

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
C	304

Town Southbridge

Address 79 Elm Street

Historic Name Samuel C. Hartwell House

Use: Present offices - Catholic Church

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca 1870-1878

Source visual analysis/maps

Style Queen Anne

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date na

Acreage less than one acre

Setting residential/commercial/civic area

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

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
mission

Date May 1986

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

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 270/4661 900
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn
SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Samuel G. Hartwell House is significant for its association with the town's mid-nineteenth century real estate development and its stylish brick Queen Anne design. It meets National Register criteria A and C at the local level and retains integrity of 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.

An early example of the Queen Anne style, this brick house is unusual for Southbridge not only for its very early date but also for its extremely high quality of construction. At a time when the vertical design of the Victorian Gothic style was just beginning to be popular in Southbridge, the emphasis of this house is distinctly horizontal in the manner of the very new Queen Anne style. Although it does not bear the typical shingled or slated upper story or the decorative terracotta panels commonly associated with the style, the asymmetrical heavy massing horizontal emphasis and picturesque roofline broken by turrets, gables and heavy chimneys is almost entirely Queen Anne in inspiration. The asymmetrical massing of the house with its two turrets gives it a picturesque silhouette. Decorative detailing includes contrasting stone coursing, glazed brick segmental arched panels above the windows, a projecting porch with stickwork ornament and a patterned polychrome slate roof. The heavy Queen Anne style chimneys with ornamental brickwork also make an important contribution to the overall massive appearance of the house. In its massiveness, masonry construction and imposing appearance, the Samuel

Hartwell House is similar to the Congregational Church and the Town Hall to its north. This similarity makes it a visually integral part of the civic focal point of the town.

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 on the site of an earlier house also occupied by Dr. Hartwell and his father before him. That house had been built in 1818 by Major Calvin Ammidown and deeded to the Congregational Church (form #C-303) as "The Ministerial House". It originally served as the parsonage and as the hall of worship until the meeting house was erected.

Dr. Samuel Cyrus Hartwell (1820-1885) was a prominent physician and an active citizen of Southbridge. His father was Dr. Samuel Hartwell, also a physician. His mother was Lydia Ammidown, the daughter of Calvin Ammidown and the sister of Ebenezer D. Ammidown. In 1844 the younger Dr. Hartwell married Ellen Maria Plimpton the daughter of Moses Plimpton and Edna Taylor

Hartwell began his study of medicine with his father and later went on to study at a medical college in Philadelphia, where he took his M.D. degree in 1839. Returning to Southbridge, he joined his father's practice. He spent one year in New York associated with an "eminent specialist, Dr. Green." After returning home permanently, he "built up an extensive and lucrative patronage, and came to be recognized by the profession as a most skillful and painstaking physician." During the Civil War as surgeon with the Union forces, he rose to the position of medical director of General Emery's division.

Dr. Hartwell was also involved in civic affairs. He served in various local offices and was for many years Town Moderator. He was also vital in the establishment of a public library for the town. In 1881 he was elected to the Massachusetts Senate.

(See Continuation Sheet)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

- . Biographical Review. Boston: Biographical Pub. Co., 1899, pp. 1076-77.
- . Southbridge. Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets, Vol. 1, #2, p. 16.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:	MRA	Form No:
	Southbridge	C-304
Property Name:	Samuel C. Hartwell House 79 Elm Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

The Hartwell House was built at a time of industrial growth and expansion in Southbridge which was causing houses to be built in Centre Village, some distance from the Main Street core. Large houses of the town's leading citizens were being built on Hamilton Street and west of the center along Main Street. This house joined the 1830's Tiffany-Leonard House (form #C-301) on Elm Street and the ca. 1870 Sylvester Dresser House (form #C-308) on Summer Street to make this section around the Town Hall and Congregational Church another elegant neighborhood. Set back from the street and surrounded by spacious lawns, these houses and buildings made an imposing appearance. When it was built and until after the turn of the century, the Hartwell house was the only house on the block between Park and Summer Streets. Its lawn met the large lawn of the Dresser House on Summer Street, creating an almost park-like setting for both houses.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

- | Nomination/Type of Review | Date/Signature |
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| 31. Gleason, James, Cottage
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 6/22/89
Attest _____ |
| 32. Globe Village Fire House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 6/22/89
Attest _____ |
| 33. Glover Street Historic District
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 6/22/89
Attest _____ |
| 34. Hamilton Mill Brick House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byrum</u> 6/22/89
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| 35. Hamilton Mill--West Street Factory Housing
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| 36. Hamilton Millwright--Agent's House
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| 37. Hamilton Woolen Company Historic District
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| 39. Hartwell, George H., House
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hartwell, Samuel C., House

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: 89000592

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
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps USGS maps photographs presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



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ALBANY, MAINE
1971

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

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