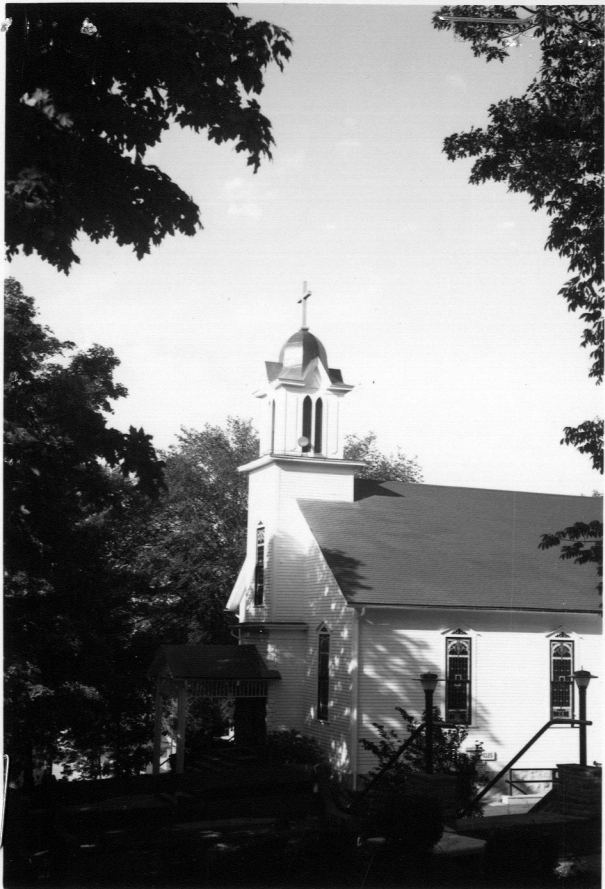


PL FISK  
USGS SOUTH  
SHEET A

In Area no. <del>173</del> (E)	Form no. 649
-----------------------------------	-----------------



DN  
1

1. Town STURBRIDGE

Address Church St., Fiskdale

Name St. Anne's Church and Shrine

Present use Religious

Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester.

3. Description:

Date 1883

Source Rev. J. Alfred Jacques (1933) and Rev. Roger Ferland (1972)

Style Italian Gothic ?

Architect Henry LaPointe (Springfield ?)

Exterior wall fabric Wood

Outbuildings (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Other features Building 63' x 77 1/2'

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 50 feet  
part of 30 developed acres.

Approximate distance of building from street  
\_\_\_\_\_ on street

6. Recorded by Helen G. Holley and Rev. Roger Ferland  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

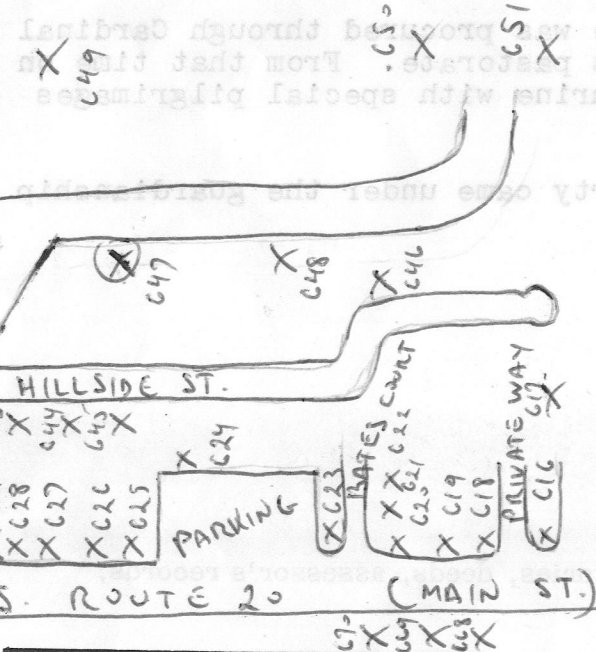
Date June 1973

RECEIVED

AUG 8 1974

MASS. HIST. COMM.

(over)



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE  
USGS Quadrant \_\_\_\_\_  
MHC Photo no. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Original owner (if known) Mgr. Brochu

Original use Religious

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

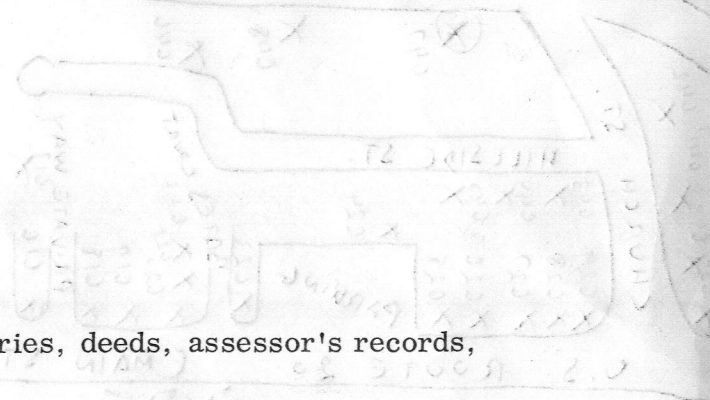
- |                       |          |                            |       |                         |          |
|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| Aboriginal            | _____    | Conservation               | _____ | Recreation              | _____    |
| Agricultural          | _____    | Education                  | _____ | Religion                | <u>X</u> |
| Architectural         | <u>X</u> | Exploration/<br>settlement | _____ | Science/<br>invention   | _____    |
| The Arts              | _____    | Industry                   | _____ | Social/<br>humanitarian | _____    |
| Commerce              | _____    | Military                   | _____ | Transportation          | _____    |
| Communication         | _____    | Political                  | _____ |                         |          |
| Community development | <u>X</u> |                            |       |                         |          |

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The French Canadians established a station in Fiskdale about 1870, meeting in various homes and in the upstairs hall of a former shoe factory on Main St. (This building later became Turner's Club, then the Oxhead Tavern.) In 1883 St. Anne's Church was built by Monsigneur, who was pastor of Notre Dame in Southbridge. The first pastor came in 1887.

In May 1892, a relic of St. Anne was procured through Cardinal Tackereau, during Rev. Clement's pastorate. From that time on the church became a venerated shrine with special pilgrimages July 18 to July 26.

Dec. 15, 1955, St. Anne's property came under the guardianship of the Assumptionist Fathers.



10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Told by Rev. J. Alfred Jacques to Helen G. Holley in 1933 and Rev. Roger Ferland in 1972.

RECEIVED

Date June 1973

AUG 8 1974

#173

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF INSPECTION

CASE **B** RACK **1** PLAN RECORD **78237**  
 BUILDIN **St Ann's Church** APART. **10** NO. alt  
 CITY OR TOWN **Sturbridge** STREET **(Fiskdale)** STORIES  
 TO BE USED FOR **place of worship** CLASS  
 OWNER **R C Bishop of Spfld**  
 ARCHITECT **O E Nault & Sons**  
 CERTIFICATE APPROVAL—SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS—REFERRED  
 DATE **10/24/47**  
 INSPECTOR **McCarthy**