Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	SBR.AE
Historic Name:	Childs, Elisha - Brooks Timothy Farm
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Southborough
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Agricultural; Poultry Farm; Residential District
Significance:	Agriculture; Architecture; Community Planning
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	

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FORM A - AREA

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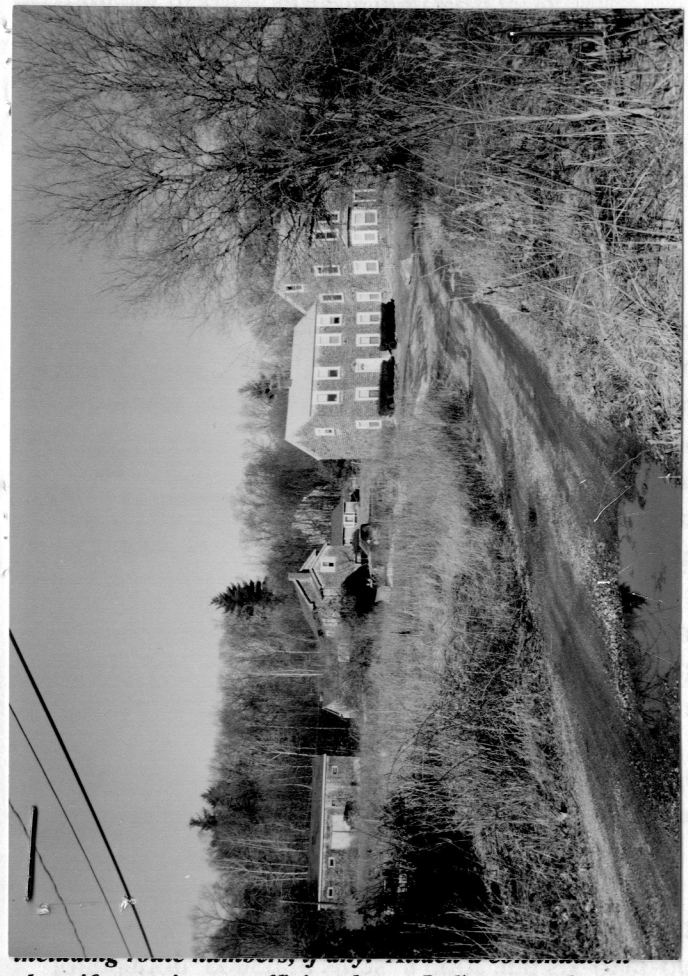

89-97 Woodland Rd. 3/00

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Town SOUTHBOROUGH

Place *(neighborhood or village)*

Name of Area Woodland Road - Childs

Present Use residential

Construction Dates of Period mid to late 19th century

Overall Condition fair

Major Intrusions and Alterations replacement windows, shingles, conversion of farm buildings to residences

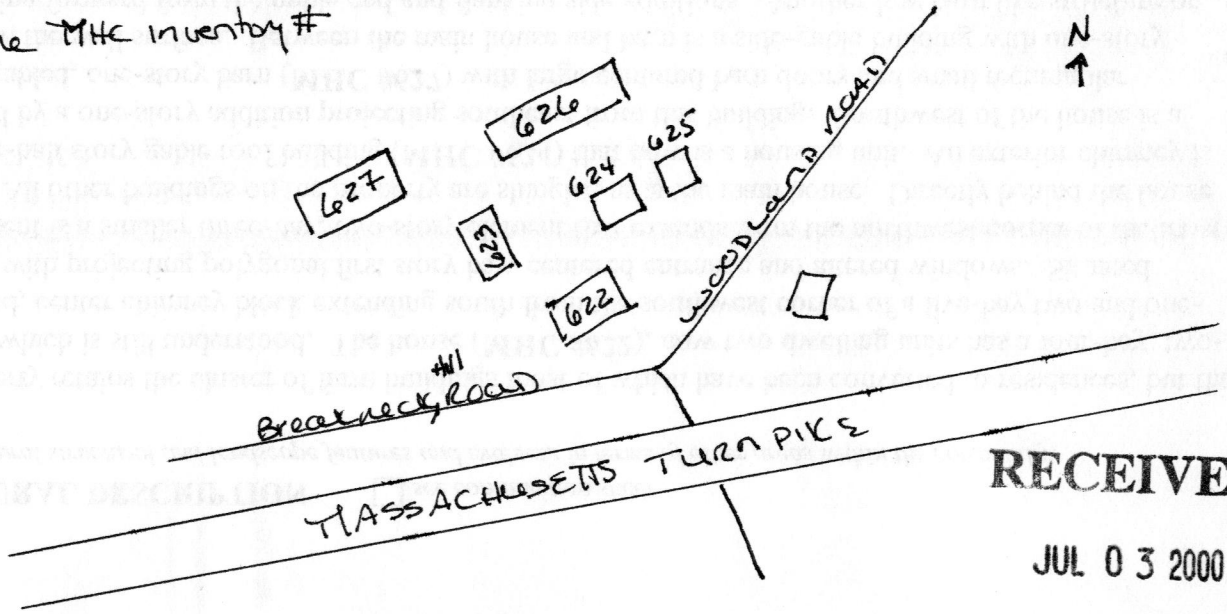
Acreage 2.8 acre

Recorded by Schuler/Forbes

Organization Southborough Historical Commission

Date *(month/year)* 4/00

#s are MHC inventory #



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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.

