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FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02116

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

[Empty boxes for Area Letter and Form numbers]

Town Worcester

Name of Area (if any) Holy Name of
Jesus Complex

Present Use church, school, convent,
rectory, garage

General Date or Period 1890-1925

General Condition Good

Acreage 1.1 acres

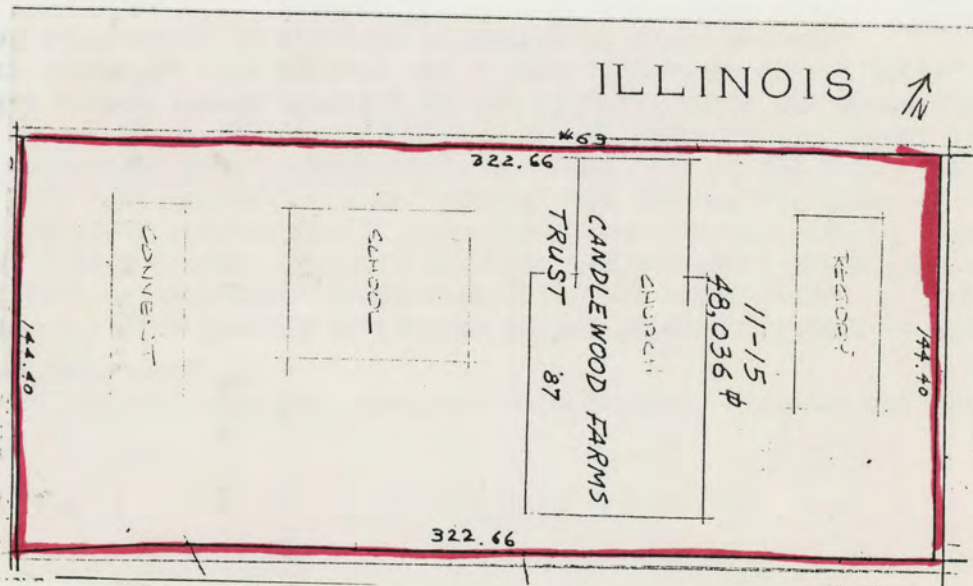
Recorded by Betsy Friedberg & Claire Dempsey;
Susan Ceccacci

Organization Worcester Heritage
Preservation Society

Date November 1987

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black & white) Indicate on back of each photo street addresses for buildings shown. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient).



UTM REFERENCE 19/267250/4680720

USGS QUADRANGLE Worcester South

SCALE 1:25000

HPCA #10814MA (school)
HPCA #11040MA (convent)

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The Holy Name of Jesus Complex, Worcester, meets National Register Criterion A for its association with Worcester's French-Canadian community and Criterion C for its architectural features and design by Worcester architect O. E. Nault. It retains integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and is significant on the local level.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

The Holy Name of Jesus Complex is located in the largest residential South Main Street area of Worcester, Massachusetts. The neighborhood is located south of the city's central business district and developed during the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Lined along the eastern side of Illinois Street, the Holy Name Rectory, Church, School, and Convent all front on tree-lined University Park. Centered on the east side of the park, the church is flanked on the north by the rectory and on the south by the school and convent. The church fronts directly on the sidewalk while the other buildings are set back slightly. The rectory has a landscaped lawn on all sides. The neighborhood surrounding is composed primarily of three deckers.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community.

The Holy Name of Jesus complex includes the church, school, convent, and rectory of the third French Roman Catholic Parish in the city of Worcester. Located on Illinois Street facing University Park, the parish was formed in 1893 to serve the growing French population in the city at large and in the expanding South Worcester area. French-Canadians formed a significant portion of the immigrant population of the city, and the experience of these immigrants is of particular importance to the history of New England in the late nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries.

The first French-Canadians came to the Worcester area in the 1830s and 1840s, hired off their eastern province farms to build the Commonwealth's expanding railroad network. The area's largest immigrant group at the time was the Irish, who had come to Worcester county first in 1826 to help build the Blackstone Canal and stayed on afterward to work on other large construction projects. Their numbers were dramatically increased by the immigration resulting from the Famine in Ireland, after 1846. French-Canadian immigrants

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

see continuation sheet

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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The architect of the church, and probably of all the buildings in the complex, was O. E. Nault. Nault, a Canadian-born Worcester architect, is known to have designed other important buildings and building complexes for French Canadian groups in Worcester. They include Assumption College, West Boylston Street; St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Thorn Street; and St. Joseph's Church, Rectory, and School, Hamilton Street.

