

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.252
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	Dix, Dorothy House
Address:	2 Meadow Ln 140 Boston Rd
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	Fayville
Local No:	47-2
Year Constructed:	c 1885
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Queen Anne
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Vinyl Siding; Wood; Glass Foundation: Stone, Uncut



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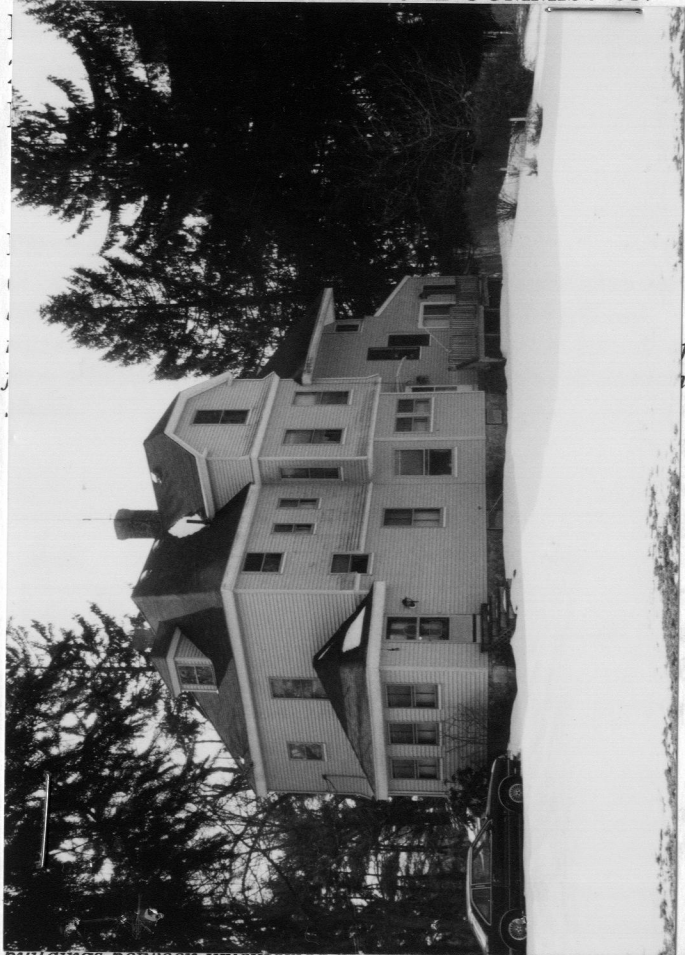
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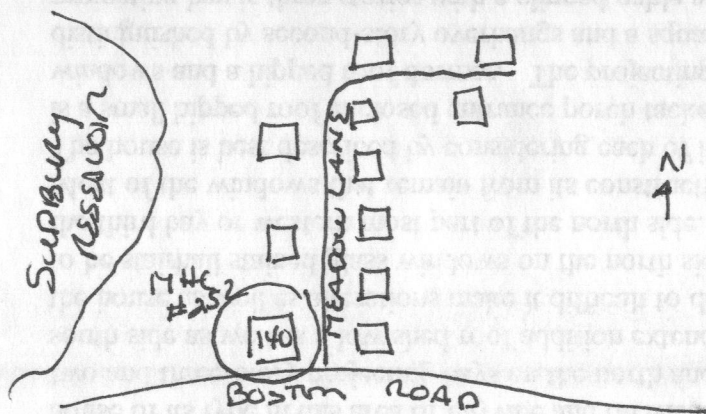
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FORM B – BUILDING

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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.



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

47-2

Marlboro

252

Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 140 Boston Road

2 MEADOW LN

Historic Name unknown

Uses: Present residential

Original residential

Date of Construction ca. 1885 / ca. 1900

Source visual / former MHC survey information

Style/Form Queen Anne/alterd

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation rubble stone

Wall/Trim vinyl siding

Roof asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures three-car garage.

Open gazebo supported by four stone and mortar posts with tall hipped roof and plank floor.

Major Alterations (with dates) Shed roof addition with sliding doors on west side, enclosed porch, vinyl siding - late 20th c.

Condition fair (siding)

Moved ☐ no ☒ yes Date ca. 1898

Acreage approximately one acre

Setting Dead end road high off main route - Boston St. which is Rt. 30 - overlooking Boston St. shielded by tall pines, among mid 20th c. modest capes and ranch style houses.

