

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
MRAMASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
B	215

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 59-63 Crystal StreetHistoric Name n/aUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1899-1904Source mapsStyle Italianate/ Colonial RevivalArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings shed (NC)Major Alterations (with dates) porches added(after 1904 but early 20th c.?)Condition Good-fairMoved No Date n/aAcreage less than one acreSetting industrial/residentialUTM REFERENCE 18/745 875/4662 140USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn.SCALE 1:25,000Recorded by E. Woodford, S. CeccacciOrganization Southbridge Historical Com-
missionDate May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

59-63 Crystal Street is significant as an example of multi-family housing constructed during the rise to prominence of the American Optical Company and the growth of the town's eastern section late in the 19th century. 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 two-and-a-half story house is representative of some of the larger houses built in the neighborhood near American Optical around the turn of the century.

The gable front, side hall plan of the front section of the house was the most popular house plan in Southbridge and in Central Massachusetts all during the second half of the 19th-century. The porches and shingle trim in the facade gable are the major ornamental elements.

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

Larger houses such as this replaced some of the smaller cottages which had been built in this area during its initial period of development during the 1870's and 1880's. Around the turn of the century a number of existing houses on Crystal Street were enlarged and other new houses, some multifamily, were built here.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. High--School Streets Historic District
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____42. Hodgson, William, Two-Family House
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____43. House at 18 Walnut Street
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____44. House at 3 Dean Street
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National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____45. House at 34 Benefit Street
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National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____46. House at 59--63 Crystal Street
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National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____47. House at 64 Main Street
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Attest _____48. House at 70--72 Main Street
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National RegisterKeeper Helene Byers 6/22/89
Attest _____49. House at 91 Coombs Street
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Attest _____50. Judson--Litchfield House
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Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY House at 59--63 Crystal Street
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: 89000584

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

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



^{House #} 59-63 Crystal Street (B-215)

South bridge, MA ^{MRA}

Ceccacci, 1986

South bridge Historical Commission

Roll # 5

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS
MRA



59-63 Crystal Street

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294