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The William & Mary Farnum House meets criteria C of the NRHP.

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Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 31-14
Property Name: W. & M. Farnum House	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

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OWNER:

Ronald A. Smith
R.F.D. 2, Albee Road
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farnum, William and Mary, House (Uxbridge
MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 10/7/83

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Justification for the amount of acreage nominated is inadequate. Attention to the historic character of the farmstead should be addressed if the boundary is not revised. What is the physical relationship of the house and its outbuildings? Do ~~the~~ adjacent fields reflect the character of the property as an early Uxbridge farmstead?

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline Historical
Date 10/10/83

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

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)

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- completeness
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- applicable criteria
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- context
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- justification of exception
- other

Farmington, William and Mary, House (Uxbridge)
 WMA
 Worcester County
 MASSACHUSETTS

Note: the inventory form notes that there are 35 acres included - yet the site map shows what appears to be a much smaller area. Please clarify. If the 35 acre figure is correct, please provide the info. requested below.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References Please provide zone name with reference points - nomination area 35 acres

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide a justification for the amount of acreage nominated with the building.

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 Bill Bushong

Signed Patrick Andrews Date 10/2/03 Phone: _____

Area	Form no.
	31-14

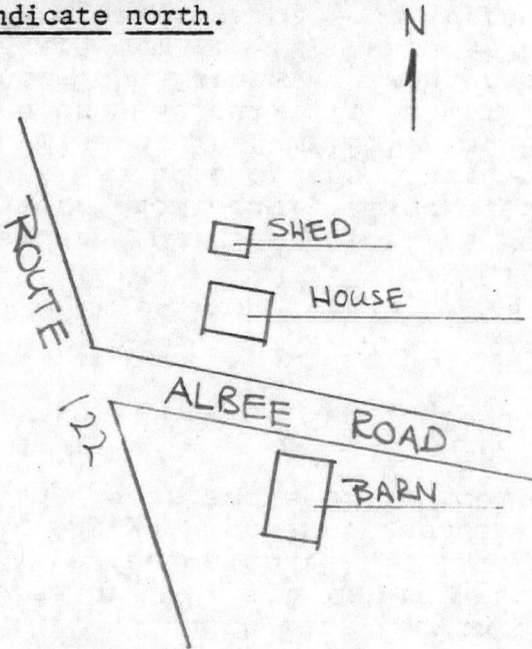
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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 Photo number _____

Roll 3 frame 20

SKETCH MAP

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



Town Uxbridge

Address Albee Road

Historic Name William & Mary Farnum House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Miss M. Farnum (1855)

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1821

Source date over entry

Style Federalist

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings barn on opposite side of street; shed behind house

Major alterations (with dates) 2/2 sash; front door replaced and original porch columns removed (1940's-1960's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting rural-mostly fields and second growth woods; widened road west of house

UTM: Quad BL 19 284310 4657660

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 4 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Date/Signature
Determined Eligible

31. Sprague, Albert, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

32. Southwick, Elisha, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

33. Southwick, Israel, House

Entered in the
National Register

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Attest

231 34. Farnum, William and Mary,
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

35. Thomson, C. R., House
and Barn

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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36. Uxbridge Common District

Keeper Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot

Entered in the
National Register

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38. Uxbridge Town Hall

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39. Waucantuck Mill Complex

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40. Wheelockville District

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Substantive Review

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Worcester County
MA

Working No. 8-26-83

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 1/20/84

Action: ACCEPT 1/20/84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

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Reviewer's comments:

*No boundary justification provided, but
damage is small and boundaries
are shown on the maps.*

Recom./Criteria Accept

Reviewer Mr. [Signature]

Discipline A.P.H.

