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Inventory No:	SBR.AF
Historic Name:	Woodland Road Area
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Agricultural; Dairy; Poultry Farm; Residential District
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	

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FORM A - AREA

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING

140 Woodland Road, 3/00.

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place *(neighborhood or village)*

Name of Area Woodland Road at Oregon Road

Present Use residential

Construction Dates of Period late 19th century to early 20th century

Overall Condition fair

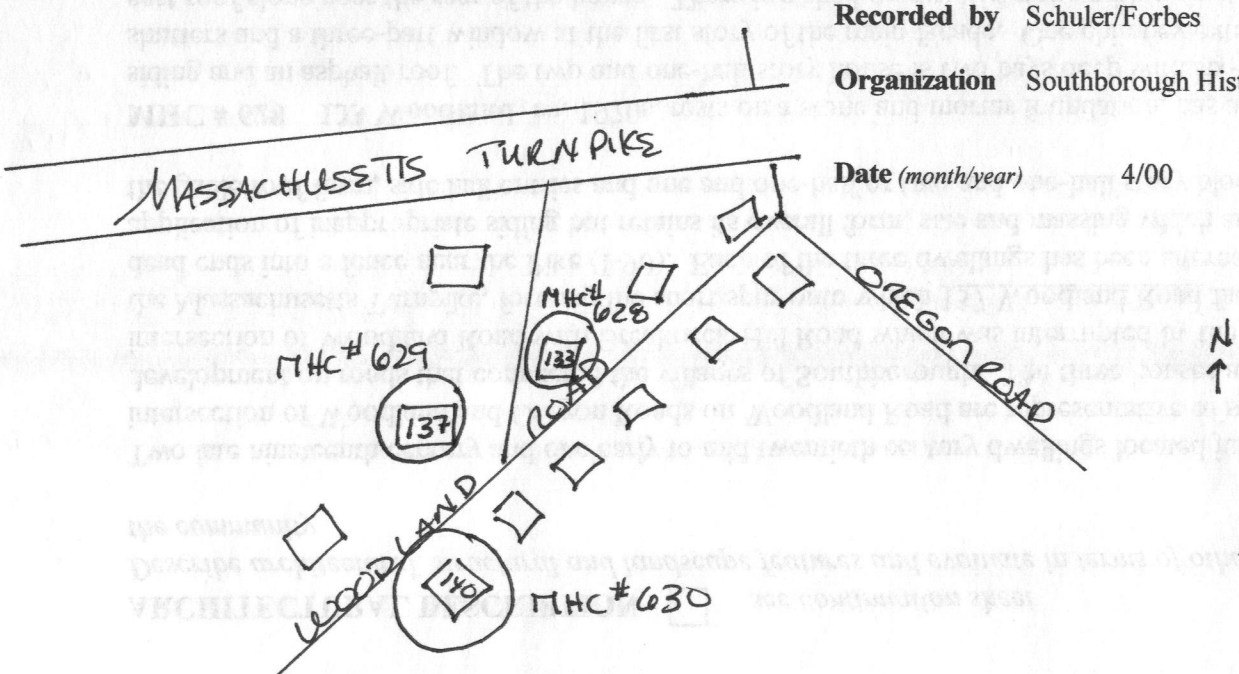
Major Intrusions and Alterations Massachusetts Turnpike just north of properties, vinyl siding, iron railings, concrete steps

Acreage approximately 3.2 acres

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date *(month/year)* 4/00



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AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*
Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community

Two late nineteenth century and one early to mid twentieth century dwellings located just south of the intersection of Woodland and Oregon Roads on Woodland Road are representative of small clusters of development on roads that connected the villages of Southborough. The three houses are the former intersection of Woodland Road with Breakneck Hill Road which was interrupted by the construction of the Massachusetts Turnpike, forming the short spur onto which 137 Woodland Road faces which now dead ends into a fence near the Pike (I-90). Each of the three dwellings has been altered with the application of inappropriate siding but retains its overall form, size and massing which are similar with the gable roof form, side hall entries and one and one-half or two and one-half story blocks.

