

FORM B – BUILDING

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

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Wales

STU.305

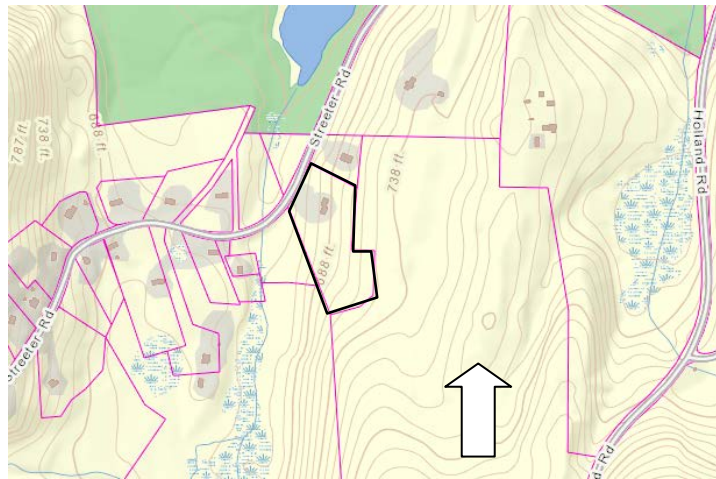
Town/City: Sturbridge

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Fiskdale

Photograph



Locus Map



Address: 44 Streeter Road

Historic Name: Lemuel L. Holmes/Frederick Holmes House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: 1835 with later alterations

Source: Sign on House; 1857, 1870, 1898 maps; 1877 deed

Style/Form: Heavily altered

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Brick, Concrete Block

Wall/Trim: Wood Shingle, Clapboard, Board & Batten

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Garage (probably 20th/21st century)

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Replacement windows (date unknown)

Additions (dates unknown)

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 4.21 acres

Setting: Irregularly shaped parcel, with residence set up on a hill and facing west along Streeter Road near the intersection of Streeter and Holland Roads. Setting is near the border of Sturbridge(Worcester County) and Brimfield (Hampden County).

Recorded by: Shannon Walsh, PVPC

Organization: Sturbridge Historical Commission

Date (*month / year*): March 2017

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

The Lemuel L. Holmes House, at 44 Streeter Road, is an early nineteenth century single family dwelling, with later alterations, which provides evidence of the early residential growth and development along Streeter Road in Sturbridge's Fiskdale neighborhood. This residence is set on a hill with the main façade facing west, hidden from clear view by dense foliage. The building includes three wings and appears overall to be six bays wide by three bays deep with a north/south rectangular plan. The foundation is brick and the exterior is wood shingle and board and batten. The side gable, asphalt shingle roof has a slight eave overhang and eave returns on the gabled ends. A large, interior chimney is positioned off center on the main section of the residence, at the roof ridge. Two slimmer, exterior chimneys are between the main residence section and a side wing.

The northern side elevation shows the clearest perspective of the building. There are three, first story 6/6 windows and two, second story, 6/6 windows in the gable. They appear to all be replacement windows.

The main, western facing façade is made up of the main residential section and three side wings, with descending roof heights. The main residence section has an off-centered wood paneled door with a wood surround and sidelights. This entry is accessed by stone steps. Above the door, a wooden sign reads *Built 1835*. To the south of the door is a triple bay window with 6/6 side windows and a central window with 28 divided lights. The next section to the south has two, single pane windows and the third section to the south has a sky light towards the roof ridge. The longest wing (one story) has a wood paneled door with nine lights in the upper half, and a 6/6 window towards the southwestern corner.

There is a northern facing, front gable outbuilding with two garage bays and board and batten siding. A chimney is visible towards the southern side of this building. (Photo 4)

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.

This property appears to be connected to the first tract, including approximately 63 acres of land plus buildings, described in a deed from farmer Lemuel L. Holmes (1803-1889) to his son, Frederick Holmes (1843-1922).¹ Lemuel is noted on 1857 and 1870 maps as a property owner in this area, although the house appears to be on the other side of the road (or perhaps the road was reconfigured). (Figures 2 & 3) Lemuel was married to Eliza C. Holmes (1806-1877). Their son, Frederick, was listed in 1865 to be employed as a soldier.² In 1871, Frederick married Chloe Tyler Plimpton Holmes (1842-1892), daughter of Silas Plimpton Jr. (1811-1871). Frederick is named as the property owner on an 1898 map, which also contains a general footprint of the building's configuration, as well as a related barn. (Figure 4)

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Ancestry.com (see footnotes)

FindaGrave.com

Masslandrecords.com (see footnotes)

¹ "Book 1001, Pages 488 and 489," 1877. *Masslandrecords.com*

² "Holmes, Frederick." *Massachusetts State Census, 1865. Ancestry.com*

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Figure 1: Image from Sturbridge Assessor's Database, early twenty-first century.
<http://gis.vgsi.com/sturbridgema/Parcel.aspx?Pid=3630> , accessed July 2017.

