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FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

AREA	FORM NO.
B	243

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Southbridge

Address 93 Torrey Road

Historic Name Vinton-Boardman Farmhouse

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date rear: ca. 1760 , front ca. 1825

Source local history, visual analysis

Style Federal

Architect UNKNOWN

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboards

Outbuildings barn (C)

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage 3.25 acres

Setting Rural setting, set back from road
among stone fences and large trees.

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ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commis-
sion

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 / 747 380 / 4663 360

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, MA-CT

SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Vinton-Boardman House, is significant for its association with the settlement period of Southbridge's history, the subsequent persistence of its agricultural economy, and its Federal style ornament and form. 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 marked on the attached assessors map are those of current ownership and include the surviving contributing resources in a rural setting.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

This house is Southbridge's only well-preserved example of a two-story five bay, double pile, Federal style house with gable roof and end chimneys. The end chimney house plan, which was not unheard of but was much less popular than the central or double chimney plan during the Georgian period, became increasingly popular in the Federal period. In central Massachusetts the majority of end-chimney houses appear to have been built between about 1800 and 1830.

Resting on a granite foundation, this house still retains its original appearance and distinctive ornament. Still intact are its 12/12 sash, a dentil range in the eaves and a handsome entrance with 3/4 sidelights, a graceful fanlight and an arched doorframe ornamented with a groove and starburst pattern and a keystone at top. The ell at the rear may be the original house. However, further investigation is necessary to verify this possibility.

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

The front section of this house was built about 1825 by Deacon Joshua Vinton, who died in 1842. The rear ell is believed to be an earlier house built by the same family in the late-18th century. Southbridge maps for 1855 and 1878 show that the house was later owned by Charles W. Vinton, a son or grandson of Joshua Vinton. In 1898, it was the property of Mrs. C. R. Boardman.

This section of Southbridge was settled in 1738 by John Vinton who bought 930 acres from Samuel Morris of Woodstock. Numerous other Vinton farmhouses were scattered through this section of Southbridge by the mid-19th century. Across the road from the Vinton-Boardman house is the Vinton-Torrey Farmhouse, 1841 (see form B-244), the only other well-preserved farmhouse relating to this family of early settlers.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

Vital Records

Quinebaug Historical Leaflets, Vol. I, #3, p. 37

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

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71. Tapin, Eugene, House	Entered in the <u>National Register</u> Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Vinton--Boardman Farmhouse
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: 89000586

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 _____

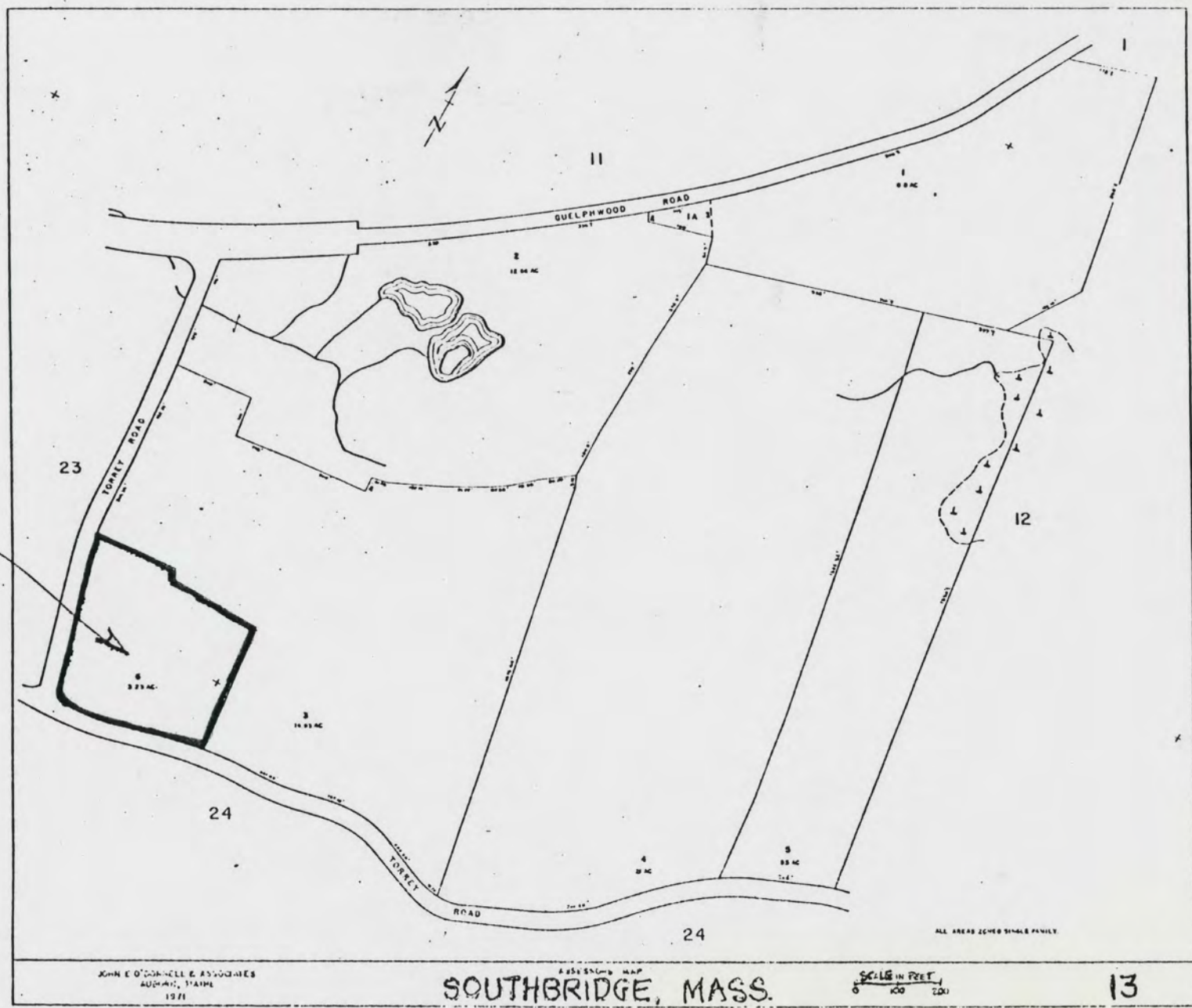
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Vinton Boardman Farmhouse, (B-243)
Southbridge, MA MRA
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Southbridge Historical Commission
Roll #6

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Vinton-Boardman House, Torrey Road

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294