

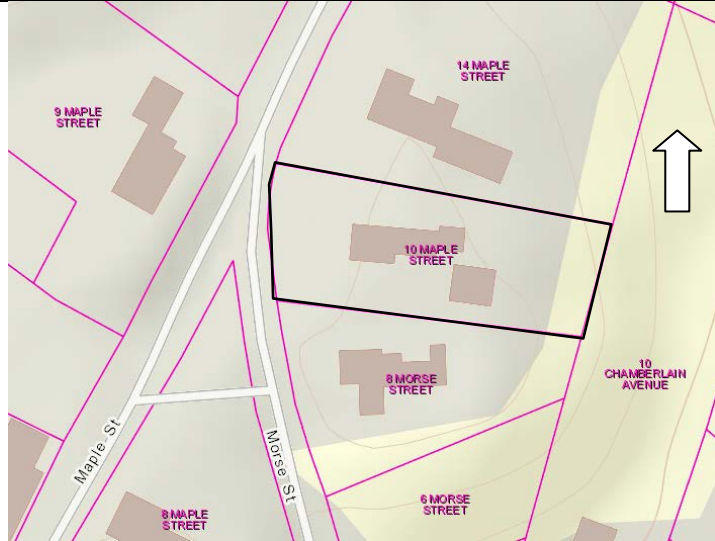
FORM B – BUILDING

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

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Southbridge

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Town/City: Sturbridge

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Sturbridge Center
(Sturbridge Common Historic District)

Address: 10 Maple Street

Historic Name: Congregational Parsonage

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Parsonage

Date of Construction: Completed by 1869

Source: Deeds, Newspaper Articles

Style/Form: Greek Revival with Italianate details

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick

Wall/Trim: Clapboard/Wood

Roof: Slate, Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Barn towards the rear of the parcel, built in 1883

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

2/2 windows replaced

Condition: Fair to Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: .48 acres

Setting: Rectangular shaped parcel in a residential setting. Main façade faces west along Maple Street near the (forked) intersection of Maple and Morse Streets

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

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

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

The late nineteenth century Congregational Church Parsonage, located at 10 Maple Street, provides evidence of the growth and development of Sturbridge during that time period, particularly in proximity to the town common. It also displays characteristics of both Greek Revival and Italianate architecture, making it a good example of the transition between these styles. It is a contributing building within the Sturbridge Common Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.

The two and a half story single family dwelling is approximately two bays wide by five bays deep and has a brick foundation, clapboard siding, and a front gabled, steeply pitched slate roof with pronounced, overhanging eaves and an eave return on the main façade and rear elevation. There is an interior, brick chimney, set towards the middle of the roof ridge and two ells off of the rear, eastern facing elevation.

The main, western facing façade has stone steps which lead to a wood four-paneled entry with four upper, divided lights. The door is framed by a pedimented portico, clad in asphalt shingles. Corner boards extend from the foundation to the cornice and resemble pilasters. There is one 6/6 window on the first story and two 6/6 windows on the second story. The upper half story has paired, 4/4 arched windows set within the gable.

The southern side elevation has two first story and two second story 6/6 windows on the main, two and a half story block. There is a one story, rectangular plan flat roofed ell, with a wood paneled exterior with paired windows, as well as one and a half story and one story gabled roof ells which extend to the east. Both of these portions of the building also appear to have slate as the roofing material.

The northern side elevation has two first story and two second story 6/6 windows, aligned closer to the northeastern side of this block. A one and a half story gabled ell extends to the east and has two 6/6 first story windows as well as a shorter and narrower window, which appears to be 2/2, and another smaller scale window which appears to be 8/8.

A front gabled one and a half story barn with a hayloft door and 6/6 window set within the upper gable is at the end of a paved driveway to the southeast of the residence. This outbuilding appears to have a clapboard exterior and wider plank exterior within the gable. The roof profile matches the roof of the main building.

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.

A new Congregational Church meeting house was built in 1784, for a congregation which had been organized in 1736.¹ This building, burned in 1908 due to a lightning strike, was replaced with the current ecclesiastic building, which was dedicated in 1910 (STU.10).

The land upon which the former parsonage sits was related to parcels formerly owned by Daniel R. Wight and Adrian Hebard (1868) and Mary W. Bullard (1874).²

By 1868, the Congregational Society voted "to buy a half-acre lot and build a house for a parsonage."³ In 1869, it was noted that the Society had "completed, and in part furnished, a neat and substantial parsonage," for \$3,000 and occupied by Rev. Martin L.

¹ Hurd, Duane Hamilton. "Sturbridge, Religious Societies, Churches and Ministers." *History of Worcester County, Massachusetts, Volume I*. (site). Accessed online October, 2017. https://books.google.com/books?id=ckg4AQAAMAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs_ge_summary_r&cad=0#v=onepage&q&f=false

² Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 775, Page 107 and Book 983, Page 197.

