

FORM B - BUILDING

MAY 15 1989

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
B	213

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 52 Main StreetHistoric Name n/aUse: Present multi-family residentialOriginal multi-family residential

DESCRIPTION

Date Ca.1904-1925Source Sanborn mapsStyle Queen Anne & French-Canadian influenceArchitect UNKNOWNExterior Wall Fabric clapboardsOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition Good-fairMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than one acreSetting residential/commercial street,single and multifamily dwelling, mostlylate-19th ^{to} early-20th c.Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-

mission

Date May 1986UTM REFERENCE 18/745 900/4661 980USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-ConnSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

52 Main Street is significant as an example of the distinctive regional multi-family housing type known as the triple decker, ornamented in a distinctly French Canadian fashion, and constructed during 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 three and a half story multifamily dwelling has a gable roof and wrap-around porches on three floors does not follow a standard three decker pattern. Although the three deckers seen in Southbridge take a variety of forms, most typically have flat or low hipped roofs. The use of galleries on more than one side of the building and the use of outside stairs as seen here (both possibly French Canadian elements) are common to Southbridge three deckers.

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

The development of this section of Main Street with multifamily dwellings occurred during the first two decades of the 20th-century in response to the sustained success and prosperity of the nearby American Optical Company. During this period larger house lots were subdivided and developed. In the case of this lot, an earlier two story house was replaced with a much larger multifamily dwelling.

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

11. Building at 38--42 Worcester Street
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byer 6/22/89
Attest _____12. Building at 52 Main Street
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byer 6/22/89
Attest _____13. Central Mills Historic District
Entered in the
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Attest _____14. Chamberlain--Bordeau House
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byer 6/22/89
Attest _____15. Chapin Block
Entered in the
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Attest _____16. Cheney, Alpha M. House
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Attest _____17. Cheney, J.M., Rental House
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Attest _____18. Clarke--Glover Farmhouse
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Helene Byer 6/22/89
Attest _____19. Cliff Cottage
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Attest _____20. Cole, E., Merritt, House
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Building at 52 Main 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: 89000583

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 _____



TOWN & COUNTRY
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VACATION
JULY 19-28
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52 Main Street (B.213)

Southbridge, MA MRA

Accacci, 1986

Southbridge Historical Commission
Roll #6

SOUTHBIDGE MASS
MRA



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B-213
#52

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294