The oldest building in the complex is the Holy Name School, a brick Romanesque Revival design begun in 1893 and dedicated in 1898. The building rises to three stories over a basement with projecting entry bays at each end. Originally the school had a hip roof and a central facade gable. In 1926, a flat roof and parapet were substituted and some window arrangements altered. Presently the facade includes many important Romanesque details including Roman arch entry surrounds and second story window heads that form arcading across the main block, bound together with string courses at their spring lines. In the interior, classrooms and offices open off central corridors on an east-west axis, and lavatories and lunch room are located in the basement.

The Holy Name of Jesus Church was begun the same year, but not completed until 1916. Built of brick with strongly contrasting granite keystones, voussoirs, and decorative coursing, this church has a broad facade with paired buttressed towers capped with parapets. The body of the church follows the traditional nave plan oriented north-south, with a clerestory and transepts. Romanesque details seen here are Roman arched windows and doors, arched corbelling in the facade gable, smooth shafted granite engaged columns with foliate capitals at the entrances, and a large Roman arched window at the center of the facade.

The Convent of the Sisters of St. Ann was built between 1922 and 1924 in a Georgian Revival design. This three story brick structure has a dormered hip roof, finely detailed Classical cornice, and an elaborate entrance portico with a barrel roof. Rusticated brickwork ornaments the ground floor level, a granite string course divides first and second floor, and brick quoining marks the corners. A two story porch is located on the east (lateral) and rear walls. The interior of the convent is divided by a north-south corridor with two parlors, cafeteria, kitchen, and office on the first floor and small bedrooms on the second.

The Holy Name Rectory was constructed in a similar Georgian Revival design, begun the same year and completed in 1928. This substantial two story brick residence employs a five bay facade and a high pitched dormered slate roof. A fine classical frieze and cornice, quoined corners, strongly contrasting granite keystones and voussoirs above flat arched windows, and finely detailed Ionic porches ornament the facade. A secondary porched entry is located on the long wall and a lower ell in the rear. The first floor included offices, dining room, and kitchen, with sleeping quarters above. The final building in the complex is a two car garage built of brick with a slate-covered hip roof.

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Archaeological Description

While no prehistoric sites are currently recorded on the property, it is possible that sites are present. The church property is located in close proximity to the Blockston River and associated wetlands, a probable locus of native settlement. In general, however, the potential for significant archaeological remains, either prehistoric or historic, seems low, as a result of small lot size and the fact that the buildings, most of which have basements, cover much of the lot.

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brought to their new homes a fierce loyalty to the French heritage, and their anti-assimilationist stance focused on a clustering of values known as survivance. Historian of immigration Stephen Thernstrom notes the "central trilogy" of French-Canadian life "defined by language, determined by faith, and dedicated to the family" (quoted in Rosensweig 1983:84). While preserving language and culture, these values also produced an insular community. Of particular importance to the small French community, the Irish controlled the Roman Catholic churches.

Soon after their arrival in Worcester County, the French-Canadians made a French-speaking priesthood a high priority to the community. Roman Catholic services were available after 1834 in Worcester, and in six neighboring towns by 1850, but English was the language of their sermons, schools, and religion. The state census of population, however, showed communities where French-Canadians outnumbered the Irish among the foreign born including West Boylston and Douglas in 1855, and ten years later Dudley, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sutton, Southbridge, and Webster. In these towns the first Roman Catholic churches employing the French language were established, St. Louis in Webster in 1853, Notre Dame in Southbridge in 1869, and St. Dennis in Douglas in 1870. Within Worcester's French Canadian community, the Societe St. Jean Baptist was formed in 1853, in part in an attempt to establish a French parish. This was accomplished in 1870 with the formation of Notre Dame des Canadiens. It was designated as the city's only national parish when territorial parishes were delineated in 1874.

The Franco-American community grew rapidly during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, and the 1880s and 1890s were a period of significant institution formation for them. Father Joseph Brouillet of Notre Dame began establishing mission chapels for the community, in South Worcester in 1885, and at Oak or French Hill in 1886. The latter became the parish St. Joseph in 1891, and the former, Holy Name of Jesus in 1893. In addition to new churches Brouillet added St. Anne's Orphanage (1893), and St. Francis Home for the Aged (1898), closely associated with a Canadian order of nuns, Little Franciscans of Mary, that had their beginnings in the village of Manchaug in Sutton. The French community that these religious institutions served numbered over 10,000 in 1891, and had established secular institutions and influence as well. The newspaper Le Travailleur operated between 1874 and 1892, and was replaced by L'Opinion Publique between 1893 and 1932. The business manager of these papers, Alexander Belisle, was the first French-Canadian to serve in Worcester's city government, and the author of histories of French-Canadians in the United States. By 1916, the French-Canadians numbered about 25,000.

