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1. Town STURBRIDGE 175

Address Church St., Fiskdale

Name St. Patrick's Church

Present use Museum of Russian Icon Collection.

Present owner Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester. Managed by Assumption Fathers.

3. Description: Building is 50'X39'

Date 1883--Moved to Shrine grounds in 1970

Source Built on Main St., Fiskdale

Style Victorian Italianate.

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Shingle & clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved FROM MAIN ST. Date JULY 1970

5. Lot size: Part of 30 developed acres.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100 feet

Approximate distance of building from street None

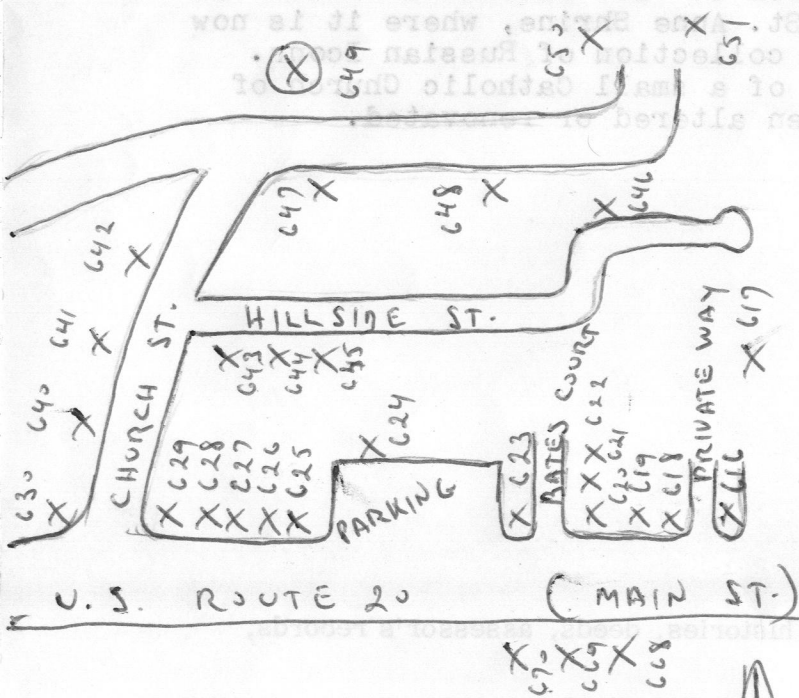
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Organization _____

Date June 1975

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Other buildings. Indicate north.



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7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Museum of Russian Icon Collection.

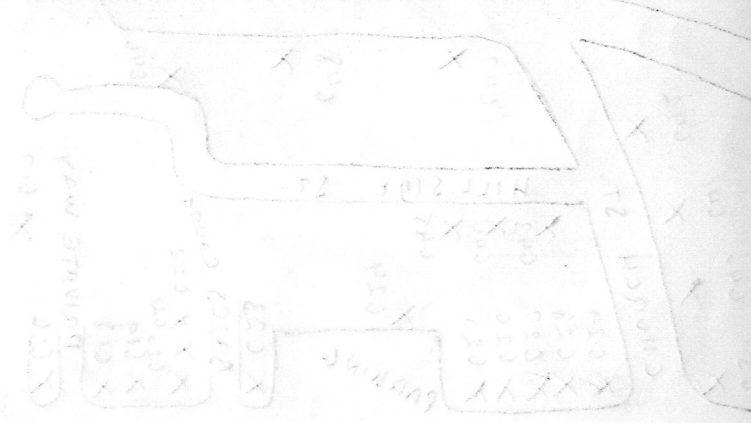
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

About 1872 the Irish Catholics of Sturbridge became a mission of St. Mary's in Southbridge. They built their own church, St. Patrick, on Main St. in Fiskdale, between the Hotel and the home of the mill owner on land given by Fiskdale Mills. In 1887, one priest, Father Julus Groton became pastor of both St. Anne's and St. Patrick's. St. Patrick's Church was moved in 1970 to grounds of St. Anne Shrine, where it is now used as a museum, housing a collection of Russian Icons. This is an unspoiled example of a small Catholic Church of its period. It has never been altered or renovated.



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

None

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