

FORM B - BUILDING

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	47-70

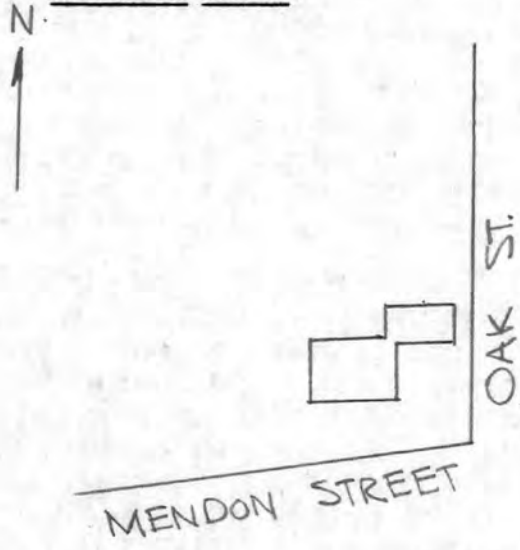
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

 PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Uxbridge
 Address 70 Mendon Street
 Historic Name Israel Southwick House
 Use: Original residence
 Present same
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Israel M. Southwick

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1860-1865; ca. 1890
 Source exterior & secondary sources
 Style Italianate & Queen Anne
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric wood shingles
 Outbuildings attached stable
 Major alterations (with dates) Queen Anne style remodelling (ca. 1890); shingles added (20th C.); porch partially glaze
 Moved no Date N/A
 Approx. acreage .16 acres
 Setting residential area of nineteenth and twentieth century houses.

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

UTM: Quad Ux 19 282790 4661600

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

The Southwick House preserves major elements of its original Italianate design as well as high-quality Queen Anne style elements added around 1890-1900. The house is a two-storey frame structure set on a foundation of dressed granite and enclosed by a pitched roof. Windows consist mostly of 2/2 sash set in frames with bracketed caps; extending around the house is a cornice with paired brackets. The main body of the facade is symmetrical about a center entry surmounted by a Palladian motif at the second storey and a dormer (ca.1900) at the third storey. Set in front of the facade is a Queen Anne style porch with a pedimented entry and a circular pavilion; the porch is supported by spiralled columns set on panelled bases.

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

The Southwick House possesses historical associations with Israel M. Southwick, a local manufacturer and master mechanic. Southwick's earliest known manufacturing venture began in 1853, when he and his brother-in-law, Richard Sayles, rented the newly built Central Woolen Mill (Form #46-D) from Moses Taft. Together, the two manufactured "fancy cassimeres" until 1859 or 1861 when they sold their lease and business to Bradford, Taft & Co. After the sale, Southwick became the master mechanic for the new owners, while Sayles became the new firm's agent and superintendant. During the Civil War, the two managed the Central Mill on a schedule which required an around-the-clock schedule to meet the demand of government contracts for cloth for uniforms. In 1866, Southwick again entered a partnership with Sayles, for the purchase of the Rivulet Mill (Form #56-A), although Southwick sold his interest in this venture to Zadock Taft around 1872. Southwick's subsequent business dealings are not known.

The Israel Southwick House possesses integrity of location, design, setting and workmanship, as well as historical associations with Israel Southwick, a local wool manufacturer. In addition to its historical associations, the Southwick House is one of Uxbridge's most full developed and well-preserved examples of Italianate architecture.

The Southwick House meets criteria A, B and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Chapin 1881: 151-152
 Hurd 1888 I: 182-184
 Jewett 1879 II: 432-434

OWNER: Mary Conway
 Mendon 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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received 5/26/83
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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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

Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

33. Southwick, Israel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

231 34. Farnum, William and Mary,
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

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

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

36. Uxbridge Common District

Keeper

Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

38. Uxbridge Town Hall

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

39. Waucantuck Mill Complex

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

40. Wheelockville District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Southwick, Israel, House (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 26 1983

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

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

Action: ACCEPT 10/7/83

Entered in the _____ RETURN _____

National Register REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

- 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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<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*) _____

- 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: _____



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #47-70

Israel Southwick House

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299