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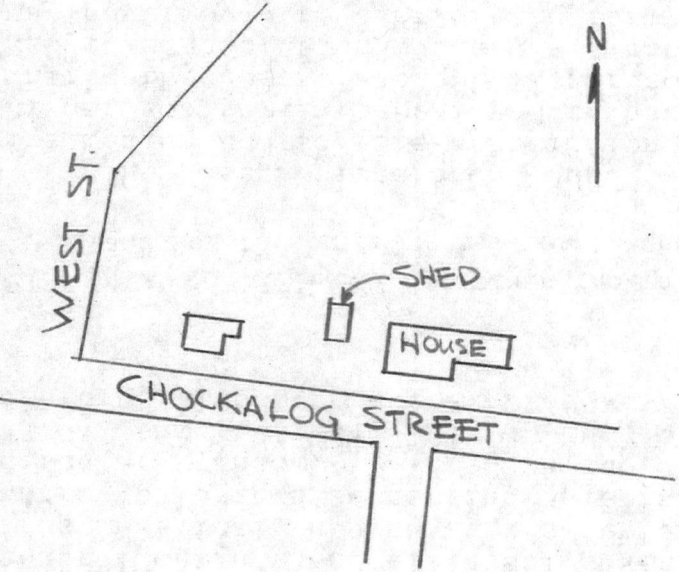
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Uxbridge
 Address Chockalog Street
 Historic Name Joseph Richardson House
 Use: Original residence
 Present same
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Joseph Richardson

SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1819
 Source date on front door
 Style Federalist/vernacular
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding
 Outbuildings shed

Major alterations (with dates) some 2/2 sash & Victorian front door (1890's?) aluminum siding (1970's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/2 acre

Setting rural-surrounded by fields and scattered farmhouses.

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer
 Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission
 Date May 1981

UTM: Quad Ux 19 278750 4656330

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

The Richardson^{House} is a good local example of vernacular architecture of the Federalist period. The house is a two-storey timber-frame structure with a central chimney and ell (east). Set on a hammered granite foundation, the facade is symmetrical, having at its center a Federalist style entry consisting of narrow pilasters supporting an entablature and cornice beneath which is a semi-circular transom. Painted on the transom by the current owner are the initials "J.R." and the year "1819". Much of the sash dates from the late nineteenth century, although several windows retain original 12/12 and 12/8 sash.

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

The Joseph Richardson House possesses historical significance both for its design and for its association with members of the locally prominent Richardson family. Believed to have been built in 1819, the house was originally the home of Joseph Richardson, a farmer and native of Burrillville, Rhode Island. Richardson was a brother-in-law of the Hon. Bazaleel Taft and may have moved to Uxbridge to farm land owned originally by his wife's family. The farm which surrounded the Richardson House was bought by Richardson in the early nineteenth century. Prior to his death, Joseph Richardson had become one of Uxbridge's largest land holders and wealthiest citizens. Principally a farmer, Richardson is reported to have refused public office, although he enjoyed the distinction of being the first Democrat elected to represent Uxbridge in the General Court.

After the death of Joseph Richardson, the house passed first to his widow and then to his son, William, who lived here throughout the nineteenth century. Also a farmer, William Richardson served briefly as a selectman in 1908; unlike his father, the younger Richardson engaged only in farming and not in land speculation.

The Joseph Richardson House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Joseph Richardson, one of Uxbridge's largest landowners during the nineteenth century.

The Richardson House meets criteria B and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
Chapin 1881: 59-61
Sprague 1927: 45

OWNER: Herman R. and Irene V. Hathaway
Chockalog St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Hayward, William, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

23. Ironstone Mill Housing and
Cellar Hole Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

²²¹ 24. Judson-Taft House Substantive Review

for
Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest _____

25. Kensley, J., House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

~~28. Richardson, Joseph, House~~ Entered in the
National Register

~~for
Keeper~~

~~Melrose Byers 10/7/83~~

Attest _____

29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Richardson, Joseph, House (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83
Action: ACCEPT 10/7/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the _____
National Register _____

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

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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair		
<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated		
<input type="checkbox"/> ruins		
<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Richardson, Joseph, House (Uxbridge N.R.A.)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acree 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: _____



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Joseph Richardson House
Chockalog Street
Map #21 Lot #22

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983



NORTH



21
8.22 A.

22
28.53 Ac. (S)

22A
2.40 Ac.

PLAT
20

WEST ST.

CHOCKALOG ST.

302.94'

33' 269.94'

412.45'

926.95'

484.44'

605'

66'

121.10'

165.00'

275.55'

310.93'

267.80'

853.58'

982.47'

226.49'

15'

42'

12.23'

85.14'

83'

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299