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Inventory No:	SBR.AA
Historic Name:	White Bagley Road - North
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Residential District
Significance:	Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	

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Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place *(neighborhood or village)*

Name of Area White Bagley Road - North

Present Use residential

Construction Dates of Period late 19th century

Overall Condition fair

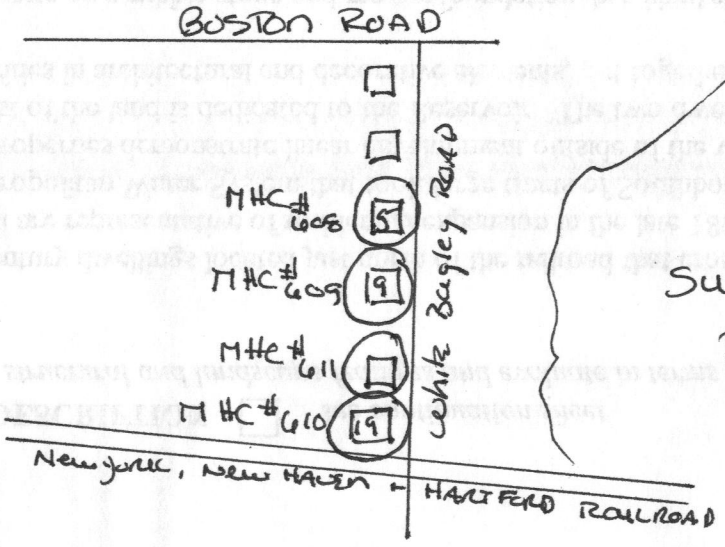
Major Intrusions and Alterations asbestos and vinyl siding

Acreage approximately one acre

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date *(month/year)* 4/00



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AREA FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community

Three late nineteenth century dwellings located just north of the railroad that crosses White Bagley Road vary in architectural style and are representative of residential expansion in the late 1800s particularly after the construction of the Metropolitan Water System that took large tracts of Southborough land in its eastern quadrant. These three properties demonstrate linear development outside of the village. On the east side of White Bagley Road most of the land is dedicated to the Reservoir. The two dwellings at 5 and 9 White Bagley Road have many similarities in architectural and decorative elements, put together in different massing and form.

5 White Bagley Road rests on a rubble stone and mortar foundation, has vinyl siding and an asphalt roof. The ca. 1895 house is a Four Square that is two bays wide and two deep with a full width screened porch across the main facade and a one-story rear ell. Defining features are the rubble foundation, the wide eave overhang, the hipped dormer on the front and back roof slopes, the hipped rectangular projecting bay on the south side, the heavy turned posts, cut brackets, plain balustrade and lattice foundation screening of the porch, the side hall entrance with long oval light in the oak paneled door, and a square stairhall window with small square lights surrounding the center large square light on the north side. Windows have one-over-one sash. There is a chimney at the peak. A one-car hipped roof garage is next to the house.

9 White Bagley Road rests on a rubble stone foundation, has vinyl siding and an asphalt roof. The ca. 1895 Queen Anne/Colonial Revival Style house is a three-bay gable front sidehall entry form. The house is two bays deep and has a two-story rear ell and a screened porch on the rear ell. Defining features are the wrap porch with turned posts, cut brackets similar to those at 5 White Bagley Road, the sidehall entry, a large rectangular stairhall window with large light with small square stained glass lights surrounding on the north side, and two-over-two sash. There is a chimney just below the ridge on the south roof slope. A large boxy gable end addition rests on the roof of the porch near the rear of the south side. The gable front peak has a boxed cornice and returns and window frames are plain wood not covered by the siding. There is a wide gable front garage and workshop at the rear of the lot.

19 White Bagley Road rests on a stone parged foundation with a wide concrete aggregate pad, has asbestos shingled siding and an asphalt shingled roof. This narrow gable front building is located below the grade of the road and close to the railroad tracks on the dwellings south side. The house is three bays deep and has a single story rear ell with entrance and bay. The main facade has an entrance door with a ca. 1950s neo-colonial door surround of fluted pilasters and dentil trim. The windows have six-over-one sash and there is one chimney centered on the ridge. Adjacent to this ca. 1900 house, which may have started as an outbuilding, is a 1949 concrete aggregate block building (**MHC #611**) with two-over-two metal windows of which the lower sash is frosted glass. The building has a wide gable front facing the street with a swirled design on the larger blocks and the raised pointing painted red. The gable peak has wood vertical boards.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET Town: SOUTHBOROUGH Property Address: WHITE BAGLEY ROAD - NORTH

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s): AA Form No.: 608-611

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Explain historical development of the area. Discuss how this relates to the historical development of the community.

Although White Bagley Road had been laid out and used in the early 1800s, no dwellings remain from the earlier periods of development. The railroad crossed White Bagley Road just south of Boston and Main Street in the 1850s and in 1897 the Sudbury Reservoir covered much of the land adjacent to White Bagley Road. The north-south Street Railway line ran in front of these properties along White Bagley Road from White's Corner at Turnpike Road north to Marlborough from 1903. No buildings north of the railroad and west of the road are shown on the 1870 map. The two houses at 5 and 9 White Bagley Road were constructed by 1897. Architecturally they are consistent with turn of the century modest development. James McCarthy, a laborer who lived in the Four Square house at **5 White Bagley Road**, was assessed in 1897 for a house and house lot of 43 rods. By 1909, at the age of 44 years, he had a house, barn, and shed on three acres and 43 rods of land. The house remained in the McCarthy family throughout most of the twentieth century. In the 1920s it was the home of Michael McCarthy who was a carpenter. The first known owner of the gable front house at 9 White Bagley was Michael Lavelle, whose heirs were assessed for his house and barn on one acre, 80 rods. In the early 1900s John Lavelle, who was employed at the Deerfoot Company, the milk distribution plant on Newton Street, lived here. He was the son of Michael Lavelle. The history of the plain building at the railroad tracks is unknown except that Dennis Bagley lived here with his family in the early 1900s. Local tradition states that a religious sect called the Holy Rollers, built the concrete block building in 1949 (cornerstone) and called it Faith Chapel.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1894, 1897, 1909.
Atlases/Maps: 1898 (M.Lavelle Heirs, J. McCarthy)
Directories: 1900, 1903, 1905, 1913.
Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

☐ 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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AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #	Parcel #	Street Address	Historic Name	Date	Style
608	55-78	5 White Bagley Rd. garage	J. McCarthy	ca. 1895	Four Square
609	55-77	9 White Bagley Rd. garage	M. Lavelle Heirs	ca. 1895	gable front
610	46-05	19 White Bagley Rd.	unnknown	ca. 1900s	gable front
611		concrete bldg.	Faith Chapel	1949	no style

Demolished

5 White Bagley Road. 3/00.

19 White Bagley Rd. 3/00.