

FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

415-02432-511 Southbridge STU.E STU.183

Town/City: Sturbridge

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): Fiskdale

Photograph



Address: 511 Main Street

Historic Name: Hiram and Seraph Hayward House

Uses: Present: Multiple Family Dwelling; Other Commercial

Original: Single Family Dwelling

Date of Construction: ca. 1846

Source: WCRD 415/79 (1846)

Style/Form: Greek Revival

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Parged Brick

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboard/Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: None

Major Alterations (*with dates*): porch added, ca. 1900; vinyl windows and first-floor fenestration alterations, late 20th century

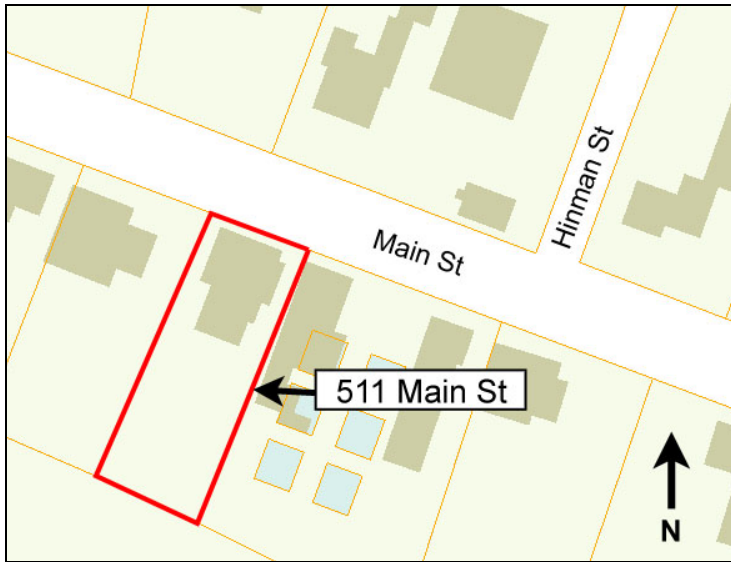
Condition: Good

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: .29 acres

Setting: The building occupies a rectangular lot on the south side of Main Street in the mixed-use neighborhood of Fiskdale. It is a north-facing building close to the street edge. The parcel slopes down to the south and has a paved parking lot south of the building.

Locus Map



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Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Hiram and Seraph Hayward House (ca. 1846, STU.183) is a Greek Revival-style, two-and-one-half-story, three-bay-by-two-bay, wood-frame building with a parged brick foundation and a side-gable roof. A one-story, gable-roof addition projects from the south elevation. A brick chimney is on the exterior of the ell's west elevation. The walls are covered with wood clapboard with wide corner boards and cornice returns, and the roof is clad with asphalt shingles. A Queen-Anne-style, wrap-around porch spans the north (facade) and west elevations and is supported by turned posts with carved brackets below a dentiled cornice. The entrance is in the center bay of the north elevation, sheltered by the wrap-around porch, and consists of a pair of nine-light, two-panel doors under three-light transoms. Large multi-pane windows with narrow wood surrounds flank the entrance. Fenestration in the rest of the building consists of twelve-over-twelve, nine-over-nine, and one-over-one, double-hung vinyl sash.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Hiram and Seraph Hayward House (ca. 1846, STU.183) is near the center of the village of Fiskdale in the town of Sturbridge. Sturbridge was settled ca. 1725 by residents of Medfield and was incorporated as a town in 1738 (MHC 1984:3–4).

In 1846, wheelwright Hiram Hayward (1815–1850) purchased a house lot from local manufacturer Simeon Drake (WCRD 415/79). Hayward likely built the house and barn at 509 Main Street (see Hiram and Seraph Hayward House and Barn [ca. 1846, STU.181, STU.182]) at about that time for himself and his wife Seraph (1818–1906), both natives of nearby Brimfield, and the subject property as a secondary residence. The entire property remained in the Hayward family until 1866, when Seraph, by that time a widow living in Brimfield, sold it to farmer John W. Draper (WCRD 735/222; US Census 1860). In 1869 and 1870, Draper sold the 509 Main Street portion of the property to Brimfield, Massachusetts, hotel keeper Amos Monroe (or Munroe) and the rest to Emory L. Bates (WCRD 793/35). Bates lived at 502 Main Street and likely used the subject property for rental income, possibly housing employees of the nearby Fiskdale and Snellville mills (see Emory L. Bates House, 502 Main Street, STU.130). In 1872, Bates sold the property to Fidelia Parkhurst (1803–1855), the wife of dentist/physician Gurdon Parkhurst (WCRD 821/633; US Census 1850, 1880). After Fidelia's death in 1885, the property passed to Alexander Parkhurst Fiske and Mary Chapman via Fidelia's will. It is unclear if Fiske, Parkhurst, and Chapman are directly related. Fiske and Chapman sold the property in 1895 to Thomas Jarrett (WCRD 1478/264).

Thomas Jarrett (1862–1936) immigrated to the United States from Ireland with his parents, Patrick and Mary, and two sisters Bridget and Mary. At the time of the 1880 Federal census, all three Jarrett children worked in a cotton mill and Patrick was a farmer (US Census 1880). By 1910, Thomas had married and lived in Sturbridge with his wife Hannah; their three sons Roy (or LeRoy), William, and Earl and daughter Ruth; and his father (US Census 1910). In the late 19-teens and early 1920s, LeRoy was employed as a clerk at the American Optical Company and a violinist at the Phelps Theater (Ancestry.com 2005). He is not listed in the 1920 census as living with Thomas and Hannah, although 1919–1920 and 1922 directories list him as residing there (Meek 1919, 1922; US Census 1920). In 1930, Thomas, Hannah, and Ruth lived on Federal Street in Springfield, Massachusetts, where Thomas was a foreman at a cotton mill and Ruth was a stenographer for a radio manufacturing company (US Census 1930). It is likely that the house in Sturbridge was a rental property by that time, as LeRoy and William also lived in Springfield with their spouses and Earl was a Roman Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, California (US Census 1930). LeRoy owned a religious goods store, and William owned a drug store.

In 1936, the property passed from Thomas' estate to Ruth, who in turn immediately transferred it to her brother LeRoy and his wife Cecelia (WCRD 2682/454). By 1937, Ruth was a novice in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross (Find A Grave 2013). LeRoy and Cecelia continued to live in Springfield, running the New England Church Supply Company, but owned the subject property until 1945, when they sold it to Edward and Josephine Parzych (Ancestry.com 2010; WCRD 2978/188). Edward was a grinder at the American Optical Company, and Josephine worked at the "AW Co.," possibly the Ames Worsted Company in Southbridge (Manning 1952). In 1961, Edward transferred the property to William and Cecelia Parzych, likely his son and

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daughter-in-law (WCRD 4218/352). William was a bus driver for Burgess Elementary School in Sturbridge (Manning 1965). In 1965, the Parzychs sold the property to John and Evelyn Vecchione. John was a foreman at a mill in Rockdale, Connecticut (Manning 1965; WCRD 4554/414). The property changed hands numerous times throughout the remainder of the twentieth century, until it was acquired by the current owner, Dennis A. McCurdy (WCRD 6492/299). The property is used for retail and multi-family residential space.

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