Today the property retains the cluster of farm buildings most of which have been converted to residences, but the arrangement of which is still understood. The house (**MHC #622**), now two dwelling units has a four-bay, two-story, side gabled, center chimney block extending south from the southwest corner of a five-bay two and one-half story block with projecting polygonal first story bay, centered entrance and altered windows. Situated behind this element is a smaller three-bay, two-story element that extends from the northwest corner of the most forward block. All other buildings on the property are shingled as is the main house. Directly behind the house is a two and one-half story gable roof building (**MHC #624**) that now is a housing unit. An exterior chimney is partially covered by a one-story addition projecting southeast from this building. Southwest of the house is a long low, side-gabled, one-story barn (**MHC #627**) with large centered barn doors and small rectangular windows high on the wall surface. Between the main house and barn is a side-gable building with one-story addition projecting forward from the gable end and flanking side additions. Another low barn like structure or shed (**MHC #626**) is behind the house on the northwest side. This building also has been converted into two dwelling unit. Just in front of this building are two cottage like dwellings that are said to have been old chicken coops that were rehabilitated and added on to form residences. Each has a side gable section with a gable front addition projecting forward towards the road. The southern most (on the left) (**MHC #625**) has a concrete foundation, concrete steps, a door and six-over-one window in the gable front element. The other (**MHC #624**) has concrete post foundation with a crawl space under, concrete steps and a door with no window in the wider gable front projection.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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

Woodland Road was not laid out until after 1830 according to the historic maps, and that portion just north of this property to the Boston and Worcester Turnpike was laid out in 1846. Once all of Woodland Road had been constructed it connected early Fayville with Cordaville and led directly to the Baptist Meetinghouse on the Turnpike opposite the northern end of Woodland Road. In all likelihood, part of the main house on this property was part of the mid-nineteenth century farm of Elisha Childs who was assessed in 1860 for $1800 worth of real estate. By 1870 it was owned by Jonathan G. Eames who had a 25-acre farm with a house, barn, carriage house, hog house and tool house. The same property was owned by Timothy Brooks in the 1890s and included the 25-acre farm with the house, barn, toolhouse and shed as well as a hen house for his 60 chickens. During the twentieth century the property was known as a chicken farm and when the business was discontinued some of the chicken houses were converted to dwelling units, thus accounting for the multiple dwelling units on this property. Physical investigation is necessary to determine the periods of development of this farm.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Assessors Reports: 1870, 1881, 1894, 1897.
Atlases/Maps: 1857 (E. Childs), 1870 (J.G. Eames), 1898 (T. Brooks)
Directories: 1900, 1903.
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.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town: SOUTHBOROUGH

Property Address: 93-97 WOODLAND ROAD

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s)	Form No.
AE	622-627

AREA DATA SHEET

MHC #	Parcel #	Street Address	Historic Name	Date	Style
622	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	main house	ca. 1850s/ ca. 1900s	side gable
623	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	house	ca. 1890s	side gable
624	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	chicken house	ca. 1890s	astylistic
625	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	chicken house	ca. 1890s	astylistic
626	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	long shed	late 19th c.	altered
627	22-01	93-97 Woodland Rd.	barn	late 19th c.	side gable

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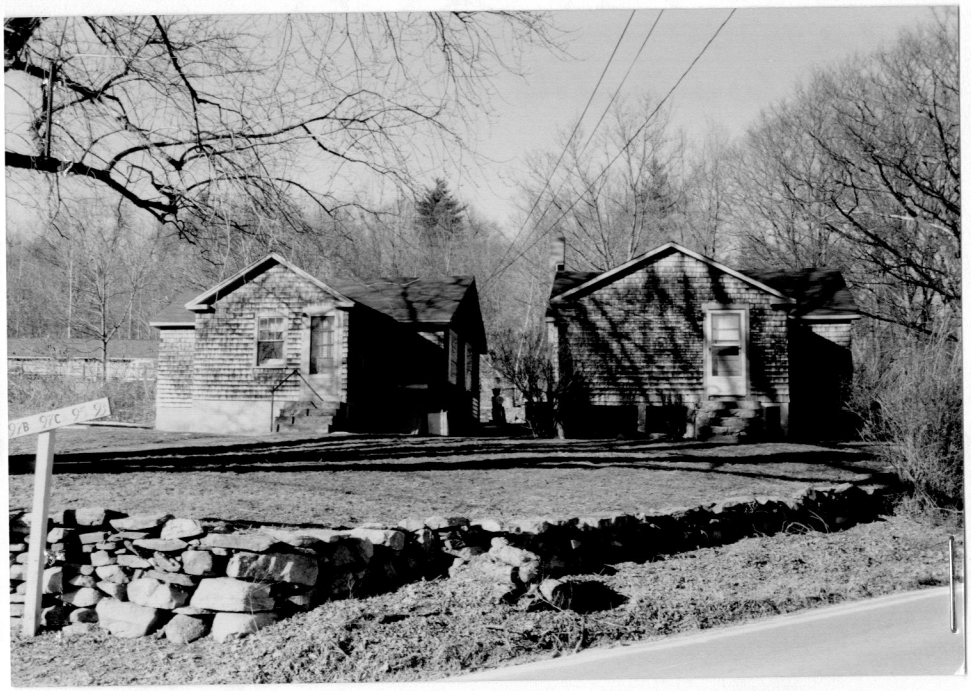

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