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Inventory No:	SBR.82
Historic Name:	Flagg, Elisha House
Common Name:	Simpson, Erastus B. - Harlow, George C. House
Address:	123 Middle Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	36-022
Year Constructed:	c 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Agricultural; Dairy; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Stone, Uncut



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FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

36-022

Marlboro

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



123 Middle Road

Name Elisha Flagg House

Present residential - single family

Original residential

Construction ca. 1850

maps and visual

Form Greek Revival

Architect/Builder unknown

Primary Material:

Foundation (not visible)

Wall/Trim wood clapboards

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Early 20th c. large Dutch Colonial barn (MHC #663) opposite house on east side of Middle Road. Flared ends, 2 shed dormers with 6/1 sash on concrete block, beveled boards, entrances on long side facing road, large shed roof addition on rear.

Major Alterations (with dates) wide sweeping wrap porch on 4" x 4" posts.

Condition fair

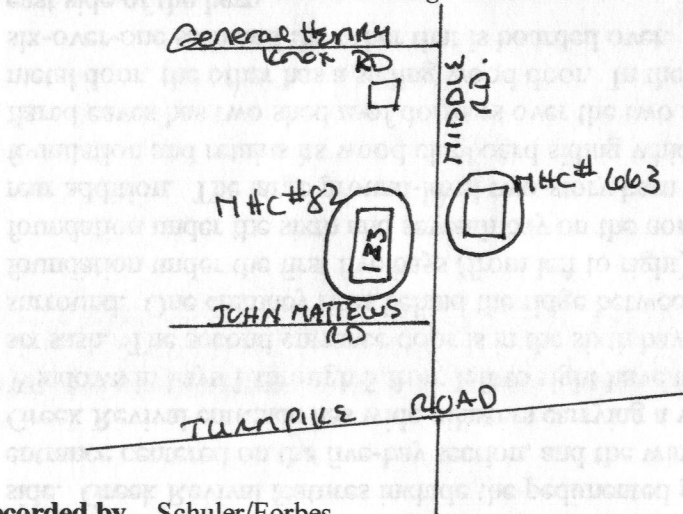
Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage .76 acres

Setting Near Route 9, Turnpike Road, and between two new subdivision roads, entrance to commercial florist just south of barn, tall pines, scattered plantings. New large dwellings under construction surrounding this rural setting.

Sketch Map

Draw a map showing the building's location in relation to the nearest cross streets and/or major natural features. Show all buildings between inventoried building and nearest intersection or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



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Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 3/00 JUL 03 2000

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BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

☐ see continuation sheet*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

This long side gable dwelling appears to be a five-bay house with two additional bays on the north end. The house is two bays deep and has a wide sweeping wrap porch across the long facade and wrapping to the south side. Greek Revival features include the pedimented gable ends with boxed cornice and full returns, the bold entrance centered on the five-bay section, and the window surrounds with a narrow crown molding piece. The Greek Revival entrance has wide pilasters carrying a wide entablature, half side lights, and a wide paneled door. Windows in bays 1 through 5 from left to right have two-over-two sash and those in bays 6 & 7 have six-over-six sash. The second entrance door is in the sixth bay and has a large square light and paneled door with a simple surround. One chimney rises behind the ridge between the 4th and 5th bays. It is not possible to see the foundation under the first five bays (from left to right) due to the wide concrete pad that has been added. The foundation under the sixth and seventh bay on the north end is stone and low to the ground. There is a two-story rear addition. The large ground-level two-story barn (MHC #663) across the street rests on a concrete foundation and retains its wood clapboard siding which is in disrepair. The side-gable, gambrel shaped roof with flared eaves has two shed roof dormers over the two side entrances. One has been converted to a tall overhead metal door, the other has a sliding wood door. In the gable end there are two second-story windows, one with six-over-one sash and the other that is boarded over. A wide one-story shed roof shed extends from the rear or east side of the barn.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