MHC # 628 133 Woodland, ca. 1920s, rests on a stone and mortar foundation, has asbestos shingle siding and an asphalt roof. The two and one-half story house is two bays deep with six-over-six sash, shutters and a three-part window at the first story of the main facade. One chimney extends from the east roof slope near the rear of the house. There is a shed on dry laid stone with a single six-over-one window and a modern garage door. This building may be part of the late nineteenth century complex.

MHC #629 137 Woodland Road, ca. 1890s, rests on a stone foundation that has mortar and parging, has shingle siding and an asphalt roof. The two and one-half story house is three bays by four bays deep. Windows have six-over-one sash and narrow applied molding on the frame. Rafter ends are exposed and there is a flat verge board with pointed ends. There is a modest Colonial Revival open entrance porch at the sidehall entrance porch supported by round columns. On the south side there is an enclosed porch on mortared stone foundation. On the north side there is an enclosed entrance porch near the rear. Two rectangular stairhall windows with lattice muntins articulate part of the interior plan, namely the location of the stairs in relation to the entrance. The property has a large barn of molded cinder block with clapboards in the gable peak where there is a hay door with a diamond light cut into the vertical board door.

MHC #630 140 Woodland Road rests on a brick foundation with concrete under the side ell and porch. The ca. 1890s one and one-half story house has been covered with vinyl siding and windows also have been replaced with vinyl windows. This house displays a front gable form with a side gable ell. Hipped roof porches span the gable front and the side ell. The only remaining architectural details are the square columns with caps that support the full width porch of the main house and the boxed cornice and returns in the gable peak. The side ell has a full width screened porch with a solid balustrade, a wall dormer with two windows, and an exterior chimney on the south side.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town: SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address: WOODLAND ROAD

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this relates to the historical development of the community.

Not until after 1830 was Woodland Road a through route connecting Fayville with Cordaville. However Breakneck Hill Road extended north from Woodland Road to the Turnpike Road before 1830. Only the short spur with two properties remains of the southern end of Breakneck Road as a result of the construction of the Massachusetts Turnpike in 1956. The Town Poor Farm was in the area of the Follensby farm in the mid-nineteenth century. From the 1890s there were two houses on the west side of this southern end of Breakneck Hill Road and one on the east side of Woodland Road of which 137 and 140 Woodland Road remain. Each was owned by a Follensby in 1898 and it is likely that the land on which 133 Woodland Road was constructed in the 1900s was part of the Follensby farms. In 1894 Francis A. Follensby (ca. 1824-1899) had a forty-three acre farm with a house, barn and toolhouse. By 1897 Lyman Follensby (1857-1920) was assessed for the forty-three acre farm, a house, barn, toolhouse, cottagehouse and livestock including 4 horses, two swine, and thirteen cows. Throughout the early 1900s Lyman and Richard Follensby both were farmers living on Woodland Road and in all likelihood were father and son. In 1909 Lyman Follensby was 52 years old and Richard Follensby was 25 years of age. Based on the assessors records, Lyman was a dairy farmer with 14 cows and Richard was listed as a poultyman having 140 chickens. Additional research is necessary to determine when the dwelling at 133 Woodland Road was added. All other houses in the area are post 1950s.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1894, 1897, 1909.
Atlases/Maps: 1898 (F.A. Follensby, L. Follensby)
Directories: 1900, 1903, 1905.
Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

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

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AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #	Parcel #	Street Address	Historic Name	Date	Style
628	15-02	133 Woodland Rd. garage	unknown	ca. 1920s	gable front
629	15-01	137 Woodland Rd. barn	F.A. Follensby	ca. 1890s ca. 1900s	gable front
630	15-28	140 Woodland Rd.	L. Follensby	ca. 1890s	GR/gable

133 Woodland Rd. 3/00.

137 Woodland Rd. 3/00.