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4. Map. Draw sketch of bullding location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.

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5.	. Lot size:
	One acre or less Over one acre
	Approximate frontage
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6. Recorded by E. Lonergan

Date February 1980

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7.	Original owner (if known)	Celestia M. Bardwell	
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9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

South Main St. was laid out as a connector between Florence and the silk mill located on Broughton Brook where Nonotuck and Elm Sts. meet. This was probably done in the mid 1840's, just after the constuction of the mill. A few cottages were built in the vicinity of the mill, but most of the street wasn't developed until the 1870's. By 1900 the area was relatively complete, forming an interesting Victorian streetscape.

This house seems to have been built for Celestia Bardwell, widow of H. C. Bardwell, who was a local silk worker. The house is basically L-shaped with a truncated, Mansard tower in the crook of the 'ball The front of the tower serves as the main entrance, and this is covered by an extension of the front gable. A bay window projects from the eastern side.

 Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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