
\_\_\_ descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

\_\_\_ acreage              \_\_\_ verbal boundary description  
\_\_\_ UTM's              \_\_\_ boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

\_\_\_ sketch maps    \_\_\_ USGS maps    \_\_\_ photographs    \_\_\_ presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Smith-Lyon Farmhouse, E-506

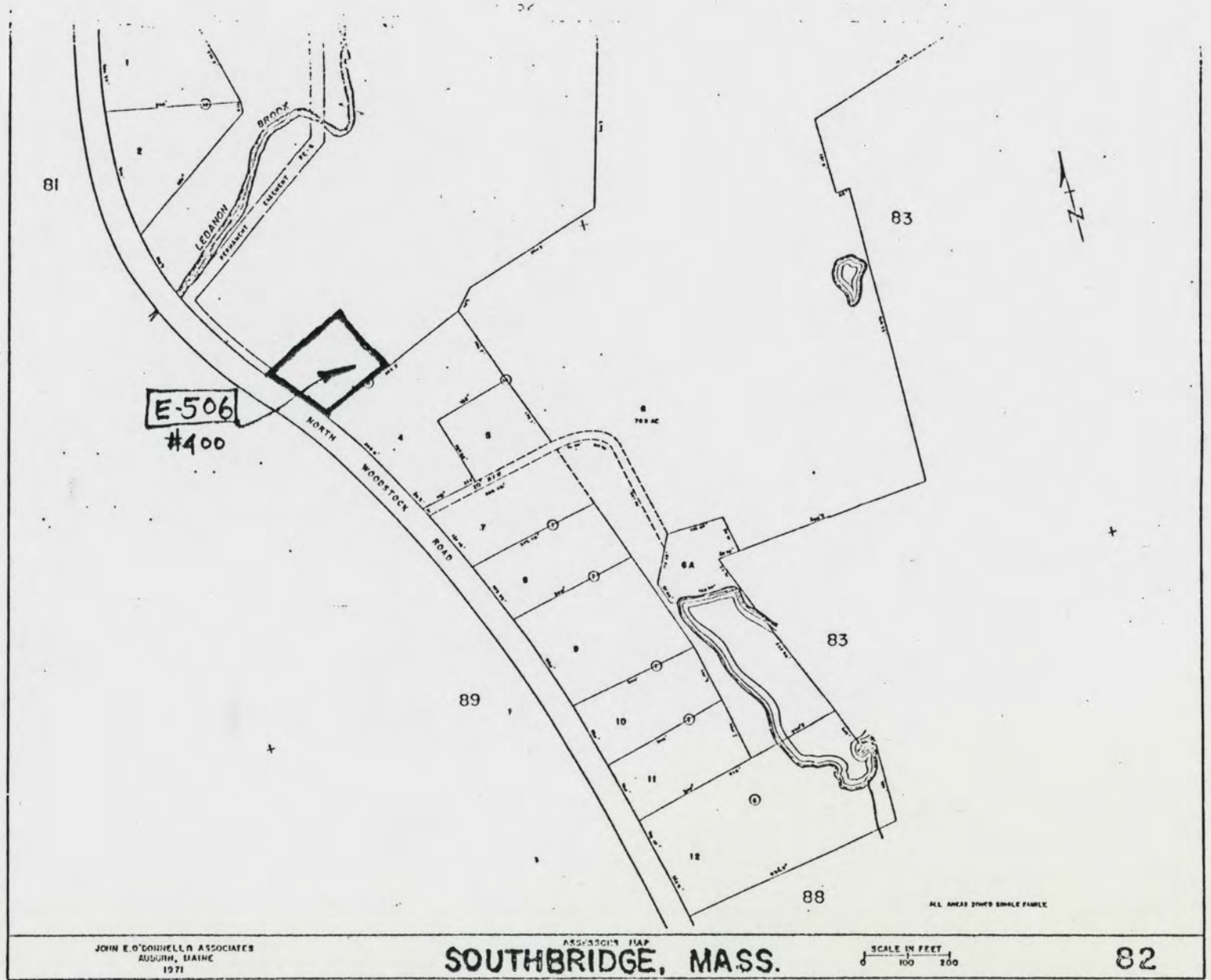
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Ceccacci, 1986

Southbridge Historical Commission  
Roll #4

400 North Woodstock Road

SOUTHRIDGE MASS  
M.A.A.



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JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES  
AUBURN, MAINE  
1971

ARGYRION'S PLAN  
SOUTHRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET  
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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