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SOUTHBRIDGE MASS

FORM B - BUILDING

MRA

AREA	FORM NO.
B	212

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 BOYLSTON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02116

Town Southbridge

Address 64 Main Street

Historic Name n/a

Use: Present residential

Original residential

Photo (3"x3" or 3"x5", black and white) Indicate address of property on back of photo. Staple to left side of form.

DESCRIPTION

Date ca. 1898-1904

Source maps

Style Queen Anne Vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior Wall Fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

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

Major Alterations (with dates) none

Condition Good

Moved no Date n/a

Acreage less than .25 Acres

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

UTM REFERENCE 18/745 870/4661 970

USGS QUADRANGLE Southbridge, Mass-Conn

SCALE 1:25,000

Recorded by E. Woodford, S. Ceccacci

ed. S. Ceccacci

Organization Southbridge Historical Com-  
mission

Date May 1986

## NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

64 Main Street is significant for its association with the town's late-<sup>19</sup>th 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

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Southbridge MRA  
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. High--School Streets Historic District  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

42. Hodgson, William, Two-Family House  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
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43. House at 18 Walnut Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

44. House at 3 Dean Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

45. House at 34 Benefit Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
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46. House at 59--63 Crystal Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

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47. House at 64 Main Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
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48. House at 70--72 Main Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
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49. House at 91 Coombs Street  
Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper *Helene Byers* 6/22/89  
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50. Judson--Litchfield House  
Entered in the  
National Register

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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

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CLASSIFICATION

count       resource type

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STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

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FUNCTION

historic       current

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DESCRIPTION

architectural classification  
 materials  
 descriptive text

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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

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage       verbal boundary description  
 UTMs       boundary justification

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ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

sketch maps     USGS maps     photographs     presentation

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Hayes

64 Main St., (B-212)

Southbridge, MA MRA

Ceccacci, 1986

Southbridge Historical Commission

Roll #6

SOUTHRIDGE MASS  
M.A.A



JOHN E. O'DONNELL & ASSOCIATES  
AUBURN, MAINE  
1971

# SOUTHRIDGE, MASS.

SCALE IN FEET  
0 100 200

PARCELS OMITTED  
10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19

64 Main Street

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000294