Date 1-20-84

_____ see continuation sheet

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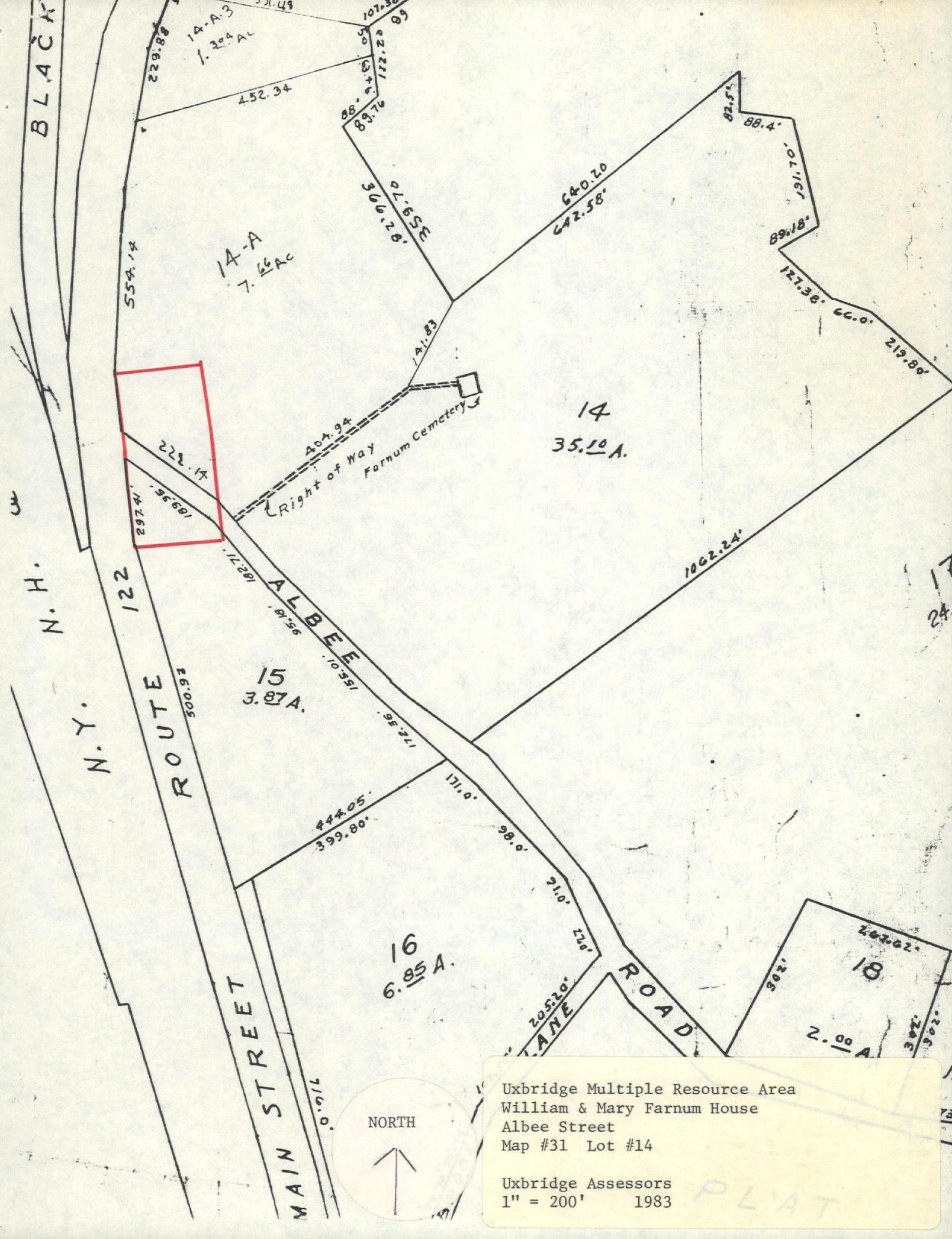
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #31-14

William & Mary Farnum
House



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
 William & Mary Farnum House
 Albee Street
 Map #31 Lot #14

Uxbridge Assessors
 1" = 200' 1983

PLAT

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299