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SOUTHERIDGE MASS

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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
D	21

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 495 Main Street

Historic Name "Beechwood"

Use: Present offices

Original residence

DESCRIPTION

Date 1868

Source Amidown Scrapbook

Style Stick style

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings

barn/carnagehouse (C)

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage about one acre

Setting on large landscaped lot, on main thoroughfare near town center

UTM REFERENCE 18 / 745 000 / 4662 380

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by H. Walkowiak, S. Ceccacci
ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
mission

Date May 1986

"Beechwood" is significant for its association with the town's mid-~~19~~th century real estate development and its stylish and early Stick style design. 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 house is an early example of a Victorian style residence in Southbridge. Victorian characteristics seen here are the high pitched roof with a jerkinhead gable, bargeboard, polychrome roof slating and the asymmetrical treatment of the main facade. The paneled ornament around one set of ground floor facade windows is an unusual feature which may have an English Gothic derivation. A similar design and the same sort of window treatment, although altered, can be seen on a house of the same approximate period at 112 Hamilton Street. The "wrap-around" form of "Beechwood's" front porch is a typical feature of later Victorian houses. Here, however, it has the massiveness, design and proportions of the porches of Italianate houses of the 1850's and 1850's. Porches with a similar arched design motif can be seen on the nearby Italianate-Second Empire style J. J. Oakes House (form #D-440) or the house at 112 Hamilton Street and on the Italianate Chamberlain-Bourdeau House (form #A-134).

Today "Beechwood" is in an excellent state of preservation. Set in a spacious lawn, with large trees, the house still retains a strong 19th-century feeling about it.

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

"Beechwood" was one of the first houses to be built near the intersection of Main and South streets as that area began to develop into what by 1898 was to become an upper class residential area.

At the time of its construction, this end of South Street was still undeveloped. Built by Jedidiah Marcy as a wedding gift for his granddaughter, Mrs. A. J. Bartholomew, the house was considered one of the most beautiful estates in Worcester County. Wood was brought from nearby Marcy Woods to build the house.

Jedidiah Marcy was a descendant of the first settler of Southbridge, Moses Marcy. At the time of the construction of "Beechwood" the original 18th-century Marcy homestead stood across Main Street on the site of the present Notre Dame Church. The land on which "Beechwood" was built was apparently part of the original Marcy estate.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases
Assessor's Records, Town of Southbridge
Amidown Scrapbook
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Beechwood
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: 89000527

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 _____



Beechwood (D-21) 495 Main Street
Southbridge, MA MR4
Ceccacci, BB6
Southbridge Historical Commission
Roll #6

495 Main Street

D-21

#495

SOUTHBIDGE MASS
MAP



AND ASSOCIATES
AUGUST, 1971

SOUTHBIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET
0 100 200

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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