

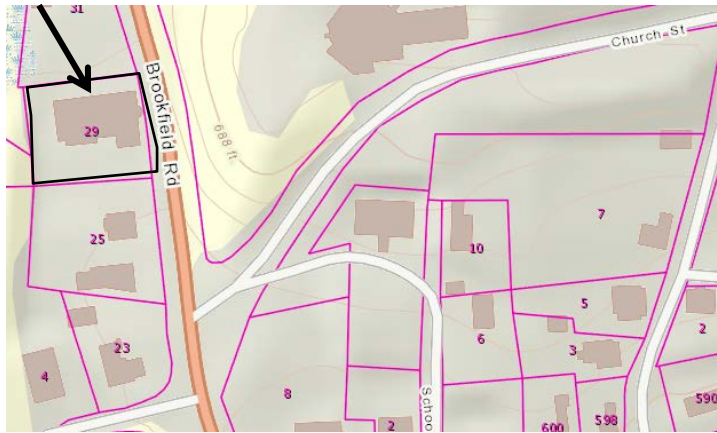
# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Locus Map



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Southbridge

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**Town/City:** Sturbridge

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*): Fiskdale

**Address:** 29 Brookfield Road

**Historic Name:** La Flammes' Market

**Uses:** Present: commercial

Original: commercial

**Date of Construction:** 1939

**Source:** Registry of Deeds

**Style/Form:** no style

**Architect/Builder:** unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete block, poured concrete, fieldstone

Wall/Trim: vinyl and plywood (Texture1-11) siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

none

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Wings added, unknown date; siding applied, ca. 1990

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

**Acreage:** .45 acres

**Setting:** Facing east on Brookfield Road between the intersections of Clark Road and Church Street in a mixed commercial residential neighborhood.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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29 BROOKFIELD ROAD

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

La Flammes' Market is an east-facing, two-and-a-half story, vinyl-sided building under a hipped roof. The roof has a hipped-roof dormer centered on its east facade. There are one-story wings on both the north and south elevations of the main block. The wings and the first floor of the main block on the east are plywood sided, laid vertically. A porch roof on braces extends across the main block and the north wing on the east. It extends as a semi-circle above a recessed entry to the main block. The south wing is blind on its façade, but two pairs of fixed light, storefront windows are located at each side of the entry in the main block and the north wing. At second story level, the main block's façade has two closely-spaced pairs of windows on the south half and a band of three windows with 1/1 sash on the north half. The building's lot slopes up to the north and a fieldstone sided ramp approaches the center entry from both north and south. Poured concrete foundations are visible across most of the façade. A two-story ell extends on the west, followed by an attached one-story ell. The two-story section is vinyl-sided; the one-story section has the plywood siding.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the 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.*

The land on which this building was later constructed was sold to William and Alice Allen in 1923. It had previously been owned by members of the Allen family and was referred to in the 1923 deed as being the Allen Farm, the first farm settled in Fiskdale in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Although portions of the farm were sold off during the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was still operating as a farm in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Descendants of the Allen family, William and Alice Allen, sold off portions of the farmland in the 1930s and may have farmed, but William was principally a pharmacist. In 1939 they sold this lot to Raymond La Flamme who, with his wife Flora, constructed the building as a grocery store. There were living quarters on the second floor where, it appears from the directories, the La Flammes lived. Raymond ran the store and Flora was its clerk. In 1951 Edward and Simonne Robida bought the market, lived here, and operated it until they passed it to Norman and Dorothy Robida in 1994. "Compatible Canine" has operated from this site for about the last decade, and owner Kathleen Menard purchased the property in 2011.<sup>1</sup>

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## Digital Resources

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<https://dp.la/> Digital Public Library of America

[www.masslandrecords.com](http://www.masslandrecords.com) for deeds



Photo 1: Eastern main façade and northern side elevation



Photo 2: Eastern main façade and southern side elevation