

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	SBR.302
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Hildreth, Charles C. House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	5 Clifford St
<b>City/Town:</b>	Southborough
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	34-28
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1897
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Hildreth, Charles C.
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Victorian Eclectic
<b>Use(s):</b>	Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood



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## FORM B - BUILDING

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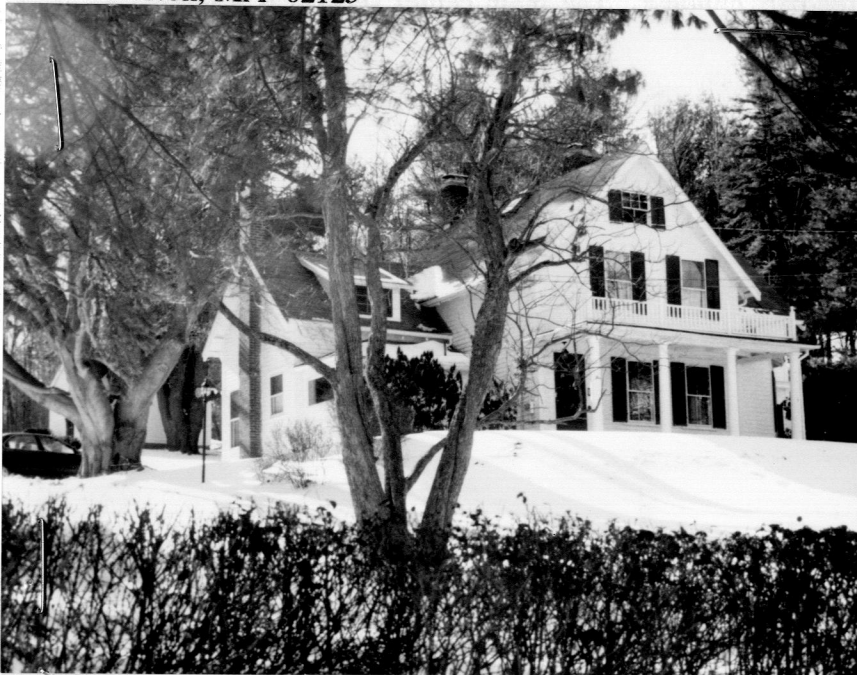
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Place (neighborhood or village) \_\_\_\_\_

Address 5 Clifford StreetHistoric Name Charles Hildreth HouseUses: Present dwellingOriginal dwellingDate of Construction ca. 1897Source visual assessment; mapsStyle/Form late Victorian eclecticArchitect/Builder unknown

## Exterior Material:

Foundation (not visible)Wall/Trim wood clapboardRoof asphaltOutbuildings/Secondary Structures Clapboardside-gabled cottage--early 20th C. (#303)2-car garage--mid-20th C.

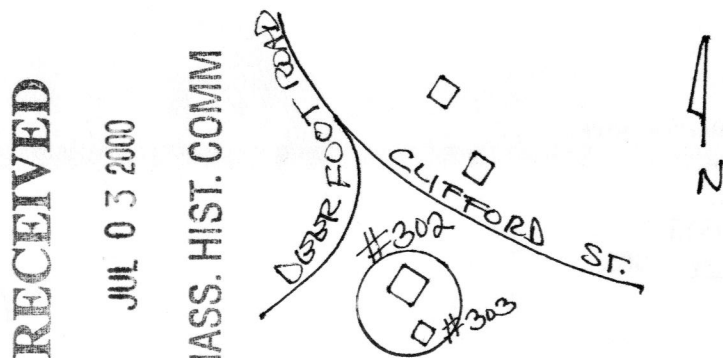
Major Alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

one-story ell on SE--20th-C.Condition goodMoved [x] no [ ] yes Date N/AAcreage three quarters of an acre

Setting Set back on hillside above upper section of  
Clifford, in area of modern houses. Mortared stone  
retaining wall across front; curved drive.

## Sketch Map

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.*

This handsome turn-of-the-century house is a three-part building. The main center section is a late-nineteenth-century gable-front, 2 1/2-story side-hall entry cottage with a facade-width veranda on Tuscan columns. Although there is no second-story door, a square-doweled balustrade creates a balcony on the roof of the veranda. The facade is asymmetrically arranged, and the two 2-over-2-sash windows of the second story are not aligned above those on the first. In the gable peak is a horizontal 6-over-2-sash window.

A two-story, cross-gabled wing extends northwest from the rear of the main house. An enclosed porch spans most of its facade, connecting with a large one-story polygonal, 2-over-2 bay window that projects out from the angle of the house and wing. Extending from the southeast side of the main house is a 1 1/2-story ell with a through-cornice exterior brick chimney on its east end. A wide shed-roofed dormer with a 12-pane window occupies the center of its front roof plane. Abutting the front wall of that ell is a hip-roofed one-story projection with a modern triple casement window--apparently an enclosure of a former porch.

As with many houses of its era, the roof has unboxed eaves, displaying decorative exposed rafter ends.

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.*

Further research will be necessary to trace the owners of this house. The name **C. C. Hildreth** appears on a building at about this location on the map of 1898. This would refer to **Charles Hildreth**, who owned a small house on a three-quarter-acre lot by 1897. He was a carpenter, and may have built the house himself. In 1904, he still lived on what was then called "McQuarry Road," for the name of the farmer who formerly owned the property at the southeast end of Clifford Street, Allen McQuarrie (McQuarry). (By 1913 the name of the street had been changed to Clifford Street.) By 1905, Mr. Hildreth had moved to Fayville.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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Town of Southborough: Tax Valuations, (various dates).

Marlborough and Southborough Directory. 1903-1904, 1913.

Westborough, Northborough, and Southborough Directory. 1905.

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