The development of Holy Name Parish is a part of this period of population growth and institutional maturation. Its beginnings were at the corner of Grand and Southgate Streets, near the Adriatic Woolen Mills between the Norwich and Worcester and the Boston and Albany Railroads to the west of South

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Historical Significance, cont.

Worcester. A small building housing a chapel and school was known as Mission St. Anne, and served about 300 families. In 1893, the mission was elevated to parish, Holy Name of Jesus, and moved to property to the west on Illinois Street, nearer to the South Main Street neighborhood. The first buildings constructed were a rectory later replaced by the present building, and the school that still stands. In 1895, the foundation of the church was dug and basement rooms constructed. The church building was apparently halted at this point for want of funds, but completed in 1916. Another building campaign began in 1922, with the construction of the convent, the new rectory, the expansion of the school, and the addition of the garage.

Rev. J. Edmund Perreault, the founding pastor, oversaw the growth of Holy Name parish for thirty-two years (1893-ca. 1925). During this time his parish grew from a hundred parishioners to one of the largest congregations in the diocese of Springfield (6,299 communicants in 1924), and 900 students in the School. He was responsible for the construction of most of the present complex of buildings and is credited with the flourishing condition of the parish during his pastorship. Perreault was also noted for his "patriotic endeavors among his people to inculcate true Americanism in encouraging them to become naturalized citizens of the United States." He retired from the parish in 1925 to St. Anns Orphanage. Rev. Joseph A. Dalpe came to the parish from Immaculate Conception church in Fitchburg.

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District Data Sheet
Holy Name of Jesus Complex
Illinois Street, Worcester, MA

Map number	Name	Status/ Resource	Style	Date of Construction
1	Convent	C/B	Georgian Revival	1922-1924
2	School	C/B	Romanesque Revival	1893-1898
3	Church	C/B	High Victorian Gothic	1893-1916
4	Rectory	C/B	Georgian Revival	1922-1928
5	Garage	NC/B		ca. 1930

Contributing resources: 4 buildings
Noncontributing resources: 1 building

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Verbal boundary description

see assessors map

Verbal boundary justification

The boundary of the nominated property is the lot presently and historically associated with the Holy Name of Jesus Complex, Worcester, Massachusetts.

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Worcester Multiple Resource Area
State Worcester County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Worcester Corset Company
Factory

Substantive Review

Keeper Thomas H. Dwyer 10-4-84

Attest

2. Malvern Road School

Substantive Review

Keeper Thomas H. Dwyer 10-4-84

Attest

3. Claremont Street Historic
District

Substantive Review

Keeper 75

Attest

4. Richmond, Willard, Apartment
Block

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byers 11/7/85

Attest

5. Russell (The)

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Helmut Byers 11/7/85

Attest

6. Aurora Hotel

Substantive Review

for Keeper Patrick Ardus 4/28/88

Attest

Barbara Searge 4/28/88

7. Holy Name of Jesus Complex

for Keeper Helmut Byers 6/8/88

Attest

8. Vendome and the St. Ives

Substantive Review

for Keeper Barbara Searge 02-09-88

Attest

9. Shaarai Torah Synagogue

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper 5/14/90

Attest

10.

Keeper

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Holy Name of Jesus Complex (Worcester MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 13 1988

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/7/89
Date Due: 6/9/88 - 6/27/88
Action: ACCEPT 6-9-88
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

*Registered in the
National Register*

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition: excellent good fair
 deteriorated ruins unexposed
Check one: unaltered altered
Check one: original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Holy Name of Jesus Complex
Worcester, MA

