

FORM B - BUILDING

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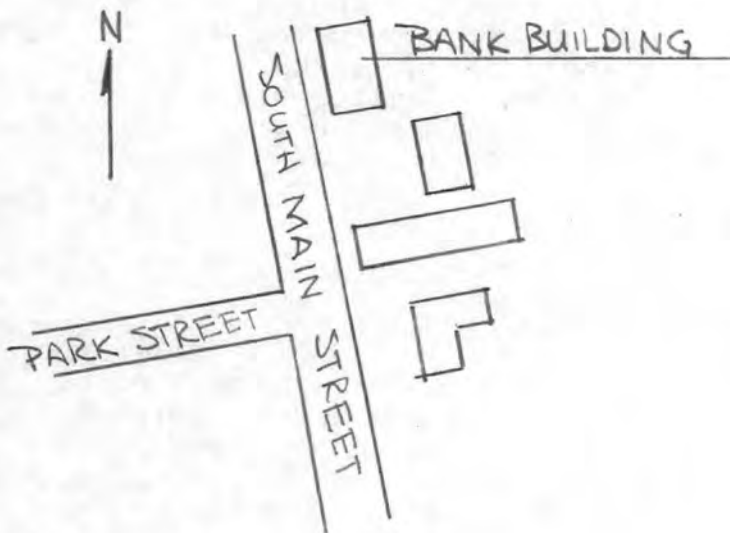
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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SKETCH MAP

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



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Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

Town Uxbridge

Address 40-44 So. Main Street

Historic Name Bank Building (V.M.R.A.)

Use: Original commercial

Present same

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Unknown

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1895-1896

Source exterior & secondary sources

Style eclectic late Victorian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick with granite trim

Outbuildings garage and commercial building

Major alterations (with dates) none

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage .17 acres

Setting southern-most commercial block in commercial district; free-standing houses south; railroad bed east

UTM: 19 282550 4661230 Quad: UX

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

The Bank Building is the most ornate and well-preserved of Uxbridge's three remaining commercial blocks of the nineteenth century. Virtually unaltered, the Bank Building is a rectangular structure, three stories high with a low hip roof surrounded by a cornice and parapet. The building stands on a granite foundation and has a symmetrical facade (west) which contains at the first storey a center entry flanked by two storefronts. Each storefront is original, consisting of a center entry flanked by plate-glass windows set in wood surrounds and framed by cast-iron columns with stylized Corinthian capitals.

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

One of few commercial blocks built in Uxbridge during the nineteenth century, the Bank derives historical significance both from its architecture and from its association with the Blackstone National Bank and the Uxbridge Savings Bank which shared space in this building between 1896 and 1914 before moving to a building built by the banks (form #48-UA-232). Organized by local manufacturers and merchants in 1825, the Blackstone National Bank had occupied quarters in the Capron Building (#2 South Main Street-now destroyed) since 1827, paying only "one peppercorn" annually to the Capron Family for rent. When the Capron Building burned in 1896, the Blackstone National Bank together with the Uxbridge Savings Bank (inc. 1870) rented space in this block, which may have been under construction prior to the fire. Original ownership of the Bank Building is unclear; local atlases list the two banks as owners, however a history of the bank implies that the building was constructed by an individual or association of individuals, unrelated (corporately) to the banks (Blackstone 1925: 22). The importance of the Blackstone National Bank to local manufacturers who depended on it to discount notes from distant customers, and the bank's apparently brisk business had already, in 1888, encouraged the observation:

A good first-class business block in the site just south of the National Bank, arranged for stores, banking-rooms and offices, would supply a much-needed want, and would be occupied at good rent as soon as completed (Hurd 1888 I: 173)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Blackstone National Bank, One Hundred Years of Banking.
 Boston: Walton Advertising & Printing Co., 1925
 Chapin 1881: 202
 Hurd 1888 I: 173
 Jewett 1879 II: 435
 Sprague 1927: 36, 49, 52 & 99

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 42-6
Property Name: Bank Building	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Fenestration of the facade's second and third stories is identical, having single 1/1 windows in the central and outer bays, and paired 1/1 windows in all other bays. Windows have rock-faced granite sills and lintels; separating second and third storey windows are panels of decorative brickwork. Centered over the second storey window is a granite panel inscribed "Bank Building". Other elevations are asymmetrical, undecorated except for a moulded cornice and contain mostly 1/1 sash.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Whoever built the current block followed the foregoing suggestion closely, constructing the Bank Building to contain two storefronts at the first storey, offices at the second storey and a public hall at the third storey.

The Bank Building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, and is significant as Uxbridge's most ornate example of late Victorian commercial architecture. The Building meets criteria C of the NRHP.

OWNER

Raymond H. and Joan M. Bedard
174 Hecla St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

198 1. Adams, Benjamin, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

198 2. Albee, E., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

700 3. Aldrich, Daniel, Cottage and
SawmillEntered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

701 4. Aldrich, J., House

Substantive Review

f Keeper

Bruce Van Dusen 1/2/84

Attest

2 5. Aldrich, W., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

6 6. Aldrich, S., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

7. Bank Building

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

8. Brown, E., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

6 9. Butler Block

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

7 10. Carpenter, George, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Bank Building (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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ 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: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



NORTH

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Bank Building
40-44 South Main Street
Map #42 Lot #6

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299