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FORM C - MONUMENTS  
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

Town Sturbridge  
Street Fiske Hill & McGilpin Roads  
Name on corner of property of Mr. John Weaver  
Plaque in Memory of Fiske Hill School

Original Owner Town of Sturbridge owned site  
Present Owner John Weaver P10

Date Constructed 1949  
Date Dedicated No dedication 259A

Source of Date The plaque itself  
Designer or Sculptor probably Channing Wells

Individual or group responsible for monument  
if other than owner his two brothers

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| STATUE               | MONUMENT        |
| BUST                 | FOUNTAIN        |
| ✓ MARKER X on a rock | MILESTONE       |
| RELIGIOUS SHRINE     | BOUNDARY MARKER |
| GROUP COMPOSITION    |                 |

Monument has historical connection with the following themes: (See also reverse side)

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| Agriculture   | Commerce/Industry        |
| Architecture  | Science/Invention        |
| Art/Sculpture | Travel/Communication     |
| ✓ Education X | Military Affairs         |
| Literature    | Indians                  |
| Music         | Development of Town/City |
| Government    | Religion/Philosophy      |

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved\* Altered  
IMPORTANCE of monument to area: Great Moderate None Not noticed by many, but very suitable & appreciated.  
MONUMENT endangered by: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF INSCRIPTION: Plaque on wall, house, post; base of monument; other a rock

ENTIRE INSCRIPTION on monument: 1795 (picture of schoolhouse) 1894  
Fiske Hill District School # 9

Among the teachers were Clara Chase, Anna, Caroline, and Esther Brooks,  
Tristram Burgess, Delia Bushnell, Emilie Carpenter, Fannie Emmons, Mary Farnum,  
Julia Haynes, Ida Hebard, Alice Bird, Emeline Hutchins, Sarah Johnson, Mary  
McGregory, Nina Plimpton, Nellie Prouty, Francella Smith,  
Minnie Weeks, Nellie Wilder from Town Records

DESCRIPTION\*\*  
Foundation: Pedestal Base None Material Erected 1949 by Channing, Albert, and  
Material: Bronze Stone Marble Granite Wood Other Cheyney Wells whose mother was  
Setting (surroundings) Lawn, bushes Mary McGregory  
Size (approximate) Plaque: 20 X 24"; rock 2.3-ft. high

Indicate location of monument on map below Recorder Agnes S. Wilkin  
For Sturbridge Historical Commission  
(Name of Organization)



Photo \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received Nov. 30, 1973

\* If the monument has been moved, indicate the original location on the reverse side.  
\*\* Describe the monument on the reverse side.

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GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT MATTER AND/OR DESIGN OF MONUMENT

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF MONUMENT. (Refer to the theme circled on front of form. What happened? Who was important? Comment)

This school, which predated the ones in the area of the Common, was fondly remembered by people on Fiske Hill. Joseph Elvin included many anecdotes about it in his record of the Brooks family, and pasted in a photograph of this small, simple structure -- ridge roof, one chimney, and entrance door at front side.

The Wells Brothers, grandsons of founder of American Optical, were through their mother strongly connected with Fiske Hill. Their mother's maiden name was Mason. (See form 2). It is no doubt Channing who arranged for this monument as the plaque is very like the one at well at entrance to driveway of his own house (See form 15) and put up the same year.

*Albert z Cheney*  
The Wells brothers were collectors of Americana and became -- Albert, particularly, -- the founders of Old Sturbridge Village.

REFERENCE: (Where was this information obtained? What book, records, etc.)

Almost all the standard references on Sturbridge have reference of some sort to this schoolhouse; and the maps, 1795 on, show it. See bibliography on area form