Figure 2: Walling, H.F. *Map of Worcester County*, Boston: Wm. E. Baker, 1857, <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3763w.la000320/> , accessed July 2017.

Figure 3: F. W. Beers & Co. *Atlas of Worcester County*, 1870,
<https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/search/commonwealth:x059cb92c> , accessed July 2017.

Figure 4: L. J. Richards & Co. "Charlton & Dudley & Southbridge & Sturbridge." Plate 021, *New Topographical Atlas of Worcester County Massachusetts*. (Plate 19) 1898. *Historicmapworks.com* (site).
<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/6730/Charlton+++Sturbridge+++Southbridge+++Dudley+Towns/Worcester+County+1898/Massachusetts/> , accessed July 2017.



Photo 1: Northern side elevation

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Photo 2: Western facing façade of secondary wing



Photo 3: Northern facing garage outbuilding

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Figure 1: From assessor's database, early twentieth century

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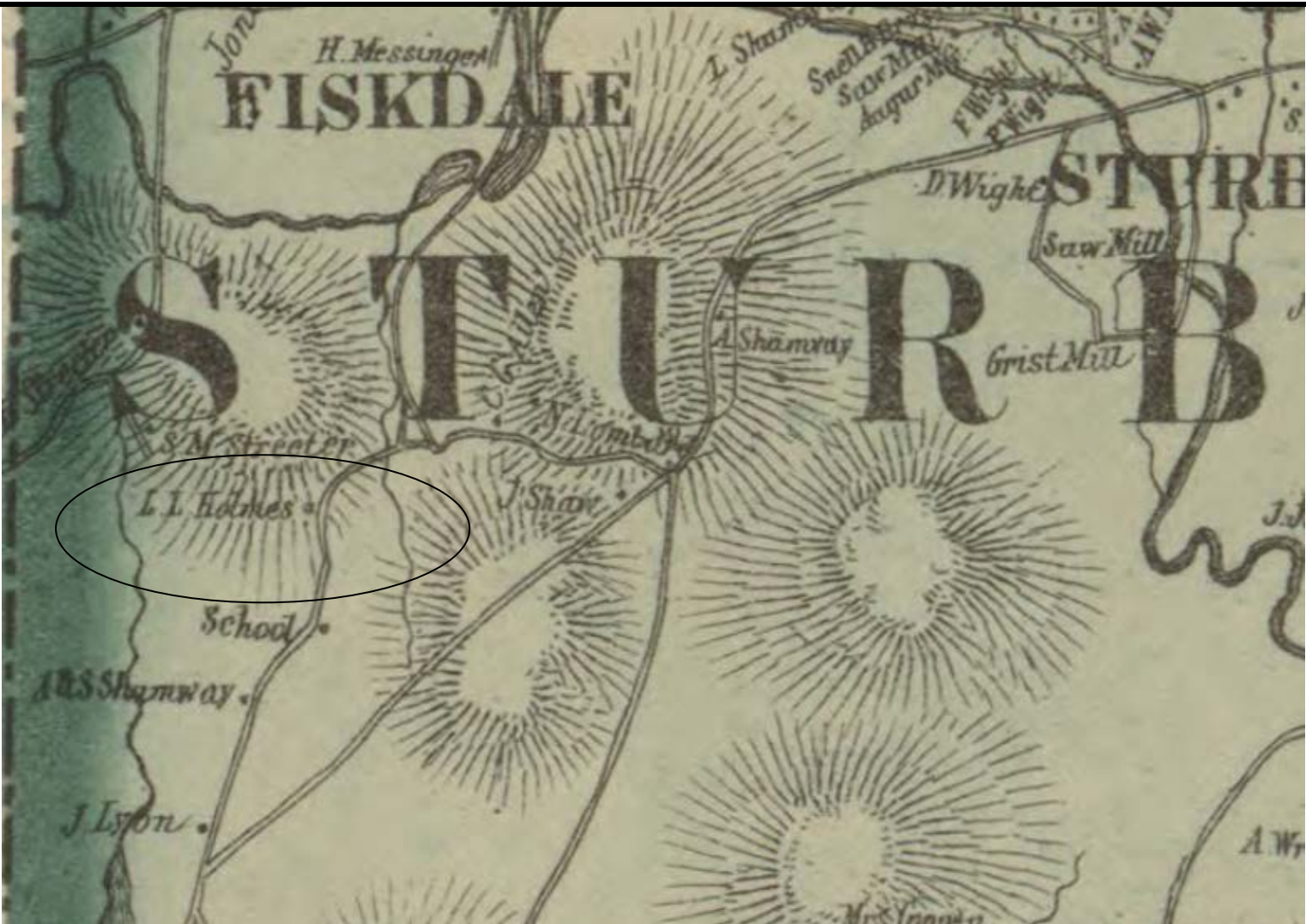


