

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.151
<b>Historic Name:</b>	O'Brien House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	162 Southville Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Southville
<b>Local No:</b>	277-2-29
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1850
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	SBR.B: Southville
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood Foundation: Brick; Concrete Cinderblock



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# FORM B - BUILDING

Assessor's Number

USGS Quad

Area(s)

Form Number

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Boston, Massachusetts 02116

277/2/29

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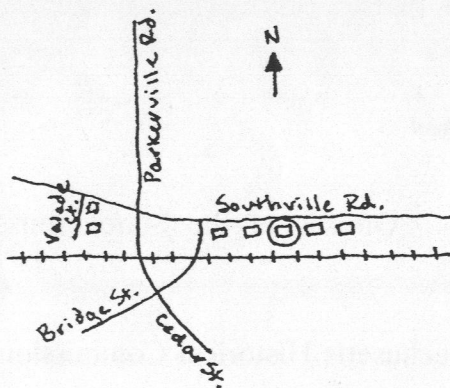
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or natural feature. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Circle and number the inventoried building. Indicate north.



Town Southborough

Place (neighborhood or village) Southville

Southville

Address 162 Southville Road

Historic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Uses: Present Residence

Original Residence

Date of Construction ca. 1850

Source Town Assessor's Office

Style/Form \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Asbestos shingle

Roof Asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures \_\_\_\_\_

Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Condition Poor

Moved ☐ no ☐ yes Date \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage 44 acres

Setting In a residential area,

north of the Boston-Worcester

Railroad \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded by Barbara Putnam and Rachel Smith

Organization Timelines, Inc.

Date (month/year) 1/95

## BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Rising two-and-a-half stories from a brick foundation, 162 Southville Road is a front-gable residence. The building is two bays deep; a shed-roof extension and an open porch with an aluminum roof lie to the north. A rear-gable extension has a concrete-block foundation and a wooden deck has been added to the south of this building. The building is wood frame with asbestos-shingle siding and the asphalt-shingle roof is a gable with an open rake and cornice. 162 Southville Road lies in a residential neighborhood and is typical of its surroundings.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

162 Southville Road was built during the Early Industrial Period (1830-1870), when Southborough's population increased as the Boston and Worcester Turnpike and the Boston-Worcester Railroad provided a means of transporting industries from Boston to more rural areas of Massachusetts. Agriculture remained a large portion of Southborough's economy, but industrial villages arose in Southville and Cordaville. These industrial centers were a factor in the construction of residential buildings along Southville Road to house the growing population in the town.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Bailey, O.H.

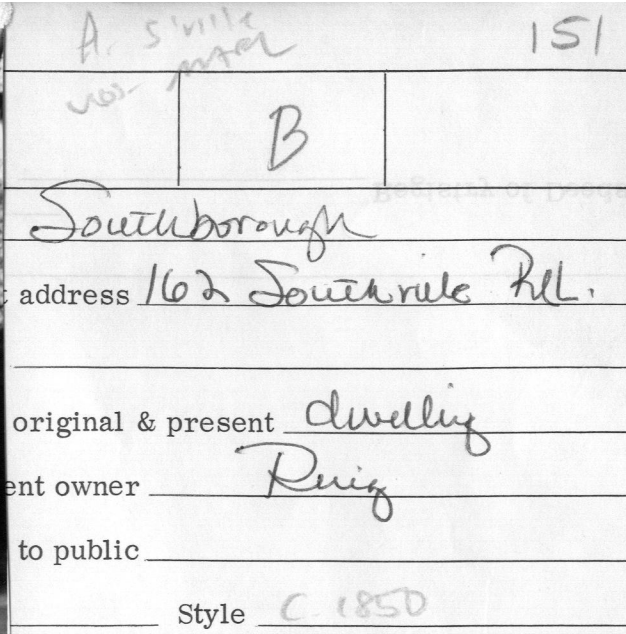
1887 Map of Southville and Cordaville, Massachusetts. On file at the State House: Special Collections.

Massachusetts Historical Commission

1983 *Reconnaissance Survey Report: Southborough*. Massachusetts Historical Commission, Boston.

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





Architect \_\_\_\_\_

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PARKERVILLE

SOUTHVILLE RD

(151)

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## 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)

PAVING: Circle and: (circle) (circle) (circle)

BOARDS: 1 3 3 4

STONES: 1 3 3 4

CHIMNEYS: 1 3 3 4

ROOF: Circle and: (circle) (circle) (circle)

WALL COLO: Wood

FOUNDATION/BASMENT: High regular low

## 4. DESCRIPTION

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Mould (circle) (circle) (circle)

## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

1870 Atlas - no name

1898 O'Brien

also

Walker

following themes: (see also reverse side)

Building has historical connection with the

## RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

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