

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.323
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Hefferan, Patrick House
<b>Common Name:</b>	Saint Mark's School Employee's Housing
<b>Address:</b>	49 School St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	Southborough
<b>Local No:</b>	65-8
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	r 1865
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Single Family Dwelling House; Workers Housing
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	SBR.U: Saint Mark's School Complex
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood Foundation: Granite; Stone, Cut



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Town Southborough

Place (neighborhood or village) \_\_\_\_\_

Southborough center49 (47) School StreetName Patrick Hefferan HousePresent dwellingOriginal dwellingConstruction ca. 1860smaps; tax records; visual assessmentForm cross-gabled vernacular cottageBuilder unknown

Material:

Foundation graniteWall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphalt

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

altered small barn/shed--late-19th C.Major Alterations (with dates) cross-gabled1 1/2-story NW ell--mid-20th C.Condition goodMoved [x] no [ ] yes Date N/AAcreage less than one acreSetting Opposite main St. Mark's School cam-pus, in line of mixed late-19th and 20th-centuryhouses.

Draw a map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets, including route numbers, if any. Attach a separate sheet if space is not sufficient here. Indicate north.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

The Hefferan cottage is a small 1 1/2-story, cross-gabled house with a gable-front, two-bay, sidehall-entry facade sheltered by a later hip-roofed porch that wraps around the south side of the building to connect with a short one- by one-bay cross-gabled south wing. A small shed-roofed bay projects to the rear just behind the wing. A deep one- by two-bay cross-gabled 1 1/2-story ell on the north side of the house may date entirely to the mid- or late twentieth century. That section has two recent 1-over-1-sash windows on its north elevation, and a modern polygonal oriel bay window on the facade.

Most of the rest of the windows in the house are replacement 1/1s with vinyl or aluminum shutters, nailed to the wall. There is a louvered opening placed high in the front gable, and a small square stair window toward the front of the south elevation of the main section. The main side-hall entry has a square-light- and panel door, with a flat, unadorned surround. A second entry in the west face of the south wing has the same type of door. The porch, probably added about 1900, stands on turned posts, and has a square-doweled balustrade.

Just southeast of the house is a small, altered side-gabled former barn or shed, which is now fitted with a modern overhead garage door and a steel-and-glass walk-in door on the facade.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Explain 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.*

Although its property has been much reduced, and it was owned for many decades by St. Mark's School, this little house is one of the better surviving examples at Southborough center of a small nineteenth-century farmhouse on part of its original agricultural property.

Probably built just after the Civil War, it was the property of **Patrick Hefferan** (Heffron), apparently one of the town's many Irish immigrants who were able to establish their own farms in the third quarter of the century. In 1870 his farm was seven acres, and he owned one cow, but had no outbuildings. Mr. Hefferan died by 1886, by which time a barn was standing, but the farm had been reduced to a lot of 1.5 acres, and was owned by his heirs.

In the mid-1890s the property was acquired by **St. Mark's School**. Probably used as the residence of a gardener or other St. Mark's employee, the house was one of four or five which remained in the possession of the school through the 1930s or '40s.

For the later history of this property, please see Area Form #U, **St. Mark's School**.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Maps and atlases: 1870 (P. Hefferan); 1898: (St. Mark's School).

Town of Southborough: Assessor's records and Tax Valuations (various dates).

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