School facade - north and east
elevations

photo/negative - Susan Ceccacci, 1986



Holy Name of Jesus Complex
Worcester, MA MRA

Convent facade - north and east
elevations

photo/negative - Susan Ceccacci, 1986



Holy Name of Jesus Complex
Worcester, MA

Church facade - north elevation

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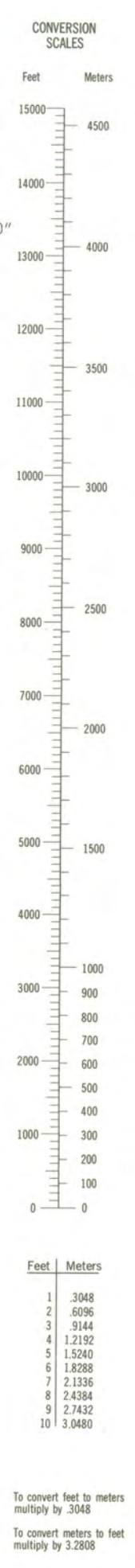
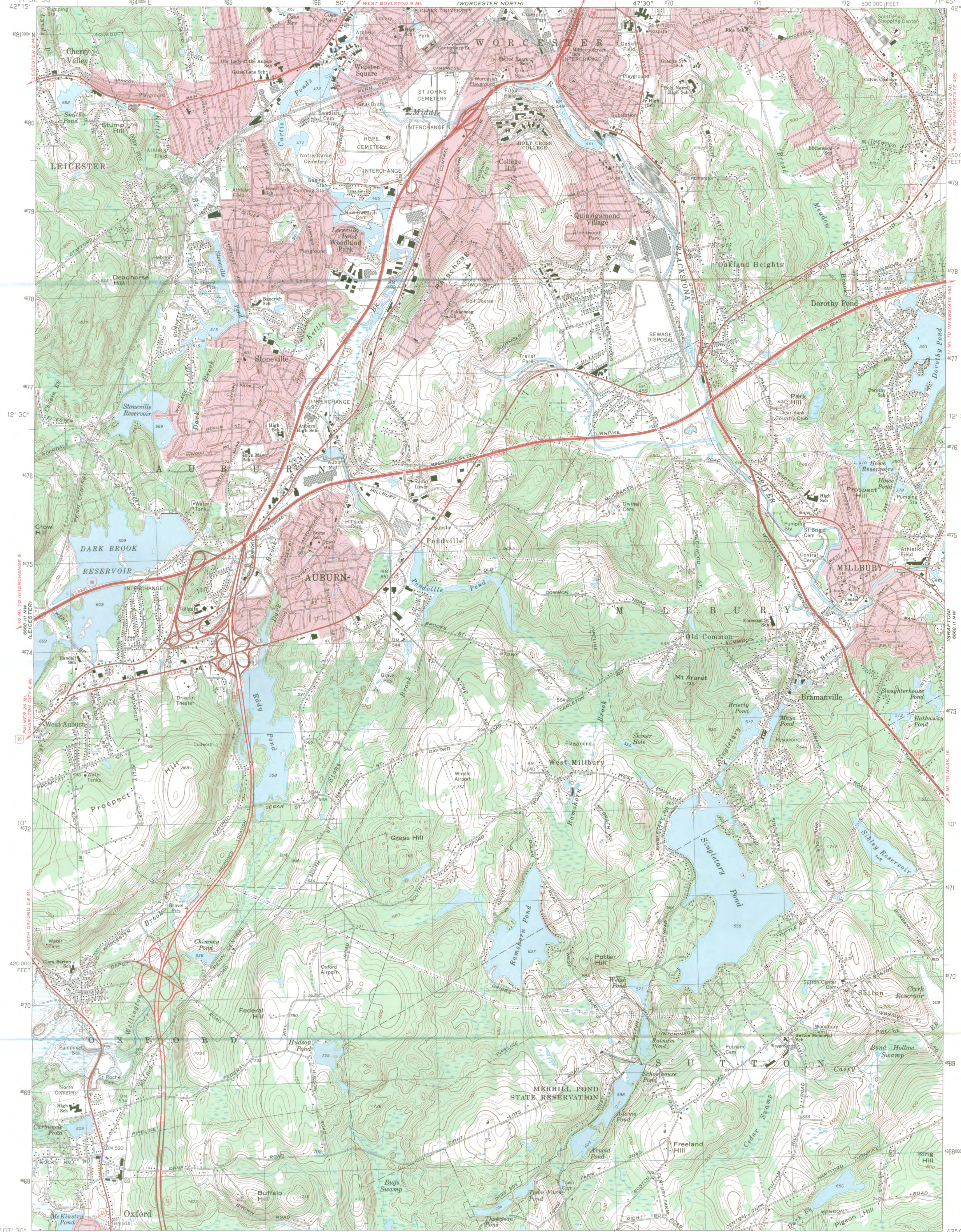
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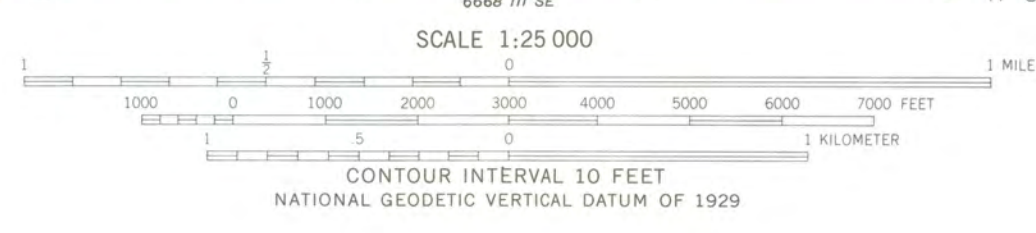
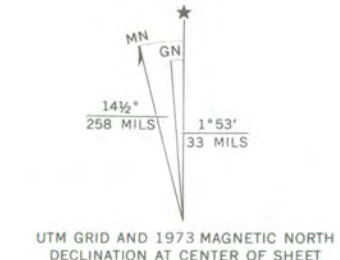
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 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
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 Areas covered by dashed light-blue pattern are subject
 to controlled inundation by Hodges Village Dam



HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH COMPLEX
 Worcester, MA
 Property boundaries indicated by pencil
 on upper portion of map



WORCESTER SOUTH, MASS.
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(PARKS DEPT.)

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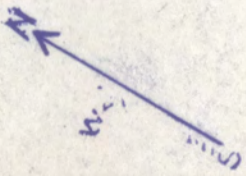
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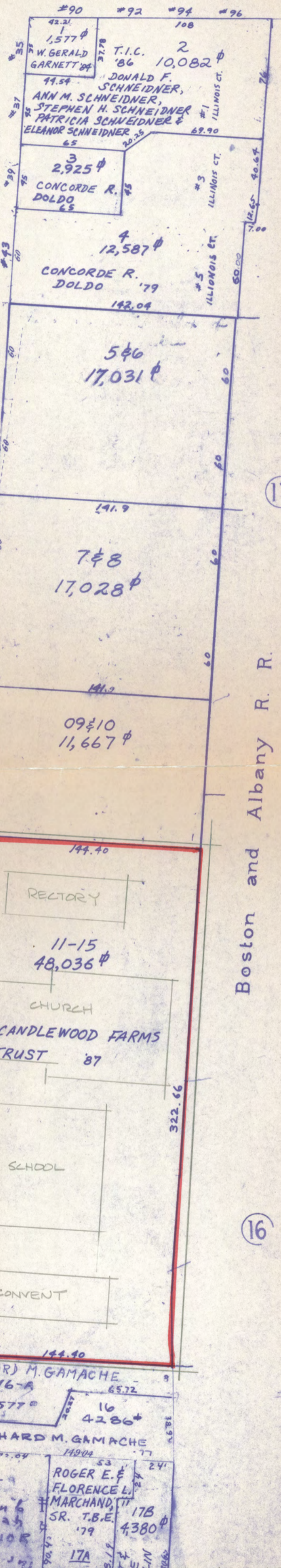
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CRYSTAL STREET

Scale 1" = 50'



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH COMPLEX
Worcester, MA

Scale - 1"=50'

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DATE:
TRACT:
BLOCK:
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May 4, 1988

Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find the nomination forms for the following properties:

Leominster, F. A. Whitney Carriage Company Complex Historic District;
off 124 Water Street; HPCA #10369MA

Medford, Joseph K. Manning House; 35-37 Forest Street

Palmer, Union Station; Depot Street

Peabody, Moore-Hill House; 82 Franklin Street

Worcester MRA
Worcester, Holy Name of Jesus Complex; Illinois Street; HPCA #10814MA (school)
HPCA #11040MA (convent)

They have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Owners were notified of pending State Review Board consideration 30-75 days before the meeting and were afforded the opportunity to comment. No comments have been received to date.

Sincerely,

Betsy Friedberg
National Register Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

BF/es

Enclosure

MAY 13 1988

Massachusetts Historical Commission, Valerie A. Talmage, *Executive Director, State Historic Preservation Officer*
80 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (617) 727-8470

Office of the Secretary of State, Michael J. Connolly, *Secretary*

*Joland
10/29/98*

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OCT 29 1998

Mr. Matt Gossett
CLG Enterprises
2347 Albion Place, Apt. A
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Mr. Gossett:

This letter certifies that the Robert, Johnson and Rand-International Shoe Company Complex, located at Mississippi and Hickory Streets in St. Louis, Missouri, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, having been entered on August 23, 1984.

If we can provide further information or assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Sgd) Carol D. Shull

Carol D. Shull
Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
National Register, History, and Education

cc: Stephen Mahfood, SHPO

bcc: 0001-Stanton
2200-Stevenson
2250-Greenberg

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