☒ see continuation sheet*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Middle Road, also known as the road to Southville in the mid to late 1800s, was sparsely populated with only this property between the village center and the old toll road (now Route 9) until the 1900s. The construction of Parkerville and Cordaville Roads led to this becoming known as Middle Road. According to Louise Simpson's 1904 paper titled "Old Houses in Southboro" this property first belonged to **Elijah Flagg** (b. 1810, m. Sarah Fales of Shrewsbury, 1836) who in 1850 was assessed for a 118-acre farm where he kept at least 10 cows, several pigs and raised oats, rye, Indian corn, hay, 150 pounds of "Irish" corn and produced 200 pounds of butter. Flagg's brother, Dana, owned a house around the corner on Turnpike Road that is no longer extant. According to Simpson, Warren Fay and Edwin Buck also owned this property before it was owned by **George C. Harlow** who in 1870 had a forty-two acre farm with house, barn, carriage house and the use of over twenty acres of other land. Besides the farm Harlow also was assessed for seven cows, a horse, yearling and one sheep. In the 1890s the property belonged to farmer, **Erastus B. Simpson** who had a thirty-nine acre farm with house, barn and woodhouse. The barn was located on the opposite side of the road according to the 1898 map. The existing large barn may have been rebuilt or moved onto the concrete block foundation in the early 1900s. Additional information is necessary to link Erastus Simpson with Willard and Louisa Simpson. Willard Simpson lived near the village on Middle Road and was a carpenter also known for raising pigs. Louisa Simpson, who wrote about old houses in Southborough also was assessed for the Middle Road property of Willard Simpson. Erastus B. Simpson does not appear in tax records nor directories after 1903. From the early 1900s the property was the Hutt family homestead until the 1960s. **Albert Edgar Hutt** (1865-1929), farmer, was assessed in 1909 for his Middle Road farm of 39 ½ acres with a modest house and barn. Also Hutt was assessed for the C.A. Hyde house, barn and storehouse and five acres of "Hyde" land. This referred to property that previously had been assessed to Ellen A. Hyde, however it is unknown where the property was because Cyrus A. Hyde's (1838-1910) farm on 231 Cordaville Road was larger than this description. Both Simpson and Hutt had only a few

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEETTown
SOUTHBOROUGHProperty Address
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (Continued)

cows each year, not sufficient to have a large dairy barn, so the existing Dutch Colonial barn probably was used for all farming needs on this property. In the 1920s this property was owned by both Albert E and his son, Walter A. Hutt. The younger Hutt was a mailman (letter carrier) and remained here into the 1960s. The property was a nearly 39 1/2-acre farm with a house, barn, garage, and storehouse. They also were assessed for additional land including W.W. Fay's 1 1/2 acres, 7 acres at White's Corner (Turnpike Road and Breakneck Hill Road), 16 acres of Bacon & Chamberlain land, 8 acres of Simpson, and the Baptist Church land. By 1936 Walter A. Hutt also had two service stations with two gas pumps each. They were known locally as the Twin Shells and were located around the corner on Turnpike Road, one on the east bound side and one on the west bound side. Two gas stations nearly opposite one another certainly was a precursor of days to come with a divided highway. By 1959 Hutt's his farm had been reduced to 32 acres with a house, two barns, garage, milk house, and hen house. He was married to Sadie Stivers Hutt who served as Town Librarian from 1914 prior to her marriage until 1966 - over half a century. For many years both Walter and Sadie Hutt and Walter's mother, lived here perhaps accounting for the two entrance doors in the main facade.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1870, 1881, 1894, 1897.

Atlases/Maps: 1857 (E. Flagg), 1870 (G.C. Harlow), 1898 (E.B. Simpson)

Directories: 1900, 1903, 1905.

Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

Simpson, Louisa. "Old Houses in Southboro", 1904. Southborough Historical Society files.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*



Barn



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123	Middle	Rd
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Southborough
Address 123 Middle Rd

Original & present dwelling
owner Sarah V. Hutt
public no
Style

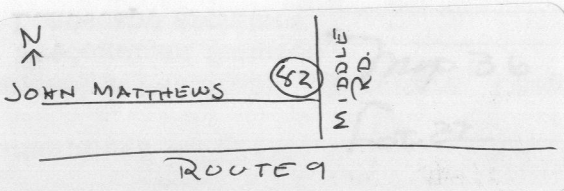
Literature Indians Source of date
Music Other
Development of town/city Architect
Architectural reason for inventorying: Pre 1870
OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Cement - earth floor
WALL COVER: Wood Clapboard Brick Stone Other
ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork
CHIMNEYS: ① 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate
STORIES: 1 ② 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed
PORCHES: ① 2 3 4 PORTICO Balcony
FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament
Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details:
Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied
Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings 6. Footage of structure from street
Property has feet frontage on street



Recorder
For
Photo # 3-2 Date 1/27/1

RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

SBR. 82

1. Outbuildings Barn, Garage - Hon House
2. Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/Informal
 Predominant features _____
 Landscape architect _____

3. Neighboring Structures

Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italian Villa Lombard Rom.
 Venetian Gothic Mansard Richardsonian Modern

Use: Residential Commercial Religious Conditions: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form)

Part of garage - portcocker from old Burnett
 Estate

* DESCRIPTION

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 - J. C. Harlow

1899 - E. B. Simpson

Others

Eliza Flegg, Warren Fay, Edwin Buck, Geo. Harlow

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____

Deed Information: Book Number 4644 Page 383, Waco, Co. Registry of Deeds