

FORM A - AREA

Assessor's Sheets USGS Quad Area Letter Form Numbers in Area

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

330-02923-012

Southbridge

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Photograph



Town/City: Sturbridge

Place (*neighborhood or village*): Sturbridge Center

Name of Area: Sturbridge Orchard Inn Motel

Present Use: Vacant

Construction Dates or Period: 1964

Overall Condition: good

Major Intrusions and Alterations:

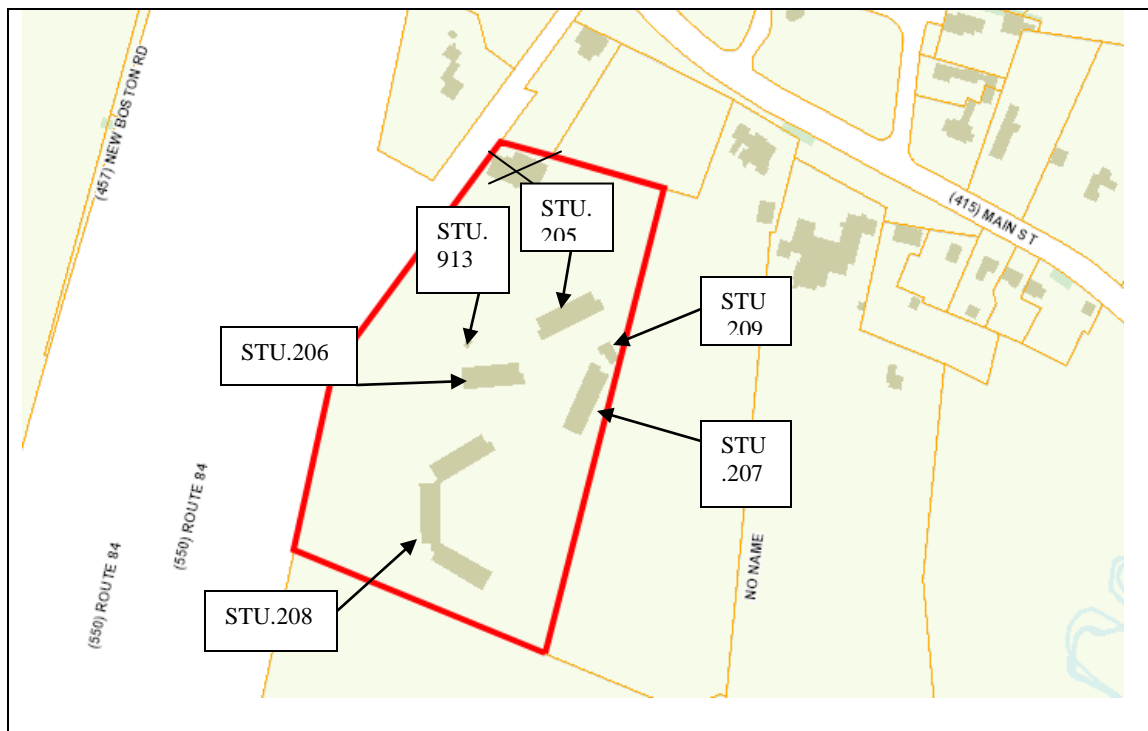
Acreage: 9.12 acres

Recorded by: Bonnie Parsons, PVPC

Organization: Sturbridge Historical Commission

Date (*month/year*): November/2017

Locus Map



☐ see continuation sheet

INVENTORY FORM A CONTINUATION SHEET

STURBRIDGE ORCHARD INN MOTEL

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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.

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

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural, structural and landscape features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

The Sturbridge Orchard Inn Motel is made up of five buildings set on a hillside. Three motel unit buildings are identical and separate, a fourth building consists of three, attached motel units, which become a single, U-shaped building. The motel units are all in contemporary style. The buildings have a low-pitched gable roof with wide contemporary eaves, and are two-stories in height. Rooms are arranged, eight per floor. The buildings are concrete block in construction with veneer brick end walls and wood shingled walls on the other elevations. Entries into the units are marked by vertically laid, artificial tongue-and-groove siding. Each façade and rear elevation has a porch across it. The rear elevation porches are divided into small areas for the individual motel rooms. Those of the façade are open for circulation. At each end of the motel unit is an exterior staircase screened by a modern wood feature that is two stories in height with vertical slats as ornament. What distinguishes this motel from others is the placement of the buildings in the landscape. Each is set to take advantage of the rolling land for view of the distance and of mature trees and rock formations.

A small, one-story building of 1971 serves as the office for the complex. It is one-room in size and has a projecting window of fixed lights next to an entry. There is also a small, octagonal, wood pergola on the property.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

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

The land on which this series of buildings was constructed was for several generations in the ownership of the Haynes family who lived at Haynes Corner in Sturbridge from about 1850. (See Haynes Corner form). Henry Haynes, Sr. was the first to come to the Corner with his wife Lucinda, ca. 1836. One of their three sons, Henry D. Haynes carried on the family business from the Corner manufacturing harnesses, carriages and wagons. Henry D. Haynes (1837-1922) and his wife Susan had five children: Emily, Julia, Susan, Howard and Frank and they lived at the **Haynes Family House at 3 Haynes Street**. The five children of this third generation left and returned to Sturbridge in their adulthood. Of them, Frank returned to Sturbridge in 1912 with his wife Harriet and they are the couple with which this property is most closely associated. Frank joined his father in the Haynes business, H. D. Haynes & Son, wheelwrights and nurserymen. Frank and Henry D. added farming to their business both at 3 Haynes Street where they raised cows, and on land they owned elsewhere in Sturbridge for orchards, reflecting the shift in Sturbridge to fruit farming. Frank and Harriet bought this land on the west side of Haynes Street in 1930 from other Haynes family members and put in an apple orchard. While Frank was developing his orchard, Harriet was at the University of Massachusetts' extension service as a home economics specialist. For a few years in the 1930s she also ran a restaurant on Main Street. They sold the orchard in 1959 to the Framingham Motor Inn Corporation, which planned to develop a motel. The Haynes were taking part in the shift of Sturbridge from agricultural community to a tourist destination based on the success of Old Sturbridge Village.

After the 1959 sale, the property changed hands among several other corporations that specialized in motel development until the Sturbridge Orchard Inn Corporation bought the property and built the motel complex in 1964. They constructed three separate units, a three-part unit and a restaurant in 1964. In 1986 it became the County Motor Lodge and today, is part of Public House, 277 Main Street, whose land it adjoins. There are plans to demolish the buildings upon the upcoming completion of a new hotel.

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Digital Resources

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

www.masslandrecords.com for deeds:

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330-02923-012	STU.205	12 Haynes Street	Orchard Inn Motel Building 1	1964	modern	B
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330-02923-012	STU.207	12 Haynes Street	Orchard Inn Motel Building 3	1964	modern	B
330-02923-012	STU.208	12 Haynes Street	Orchard Inn Motel Building 4	1964	modern	B
	STU.209	12 Haynes Street	Orchard Inn Motel Office	1964	modern	B
	STU.913	12 Haynes Street	pergola	ca. 1970	Qn Anne	S

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Photo 1: Base motel unit model