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date (month / year) 5/00

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Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

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

High above Boston Street with the driveway off of Meadow Lane, this large two-story Queen Anne house that rests on a rubblestone foundation has been altered substantially by the application of blue vinyl siding, the loss of all trim and various fenestration changes. The house has deep setbacks that set it off prominently as the only house of its type in this area of Fayville and on Meadow Lane. The form is a hipped roof rectangular block with two and three-story projecting bays on the north and south sides and a three-story slightly projecting bay on the south side as well as a low shed roof addition extending from the west end of the house. Reported relocation of the house as well as alterations make it difficult to determine which is the main facade, however, there do appear to be stairhall stained glass windows on the north side and remnants of a hedge lined path leading to the door in the third bay or western most part of the north side. Most of the house has a slight second-story overhang. Most of the windows that remain from its construction and/or turn of the century move have two-over-two sash. The house is best described by considering each of its three bays starting from the Meadow Lane end where there is a small hipped roof enclosed entrance porch tacked onto the east end of the house, two irregular second-story windows and a hipped roof dormer. The projecting bays on the north and south sides are centered and distinguished by second-story overhangs and a squared bay over a polygonal bay. On the north side the projecting bay is three stories with a clipped gable and on the south side it is two stories with a hipped roof. The main entrance appears to have been altered and has two long windows with leaded lattice lights and stained glass lights next to the door. The roof has one small hipped roof dormer on the east slope. There are two tall chimneys; one in the first section on the north side and the other nearly centered on the ridge.

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.*

While the address for this property is Boston Road it is accessed by Meadow Lane, which was laid out in 1898 over land owned by Oren P. Walker of Marlborough and Charles F. Choate, Jr. of Southborough and was accepted by the town in 1899. At first Meadow Lane looped to have two road cuts onto Boston Road (Rt. 30). However, in 1909 that part that was east of the present street was discontinued from Boston Road at the house of Silas G. Allen (no longer extant) traveling north and then west to the house of **Frank Goodfellow, 22 Meadow Lane**. Past survey efforts state that this house was moved at the time of the development of the Sudbury Reservoir. However, it does not appear on the 1897 map, nor is there information about a former location. The house historically has been referred to as the Dorothy Dix House although this survey found no evidence to substantiate this information. Dorothy Dix is reported to have been a writer for the Globe and possibly used this as a retreat. Additional research is necessary to learn this property's past history.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES☐ see continuation sheet

Assessors Reports: 1906.

Directories: 1900, 1903.

Noble, Richard. Fences of Stone, 1990.

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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.*



P1-FAY
1962

252



Southborough		
Street address Meadow Lane		
Name "Dorothy Dix House" ✓		
Type: original & present dwelling		
Present owner		
Open to public		
Date Style		
Source of date		
Architect		

Architectural reason for inventorying.

OR part of Area #

3. CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered Added

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Stone

WALL COVER: Wood Clapboard Brick Stone Other

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End Interior Irregular Cluster Elaborate

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 PORTICO Balcony

FACADE: Gable end: Front/side Ornament

Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side Details:

Windows: Spacing: Regular Irregular Identical/Varied

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

5. Indicate location of building in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings

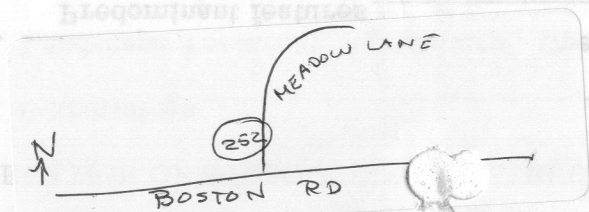
6. Footage of structure from street
Property has feet frontage on street

Recorder

For

Photo # 6-32 Date 1971

SEE REVERSE SIDE



RELATION OF SURROUNDING STRUCTURE

SBR.252

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)

Moved here from reservoir

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND/OR REFERENCE

Author	Title	Source of date
Geography	History/philosophy	Date
Government	Industry/communication	Open to public
Education	Science/invention	Present owner
Art/contemporary	Commerce/industry	
Architecture		
Science		

following premises: (see also related site)

Building has historical connection with the

RESTRICTIONS

Original Owner: _____
 Deed Information: Book Number _____ Page _____, Registry of Deeds