



**A view of the AO Main Plant at this site - 1888**

**This sculpture is in tribute to the Men and Women of American Optical, which began in Southbridge in 1833.**

**The innovative products and technical contributions of American Optical in the fields of Ophthalmic Optics, Instrument Optics, Fiber Optics, Medical and Safety products, and Motion Pictures continue to influence the world today.**

**This site was renovated in 2000 to become the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. The front façade and center building with the clock tower (dedicated in 1901) were wisely retained.**

**This building was once the world headquarters for American Optical. Offshoot businesses continue on this site, in this region, and throughout the world today.**