

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.333
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Baldelli, Eugene House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	175 Cordaville Rd
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	20-09
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1916
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Mitchell, Henry
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Nursery; 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: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified; Concrete Cinderblock; Stone, Uncut



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# FORM B – BUILDING

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

20-09

Marlboro

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Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)



Address 175 Cordaville Road

Owner Name Eugene and Fermini Baldelli

Present residential

Original residential

Year of Construction 1916-1920

Mr. Baldelli - son of first owner

Form no style

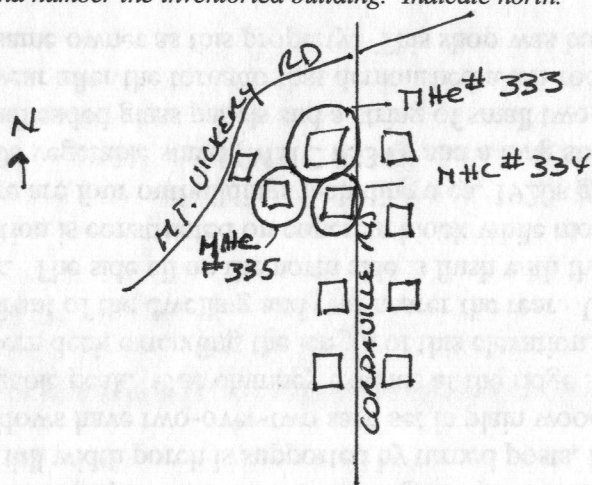
Architect/Builder Henry Mitchell=builder

Primary Material:

Foundation parged stone/concrete 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 wood shingles

Roof asphalt

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures ca. 1920s produce stand, ca. 1920s one-car garage, ca. 1920s sunken greenhouse, 1954 shed/shop

Major Alterations (with dates) deck - late 1900s

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date n/a

Acreage .66 acre

Setting - Main north-south route connecting Cordaville and Southborough Center. Near Mt. Vickery Road which runs behind property, near small commercial area and opposite 1960s capes - wooded area and ledge behind. Lot slopes down to Mt. Vickery Road in rear.

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Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 2/00

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**BUILDING FORM****ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**☐ see continuation sheet*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The three-bay, two-story gable front dwelling consists of a main ca. 1916 block, a side shed roof ell with a steep sloping roof, and a one-story rear ell. There is a second-story overhang on the two side elevations. The main facade displays two windows in the gable peak and two at the first story level next to a side-hall entrance door. The full width porch is supported by turned posts, has a plain balustrade and lattice foundation screening. Windows have two-over-two sash set in plain wood frames. Other trim is limited to the wide rake and returns in the gable peak. One chimney extends at the ridge near the middle of the roof line. On the south side there is a modern deck extending the length of this elevation. At the second story level there are three windows; one near the front of the dwelling and two nearer the rear. Under these latter two are paired sash and a modern entrance door. The side ell on the north side is flush with the facade wall and has a single first story window. This addition is constructed on concrete block while most of the house is supported by a parged stone foundation. There are four outbuildings including a ca. 1920s garage, late 1920s in-ground greenhouse (MHC #335), a late 1920s vegetable stand (MHC #334), and a long shop-like building with an Italianate door having two vertical roundheaded glass panels and a string of small two-light windows. This last building was constructed in 1954, the year after the tornado that demolished a ten-room house on the east side of Cordaville Road that belonged to the same owner as this property. This shop was built from lumber salvaged from the house.

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**☐ see continuation sheet*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.*

From the mid-1800s there were scattered farmsteads along Cordaville Road, the major north-south corridor through Southborough connecting the village of Southborough with Cordaville and Southville. In the early 1900s some infill included smaller farmhouses such as this property. This house was constructed by Henry Mitchell of Fayville, house builder, for Eugene Baldelli and his young family. Mr. Baldelli, who came to the United States from Italy at the age of 16 and lived in Hudson working on the Clinton Dam, moved to Southborough and worked at Charles Kidder's estate on Main Street for twenty-five years. He also was an avid gardener on his property and constructed the greenhouse that is built into the hill by 1924. The garage appears in Assessors Reports by this date as well. Baldelli's son remembers that the vegetable stand from which he sold plants was built by the late 1920s. In the later years Baldelli raised flowers and herbs in two other greenhouses that are no longer extant. Descendants of the first owner still own the property and live in this house. Baldelli also owned a large ten room house opposite this dwelling which was demolished in the 1953 tornado. Salvage from that was used to construct the shed at the rear of the property.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES**☐ see continuation sheet

Assessors Reports: 1921, 1924, 1936

Directories: 1917

Oral History: Mr. Baldelli, son of original owner

Mr. Maguire, great grandson of original owner

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





Produce stand (SBR.334)



In-Ground Greenhouse (SBR.335).