

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.204
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Hyde, Abraham House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	145 Middle Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	28-8
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1845
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asphalt Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Cut; Granite



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# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

28-8 Marlboro 204 664

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



Address 145 Middle Road  
Name Abraham Hyde House  
Present residential  
Original residential  
Construction 1830-1857  
Maps and visual  
Form Greek Revival/side gable  
Architect/Builder unknown  
Primary Material:  
Foundation granite block

## 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.

Wall/Trim asphalt shingles

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures barn (MHC # 664)  
on cinder block foundation across street with vertical panel sliding door and same butt asphalt shingle as house. Gable roof shed/hen house, shed roof shed on same lot.

Major Alterations (with dates) asphalt shingles, enclosed entrance porch, window alterations - mid 1900s.

Condition fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

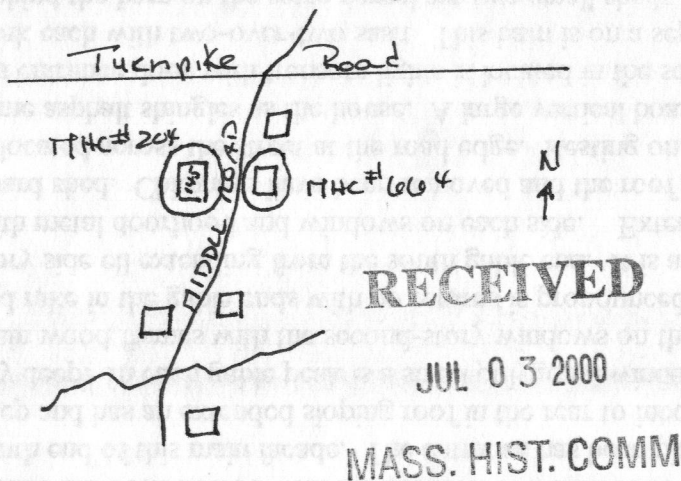
Acreage 1.55 acres

Setting Near Rt. 9 on large lot with tall stand of pines on north and west edges of lot. House on rise with good stone wall lining property at roadway. Evidence of old road running diagonally north west near northern property boundary. House and barn opposite both close to road

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 3/00



## 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 mid-nineteenth century dwelling sits high above the road with a low stonewall in front. The two-story dwelling that has been covered with asphalt shingles rests on a granite block foundation. The five-bay side gable facade has been altered with the addition of a shed roof enclosed entrance porch covering the three bays on the south end of this main facade. The entrance has been placed in the end of this porch. The dwelling is one bay deep and has an extended sloping roof in the rear to incorporate a full length rear addition that appears to be one bay deep. In each gable peak is a small polygonal window. Most windows have six-over-six sash and are set in plain wood frames with the second-story windows on the front butting up against the eave. The eave overhang and rake in the gable ends with no returns is pronounced. Probably the roof has been reworked. There is a one-story side ell extending from the south gable end. It is asymmetrical with a near centered secondary entrance with metal doorhood and windows on each side. Extending from the end of the side ell is a make-shift vertical board shed. Chimneys have been removed and the roof has two skylights. The side-gabled barn (MHC #664) is located across the street at the road edge. Resting on a concrete block foundation, the barn is covered in the same asphalt shingles as the house. A large vertical board sliding door is centered on the long side at the road. An entrance door with transom lights is located in the south gable end and there are two windows in this gable peak each with two-over-two sash. This barn is on a separate parcel - Map 28, Lot 4 which is 9.46 acres. Behind the barn on the same parcel are two small sheds which may be hen houses. One has a gable roof and small six-light window in the gable end, the other has a shed roof and is open on the side.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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*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.*

Located on a rural route connecting the Village of Southborough with Southville and a route which until the 1840s was one of the main north-south corridors, this property is consistent with early to mid-nineteenth century development. One of the smaller nineteenth century farms, this property belonged to Abraham Hyde and his descendants for over fifty years. **Abraham Hyde** (1811-1897) married Elener Parminter of Framingham in 1835. was assessed for real estate worth \$1200 in 1860. By 1870 assessor's records show Hyde owning a 19 1/4 acre farm with house, barn, horse, cows and one hog. It is interesting to note that his farm land was assessed for much more (19 acres worth \$1150) than wood land 3 acres worth \$75) or other types of isolated land (Fay land of 13 acres worth \$400). By 1897 Hyde's farm had been reduced to ten acres five rods and an additional three acres forty rods of woodland. From 1900 to 1918 the property was owned by **Angeline Eleanor Hyde** who apparently had a chicken farm with between 100 and 400 fowl. This may have been the Hydies' daughter Angeline who was born in 1840 or a granddaughter. By 1903 the farm had been reduced from the ten acres to eight acres 123 rods. By 1915 A.E. Hyde also was assessed for additional hen houses. The hen houses probably were located on the opposite side of the road near the barn. By 1921 the farm was owned by **Herbert A. Hyde** who had the same eight acres for which Angeline Hyde had been assessed with a house, barn, hen houses, and 340 fowl as well as eight acres of pasture land on Turnpike Road. In all likelihood he lived at this farm throughout the 1900s as he owned the eight acre pasture and a horse until also owning the rest of this farm. In 1909 Herbert A. Hyde was listed as a thirty-eight year old shoemaker. Although Fayville had been home to a thriving shoe industry in the late nineteenth century, most manufactories had been closed by the early 1900s. Few shoemakers remained in town in the 1900s.



# INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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

Town  
SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address  
145 MIDDLE ROAD  
Area(s) Form No.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessor's Reports: 1860, 1870, 1897, 1900, 1903, 1909, 1913, 1915, 1918, 1921.

Atlases/Maps: 1857 (A. Hyde), 1870 (A. Hyde), 1898 (A. Hyde)

Directories: 1900, 1903, 1905, 1913.

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





P.B. map 204

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Southborough

Address 145 Middle Road

Original & present dwelling

Owner Albert Phillips

Public

Style

Literature Indians  
Music Other  
Development of town/city  
Architectural reason for inventorying:

Source of date about 180 yrs old owner

Architect

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

#### 4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Partial basement of fieldstone

WALL COVER: Wood Brick Stone Other Asphalt siding

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard Saitbox  
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 Front PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front Side Ornament

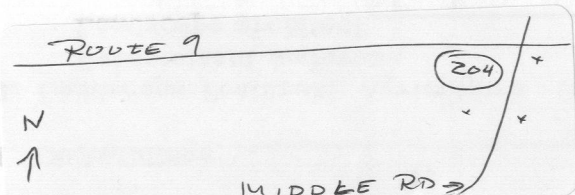
Entrance: Side Front Center/Side Details:

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 # 5-27 Date 1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE



RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

1. Outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_
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)

DESCRIPTION

1870 - a. Hyde

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 - a. Hyde

Following names: (see also reverse side)  
 Building has historical connection with the

Is this building historically significant to:

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deed Information: Book Number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Registry of Deeds