

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
E	502

Town SouthbridgeAddress 141-143-145 Ashland AvenueHistoric Name Ashland Mill TenementUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date 1855Source maps, atlasesStyle UtilitarianArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) doors on the rear ca. 1910-1920'sCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage one acre or lessSetting mixed industrial/suburban out-living areaRecorded 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 18/747 360/4661 140USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass. - Conn.SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Ashland Mill Tenement is significant as rare surviving housing of Southbridge's early mill development. 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.

Resting on a granite foundation this unassuming structure is astylistic in its plainness. It nevertheless bears cornice and window trim typical of the Federal period, suggesting a relatively early date of construction. The raised dormers, providing a full floor of living space on the second floor, are apparently original.

The only other intact early group of factory houses known to exist in Southbridge is Brick Square (ca. 1837) (form #A-149), associated with the Hamilton Woolen Mill in Globe Village. Unlike the Ashland Mill Tenement, the one-and-a-half story, two family, Greek Revival and Federal style brick houses of Brick Square have much greater architectural pretention. The earliest group of multifamily factory houses known to have been built in Southbridge was a row of Wooden tenements on Paige Hill Road. Built about 1815, they were associated with William Sumner's cotton mill (later known as Dresser Manufacturing Company). No documentation of the original appearance of those buildings has been found. It is, therefore, impossible to relate the design of the Ashland Mill Tenements to their only known earlier wood frame predecessor. The Ashland Mill tenement is significant as an early example of factory housing in Southbridge.

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

This workers' tenement is located in Sandersdale, a secondary industrial site in the eastern part of Southbridge where Lebanon Brook joins the Quinebaug River. A blacksmith shop was built here about 1815, followed by a saw mill in 1834. A cotton spinning mill, owned by Larkin Ammidown, began operation here in 1834. It operated under various owners until it burned in 1849. This structure appears to have been one of a row of three or more tenement houses built for operatives of that cotton mill. It seems to be the only remnant of that early industrial endeavor left standing today. When in 1874 Sanders Print Works began operation at this location, this building is believed also to have served as housing for its workers. Later known as Southbridge Printing Company, that factory functioned as a successful textile printer until the early 20th century.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

Cover

for Keeper Betsy J. Savage 6-22-89

1. Academic Brochu

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for Keeper Melrose Byers 6/22/89

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2. Allen, William E., House

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3. Alden--Delahanty Block

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4. Ammidown--Harding Farmhouse

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5. Ashland Mill Tenement

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6. Bacon--Morse Historic District

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8. Boyer, Alexis, House

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9. Building at 25--27 River Street

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10. Building at 29--31 River Street

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Ashland Mill Tenement
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: 89000545

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 _____



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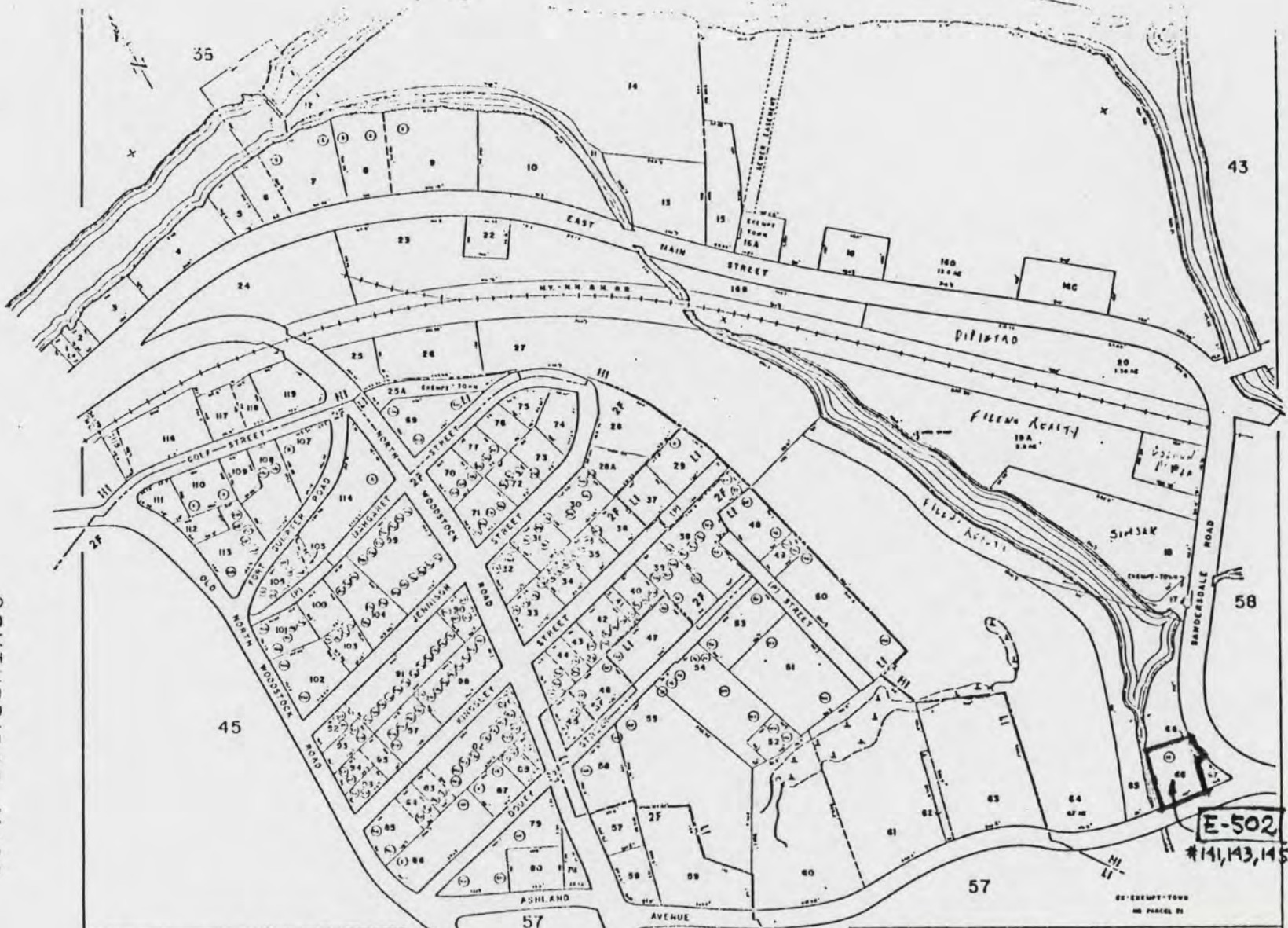
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SCALE IN FEET
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141-145 Ashland Avenue

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294