

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.301
Historic Name:	Cain, Robert L. House
Common Name:	Corbett, Edward House
Address:	16 Stowe Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	91-8
Year Constructed:	c 1905
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Agricultural; Poultry Farm; Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Brick



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Town Southborough

Place (neighborhood or village) _____

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Address 16 Stowe RoadHistoric Name Robert Cain HouseUses: Present dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. 1905Source Assessor's records; visual assessmentStyle/Form altered Queen AnneArchitect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation brickWall/Trim vinyl sidingRoof asphalt

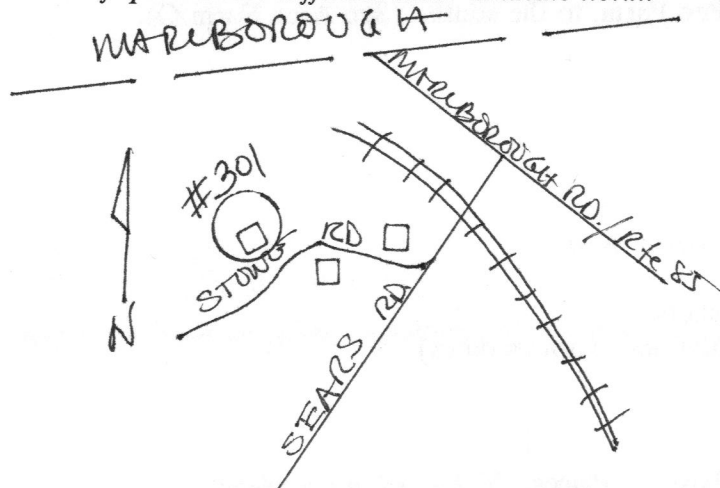
Outbuildings/Secondary Structures _____

small barn--mid-20th centuryMajor Alterations (with dates) North wing en-

larged with long addition; polygonal entry vestibule
added, some windows replaced--1990s.

Condition fairMoved [] no [] yes Date possiblyAcreage 3.57 acresSetting Faces east at bend of former country roadnow developed with late-20th-C. houses. Horsepaddocks to side and rear.

inventory forms have been completed. Label streets,
including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate
sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.

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BUILDING FORM

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Cain house, though considerably altered with a large 1990s north addition and polygonal entry vestibule at the northeast corner of the old house, still stands in contrast to its neighbors as the oldest house on Stowe Road, and the only one that pre-dates 1950. Characteristic of the way some older house forms continued through the beginning of the twentieth century, the building displays some lingering Queen Anne vernacular details. It is a two-story, three- by two-bay gable-front, sidehall-entry house with what appears to have been a two-story, cross-gabled wing on the north side, much shorter than the wing that is there now. While most of the building is vinyl-sided, a large area of patterned shingle still clads the upper part of the main gable. The main block retains a few large 2-over-2-sash windows, now with modern louvered shutters. The roof eaves are unboxed, and the gable is trimmed with a plain front verge board with a cut-out detail at the lower corners.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Explain 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.

For many years this was the only house on Stowe Road (at first called Stowe Street). The road was formerly part of Sears Road, but became a short separate street in about 1906, when a new, straighter section of Sears Road was built just to the east. The first known owner of the property was **Robert L. Cain**, whose profession is listed as a teamster in 1908-09. In 1909 Mr. Cain owned five acres here, had three horses, a cow and two young calves or heifers, and 125 chickens.

By 1924, the owners of the property were **Edward and Marion Corbett**. Mr. Corbett, who was fifty-six at the time, is listed as a gardener--possibly for Wolf Pen Farm, to the south. (See Area Form O).

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and Atlases: 1937 WPA maps.

The Marlborough Directory. Various dates and publishers.

Town of Southborough: Annual Reports and Tax Valuations, (various dates).

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