

# FORM B – BUILDING

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

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

415-02421-546

Southbridge

STU.E

STU.143

**Town/City:** Sturbridge

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

## Photograph



**Address:** 546 Main Street

**Historic Name:** Timothy Maloney Tenement

**Uses:** Present: Multiple Family Dwelling

Original: Multiple Family Dwelling

**Date of Construction:** 1878–1898

**Source:** WCRD 1038/432; Sanborn 1894

**Style/Form:** Queen Anne

**Architect/Builder:** Unknown

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Not Visible

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding/Wood Trim

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:** None

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*): porch, ca. 1900; vinyl siding and windows, late 20<sup>th</sup> century

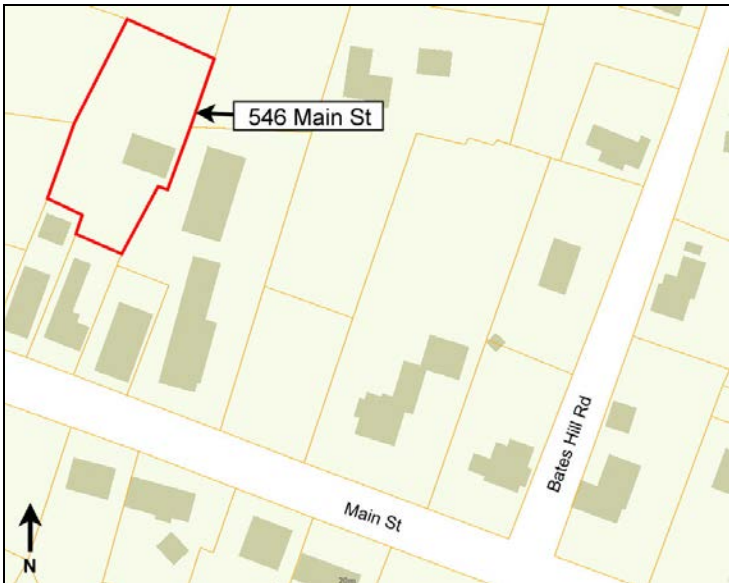
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no  yes  **Date:**

**Acreage:** .45 acres

**Setting:** The building occupies a roughly rectangular lot north of 548 and 552 Main Street in the village of Fiskdale. It is well back from the street edge and accessed via a shared paved driveway between 544 and 548 Main Street.

## Locus Map



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**Organization:** Sturbridge Historical Commission

**Date** (*month / year*): May 2018

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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STURBRIDGE

546 MAIN STREET

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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.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Timothy Maloney Tenement (1878–1894, STU.143) is a Queen Anne-style, two-story, six-bay, wood-frame building with a side-gable roof. The foundation is not visible from the public right of way. The walls are clad with vinyl siding, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A full-width, hip-roof porch supported by turned posts spans the south (facade) elevation and shelters two entrances in the east and west bays. The west bay has a six-panel door, and the east bay has a four-panel, two-light door. Fenestration consists of six-over-six, double-hung vinyl replacement sash.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Timothy Maloney Tenement (1878–1894, STU.143) 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).

The building first appears on the 1894 Sanborn map as a tenement behind a store at 544 Main Street and a residence and barn at 548 Main Street. Timothy Maloney (1849–1937) purchased the property in 1878 from Sarah J. Tucker (WCRD 1038/432). Maloney was a blacksmith born in Ireland and immigrated to the United States in 1874. In 1881, he married Mary Ann Scott, also an Irish immigrant who had arrived in the United States in 1878, in Sturbridge (US Census 1930). In 1910, the Maloneys were living in Sturbridge with three of their daughters (Mary, Elizabeth, and Eunice) and three of their sons (George, Arthur, and Bernard). Their son John, his wife Carrie, and their son John lived nearby (US Census 1910). Another daughter, Grace, had married and was no longer living with her parents by 1910 (US Census 1900). Timothy Maloney worked as a blacksmith, and his son John worked for the American Optical Company (US Census 1910). Between 1899 and 1904, a porch was constructed on the south elevation and a one-story rectangular building (no longer extant) was constructed to the north (Sanborn 1899, 1904). The building remained in this configuration and was used as tenements until sometime between 1925 and 1948, when it was converted to a duplex (Sanborn 1925, 1948).

The property remained in the Maloney family until 1970, when the heirs of Timothy Maloney sold it to Clarence and Beatrice Robida (WCRD 5086/39). Prior to 1970, Robida lived on Main Street and worked at the Sturbridge Gift Shop (Polk 1965). The Robidas quickly sold the property to Carolyn and Gerard Lamontagne, who lost the property in bankruptcy proceedings in 1974 when Paul and Shirley Sims acquired it (WCRD 5171/148, 5583/32). The Sims sold the property in 1979 to Leo Caouette, who sold it to Edward S. St. John in 1985 (6699/339, 9145/34). St. John, who also owned 544 Main Street (STU.142) at that time, kept the property until 2015, when he sold it to the current owners, 546 Trolley Line Properties, LLC (54114/63). The property remains a multiple-family dwelling.

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