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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

MRA

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02116

AREA	FORM NO.
B	212

Town SouthbridgeAddress 64 Main StreetHistoric Name n/aUse: Present residentialOriginal residential

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1898-1904Source mapsStyle Queen Anne VernacularArchitect unknownExterior Wall Fabric clapboardOutbuildings noneMajor Alterations (with dates) noneCondition GoodMoved no Date n/aAcreage less than .25 Acres

Setting residential/commercial street,
mostly multifamily houses (late-19th to
early-20th c.)

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

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Organization Southbridge Historical Com-
missionDate 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 18/745 870/4661 970USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-ConnSCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

64 Main Street is significant for its association with the town's late-
19th century real estate development and its stylish 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.

The pattern book style of this house is seen elsewhere in Southbridge as well, (e.g., corner of Elm and Dresser Streets, 1878-1898). A vernacular expression of the Queen Anne style, it has elements characteristic of the style such as decorative shingles in the gables, diamond-patterned slate shingles and an ornate wrap-around porch. Colonial Revival elements such as the central door flanked by half sidelights and Classical window frames were also seen here. Of note is a fine stained glass panel in the upper portion of the ground floor window of the corner bay.

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

Throughout most of the 19th-century, this section of Main Street was part of a suburban estate district. With the growth of the town during the late-19th century, this section was gradually broken up into smaller lots with more houses built closer together. The vicinity of this end of Main Street to the ever more prosperous American Optical Company factory nearby caused the area to change character as the century drew to a close.

This house and the multi-family house next door to the west (form #B-211) both appear to have been built by American Optical president, George W. Wells, who lived just west of here on Main Street. During the second decade of the 20th-century, after Wells' death, other houses were built in this same area on Walnut and Maple Streets (form #B-210) to house American Optical Company employees.

It is not clear whether 64 Main Street was ever used as employee housing by the company. It is likely that it was, however, since numerous other houses built by persons with economic interests in the company were later apparently bought by the company for use as company housing. Its vicinity to other houses known to have served that same purpose also increases such likelihood.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

maps, atlases

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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Southbridge MRA
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
41. High--School Streets Historic District Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
42. Hodgson, William, Two-Family House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
43. House at 18 Walnut Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
44. House at 3 Dean Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
45. House at 34 Benefit Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
46. House at 59--63 Crystal Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
47. House at 64 Main Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
48. House at 70--72 Main Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
49. House at 91 Coombs Street Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____
50. Judson--Litchfield House Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Helene Byers</u> 6/22/89 Attest _____

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: House at 64 Main Street

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: 89000582

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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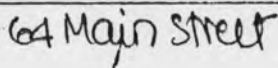
64 Main St., (B-212)

Southbridge, MA MRR

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

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