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Richardson (1830-1916).⁴ The building was in close proximity to the church and vestry. (Figures 1 and 2) The 1870 United States Federal Census documents that Richardson lived in the house with his wife, Angeletta (1831-1908) and their three children, all under the age of ten years old.⁵

The barn was built in 1883, as a gift from Chester Walker (1802-1889), who resided next door at 14 Maple Street (STU.7).⁶

The building was owned by the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Sturbridge until 1961 when it was sold to the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale.⁷ The property changed hands again in 1998, when it was separated from ecclesiastical use and sold as a private residence.⁸

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Figure 1: Atlas of Worcester County, F. W. Beers & Co. 1870
<https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:x059cb92c>

Figure 2: Unknown Author, "Sturbridge and Fiskdale" 1892. <http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/116152>

Figure 3: Holley, Helen and Agnes S. Wilkins. "Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale, Inc, STU.10" Massachusetts Historical Commission, 1970. *MACRIS* (site). Accessed on-line October, 2017. <http://mhc-macris.net/Details.aspx?Mhclid=STU.10>

³ Haynes, George H. *Historical Sketch of the First Congregational Church, Sturbridge, Massachusetts*. Worcester: The Davies Press, 1910. *Archive.org* (site). Accessed October 2017, <https://archive.org/details/historicalskech01hayn>

⁴ "Religious Intelligence Boston and Vicinity: Massachusetts." *Boston Recorder*, February 4, 1869. *Genealogybank.com*

⁵ "Richardson, Martin L., Clergyman." *1870 United States Federal Census*, *Ancestry.com*

⁶ Haynes, George H. *Ibid.* (page 50)

⁷ Worcester County Registry of Deeds, Book 4180, Page 309.

⁸ Worcester County Registry of Deeds. Book 20079, Page 188 and Book 4180, Page 309

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Photo 1: Main, western facing façade



Photo 2: Western façade and northern side elevation

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Photo 3: Western façade of barn

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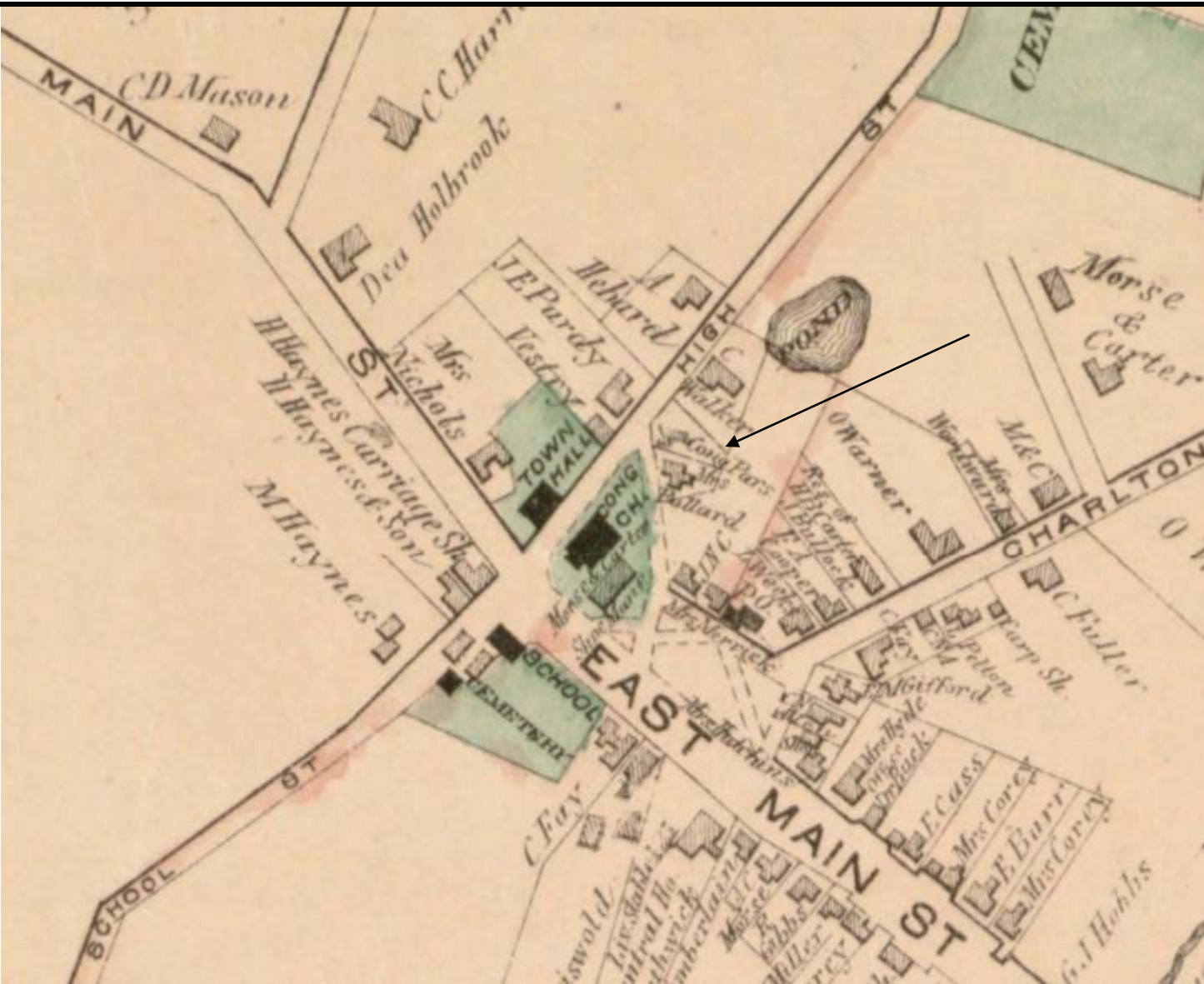