Figure 2: 1857 Map of Worcester County showing L.L. Holmes' property

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Figure 3: 1870 Atlas of Worcester County showing L.L. Holmes' property

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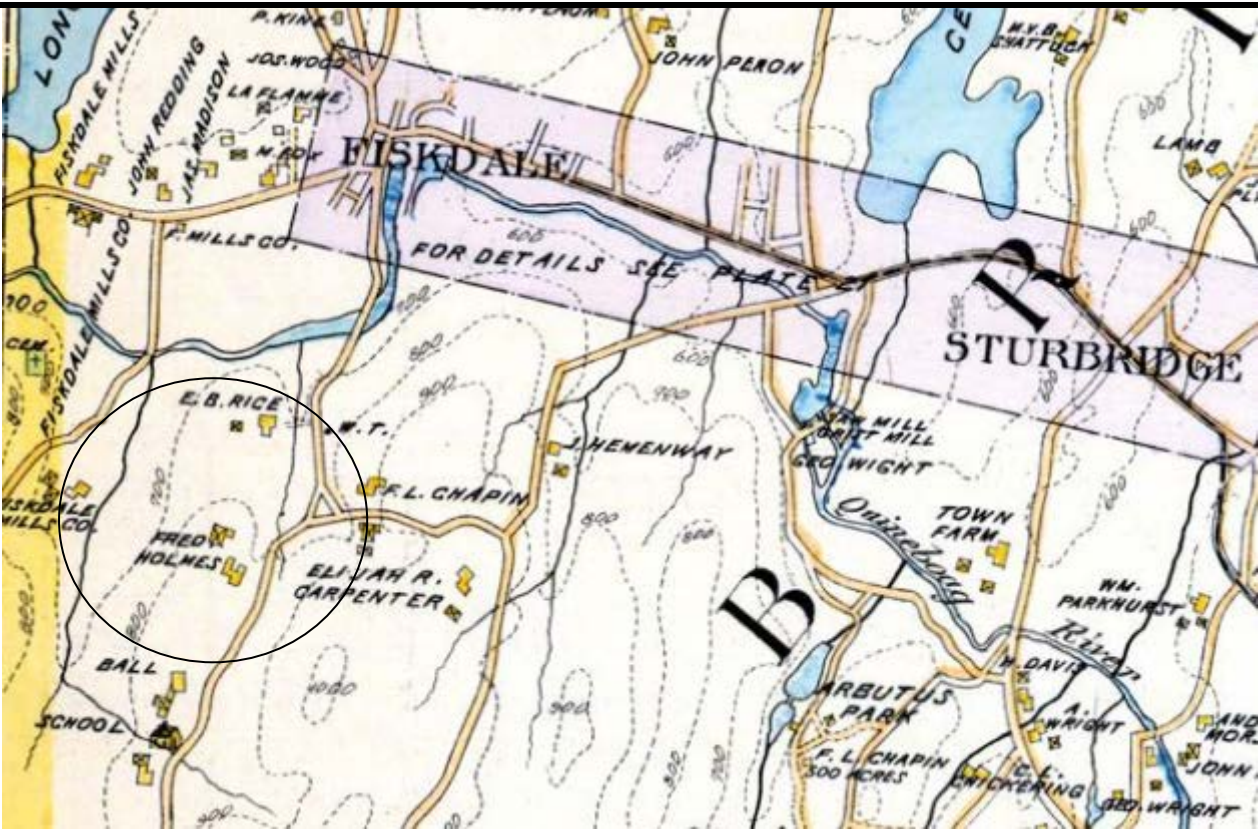


Figure 4: 1898 Atlas of Worcester County showing Fred Holmes' property