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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

Chicopee
5 East Main and Belcher Streets

Original Name St. George's French Catholic Church
Present Church

CRPIPTION:
1923

Source newspaper clippings
Style late Gothic Revival
Architect George H. Fuguere
Exterior wall fabric brick and sandstone
Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved
Date

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting on high, well-landscaped rise over looking Chicopee River and Chicopee Falls.

Recorded by Edward W. Gordon
Organization Office of Community Development
Date February 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Since 1923 the tall Gothicized tower of St. George's church has been a major Chicopee Falls landmark. Constructed of red sandstone and brick, this Late Gothic Revival Church's components include (in addition to the tower) a projecting vestibule, long nose with (clerestory), transparent and apse. In general its walls are pieced by pointed arch and quatrefoil windows with heavy sandstone moldings. Buttresses appear at the tower. The main on Belcher St. entrances exhibits three deeply recessed pointed arch openings.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

After the Civil War, French Canadians came to Chicopee in great numbers to work in the textile mills and other Chicopee River valley industries. As early as 1871 the first French Catholic parish was organized in Chicopee. By 1885 a Canadian American parish had been established on Academy St. Hill, Front St. on what is now the site of Chicopee High School, known as the Church of the Assumption, it burned in 1912. St. George's parish was originally known as St. Joachim. Organized in 1893, it was originally located in a small chapel on Maple St. During the early 1890's this parish the Greek Revival Pliny Cadwell Hose on East Main St. to serve as a rectory. The first pastor was Alexis Delphos under the leadership of Father Gagnon. The present Gothic Revival building at East Main and Belcher Streets was erected at a cost of $225,000 - at that time a parochial school and nunnary were completed on the property. St. George's was dedicated in 1923. St. George's Church was designed by George H. Fugere of George H. Fugere and Sons, architects and engineers, 112 Main St. Chicopee Falls.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)
Maps/Atlases 1885, 1894, 1912
Chicopee Public Library files - "Religion"
Springfield Public Library files
INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town

Property Address

Chicopee, East Main St

Area(s) Form No.

[Image of a church]

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF INSPECTION

BUILDING: St. George's Church
CITY OR TOWN: Chicopee
TO BE USED FOR: church purposes

OWNER: St. George's Church
ARCHITECT: Albert J. Roy - Boston

CERTIFICATE APPROVAL: SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - REFERRED

DATE: 10/15/52
INSPECTOR: J.E. Powers

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