Figure 1: 1870 Map showing Congregational Parish on High Street (now 10 Maple Street)

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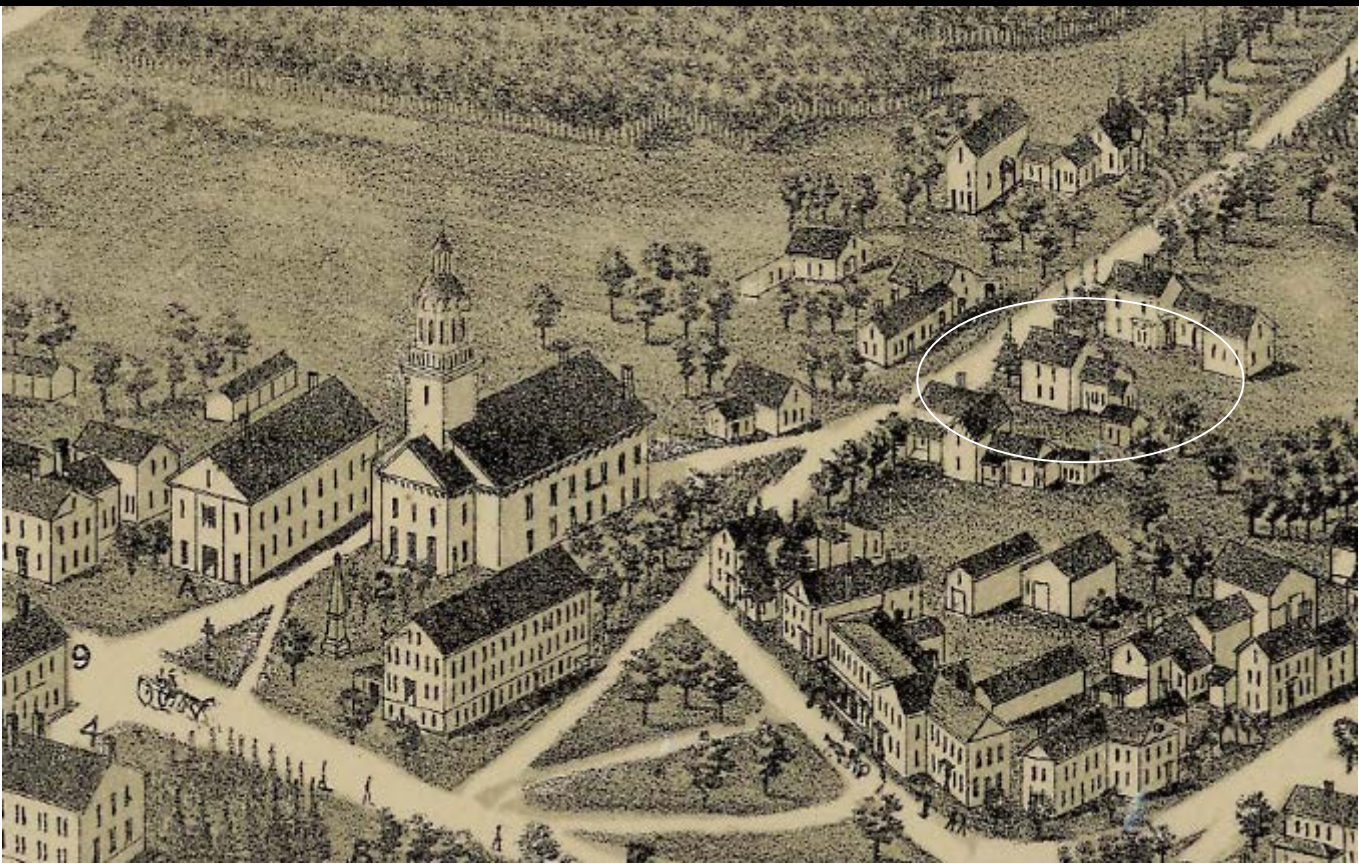


Figure 2: 1892 Birds Eye View showing High Street (now Maple Street) 10 Maple Street is circled.

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Figure 3: 1970 Image from MHC Inventory Form