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Inventory No: SBR.151

Historic Name: O'Brien House

Common Name:

Address: 162 Southville Rd

City/Town: Southborough

Village/Neighborhood: Southville
Local No: 277-2-29

Architect(s):

Year Constructed:

Architectural Style(s): No style

Use(s): Single Family Dwelling House

c 1850

Significance: Architecture

Area(s): SBR.B: Southville

Designation(s):

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Building Materials(s): Wall: Asbestos Shingle; Wood

Foundation: Brick; Concrete Cinderblock

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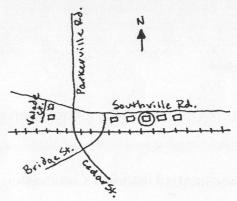
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Date (month/year) 1/95

Town_Southborough				
Place (neighborhood or village)				
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_Ashestos shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures_____

Roof_Asphalt_shingle

Major Alterations (with dates)_____

Condition_Poor

Moved □ no □ yes Date_____

Acreage .44 acres

Setting In a residential area,

north of the Boston-Worcester

Railroad.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

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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

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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.

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□ 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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