

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

Coll. #1-24

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 18/744 609/4662 730
USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass: Conn.
SCALE 1:25,000

SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

MRA

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AREA

FORM NO.

A	134
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Town Southbridge

Address 718 Main Street

Historic Name Chamberlain-Bourdeau House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION

Date Ca 1855-1870

Source maps

Style Italianate

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings attached period barn (c)

Major Alterations (with dates) n/a

Condition Excellent

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage one acre or less

Setting residential area on a hilltop with other large 19th c. single family dwelling multifamily 19th c. dwellings nearby

Recorded by E. Woodford S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1986

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Chamberlain-Bourdeau House is significant for its association with the town's mid-19th century real estate development and its stylish Italianate 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.

The best preserved example of an Italianate residence in Southbridge; this two story, three bay house has been slightly altered. Characteristic of the style are the boxy shape of the main portion of the house, the overhanging bracketed eaves, corner quoins, projecting window caps and the substantial entry porch with arch motif. Also retaining much of its original setting, the house sits back from the street in a spacious lawn with large old trees.

During the same period, another large Italianate style house was built nearby on the opposite side of the street at the corner of Main and Sayles Street. It unfortunately has been altered by the application of synthetic siding.

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

A house belonging to Oliver Plimpton was shown occupying this site on the 1855 Southbridge map. Because of its orientation to the street and difference in plan, that house seems to have been an earlier dwelling.

A descendant of William Plimpton who was one of the earliest settlers (ca. 1732) of Globe Village, Oliver Plimpton was (at an unspecified date) superintendent of the cotton warp mill of the nearby Hamilton Woolen Company. A description of Plimpton's house in Davis' Sketch of Sturbridge and Southbridge indicates that an old dwelling was still standing on this site as late as 1856.

The present T-plan house, the property of Capt. John Chamberlain or Chamberlin, first appeared on the 1870 Worcester County Atlas. Chamberlain was listed in the 1875-6 Southbridge directory as an insurance agent. After Capt. Chamberlain's death in the late 1870's, Mrs. Chamberlain continued to live in the house until the late 1880's. By 1898 the house had become the property of Gilbert Bourdeau, a box maker. Bourdeau lived here until about 1920.

Before 1855, the Oliver Plimpton house was the only building on the north side of Main Street, west of the intersection of Main and South Streets. It is likely that a sizeable portion of this land, extending northward to Hamilton Street, belonged to the Plimpton house. Between 1855 and 1870 not only was the Chamberlain-Bourdeau House built but the Hamilton Mill Agent's House (form #A-135) next door to the west and several single and multifamily houses east of it on Main and Union Streets were built. At that same time factory housing for the Hamilton Mill was built nearby on Union, New (Oliver) and Cross Streets.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases, directories

Davis, Sketch of Sturbridge and Southbridge

Quinebaug Historical Society Leaflets, Vol. II, p. 122.

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

Section number _____ Page _____

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. Building at 38--42 Worcester Street
Entered in the
National Register | f Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89
Attest _____ |
| 12. Building at 52 Main Street
Entered in the
National Register | f Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89
Attest _____ |
| 13. Central Mills Historic District
Entered in the
National Register | f Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89
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| 14. Chamberlain--Bordeau House
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| 15. Chapin Block
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| 16. Cheney, Alpha M. House
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| 17. Cheney, J.M., Rental House
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| 18. Clarke--Glover Farmhouse
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| 19. Cliff Cottage
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National Register | f Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89
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| 20. Cole, E., Merritt, House
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Chamberlain--Bordeau House
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: 89000569

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

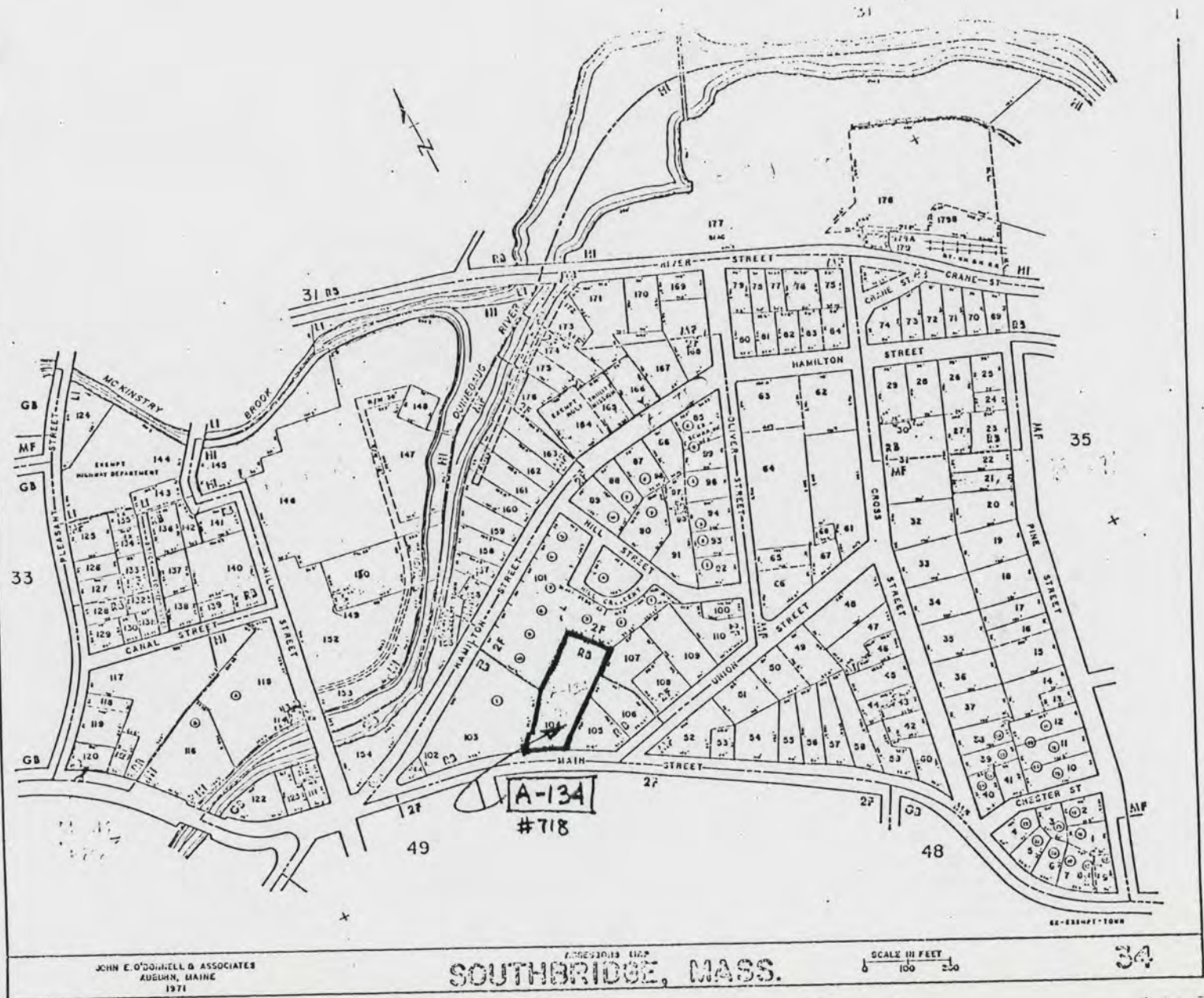
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Signed _____ Date _____



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Southbridge MA, ^{11/87}
Ceccacci, 1985
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718 Main Street

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

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