

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

46-45

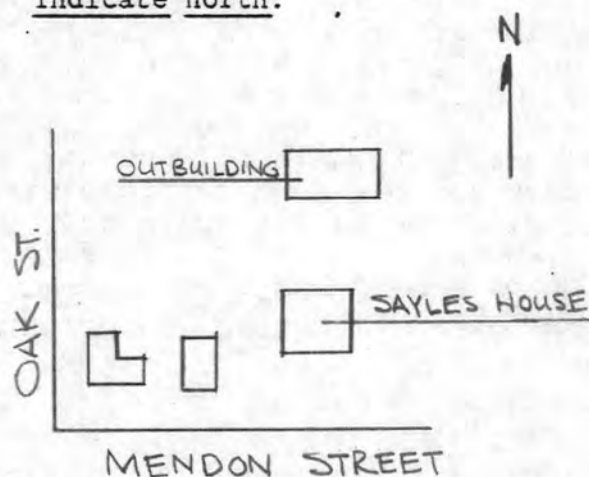
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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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.



Town Uxbridge

Address 80 Mendon Street

Historic Name Richard Sayles House

Use: Original residence

Present same

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Richard Sayles (first known)

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1820-1825

Source exterior

Style Federalist

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric hammered granite

Outbuildings former boarding house

(ca. 1845-moved to this site ca. 1900?)

Major alterations (with dates) stoop re-
built, sash replaced(?) (19th C.),
chimneys partially capped.

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage 1 acre

Setting set on slightly elevated site
in a residential area of nineteenth
and twentieth century houses.

UTM: 19 282890 4661600 Quad: BL

Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical
Commission

Date May 1981

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

The Richard Sayles House is a unique local example of Federalist architecture, noteworthy both for its high-quality design and its fine granite construction. The house is nearly square in plan with two interior-chimneys and stands two-stories high with a hip roof. The facade (south) is symmetrical about a center entry which contains a panelled door surmounted by a semi-circular light (blocked) and framed by a projecting granite surround that rises to a keystone. Originally the entry had a three-sided stoop.

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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)

Although the Sayles House is known to possess historical associations with Richard Sayles, its owner after ca. 1852, its original ownership is currently unknown, although its exceptional Federalist design suggests that it was built for one of Uxbridge's prominent mercantile families or early manufacturers, perhaps the Caprons. The house's estimated date of construction is based both on its design and on the use of similar stonework in the construction of the Crown & Eagle Mills at North Uxbridge in 1823-1827 (Form #47-B).

Richard Sayles (1819-1887) was a native of Gloucester, Rhode Island, who, as a child, was sent by his family to work on a farm. At the age of 16 he moved to Providence, Rhode Island, to work as a clerk in a grocery store, a position he occupied until 1840 when he used his savings to pay for a year's education at Uxbridge Academy. Between 1841 and 1844, Sayles was an employee of the Uxbridge Woolen Company and between 1844 and 1847, he owned and operated the grocery store in which he had previously worked at Providence. In 1847, Sayles returned to Uxbridge and to the employ of the Uxbridge Woolen Company, until 1852 when he went to work for Moses Taft, supervising the construction and equipment of the Central Woolen Mill (Form #46-D).

Upon the mill's completion Sayles and his brother-in-law, Israel Southwick leased the property and manufactured woolen goods until 1859 or 1861 when they sold their lease and business to Bradford, Taft & Co.. Sayles continued as agent and superintendant of the mill during the Civil War, when large government orders required around-the-clock production.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Chapin 1881: 151-152
 Hurd 1888 I: 171 & 182-184
 Jewett 1879 II: 432-434

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 46-45
Property Name: R. Sayles House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Flanking the entry are four windows set in undecorated granite surrounds with projecting sills and flush lintels. The stone work of the facade consists of blocks which have been matched for color and size to be laid symmetrically about the entry. Side elevations are undecorated and possess four windows at each storey. The house sits on a carefully terraced site which slopes to a fine, hammered granite retaining wall along Mendon Street.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

His health reportedly damaged by this demanding work schedule, Sayles suffered partial paralysis in early 1864; after recovering, Sayles leased the Laurel Ridge Woolen Mill at Burrillville, Rhode Island in April of 1864 and in May of 1864, he bought the Rivulet Mill (Form #56-A) with his brother-in-law, David McBride. Sayles continued to own the Rivulet Mill under various partnerships until the time of his death. Of Sayle's non-business activities, little is known except that he was a major donor and chairman of the building committee for the North Uxbridge Baptist Church (Form #57-163), although he was a Unitarian in his personal beliefs. Soon after Sayles's death, this house was sold to the Calumet Woolen Company, which probably used it for workers' housing.

The Richard Sayles House possesses integrity of location, design, materials, setting and workmanship, as well as historical associations with Richard Sayles, a local wool manufacturer. In addition, the house possesses a unique Federalist design, finished entirely in hammered granite ashlar.

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

OWNER

Philippe J. Bayamee
142 School St.
Northbridge, MA 01569

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

For NPS use only

received 8/26/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Hayward, William, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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

Melvyn 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 Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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28. Richardson, Joseph, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

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29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Sayles, Richard, 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 _____
National Register _____

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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ 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: _____



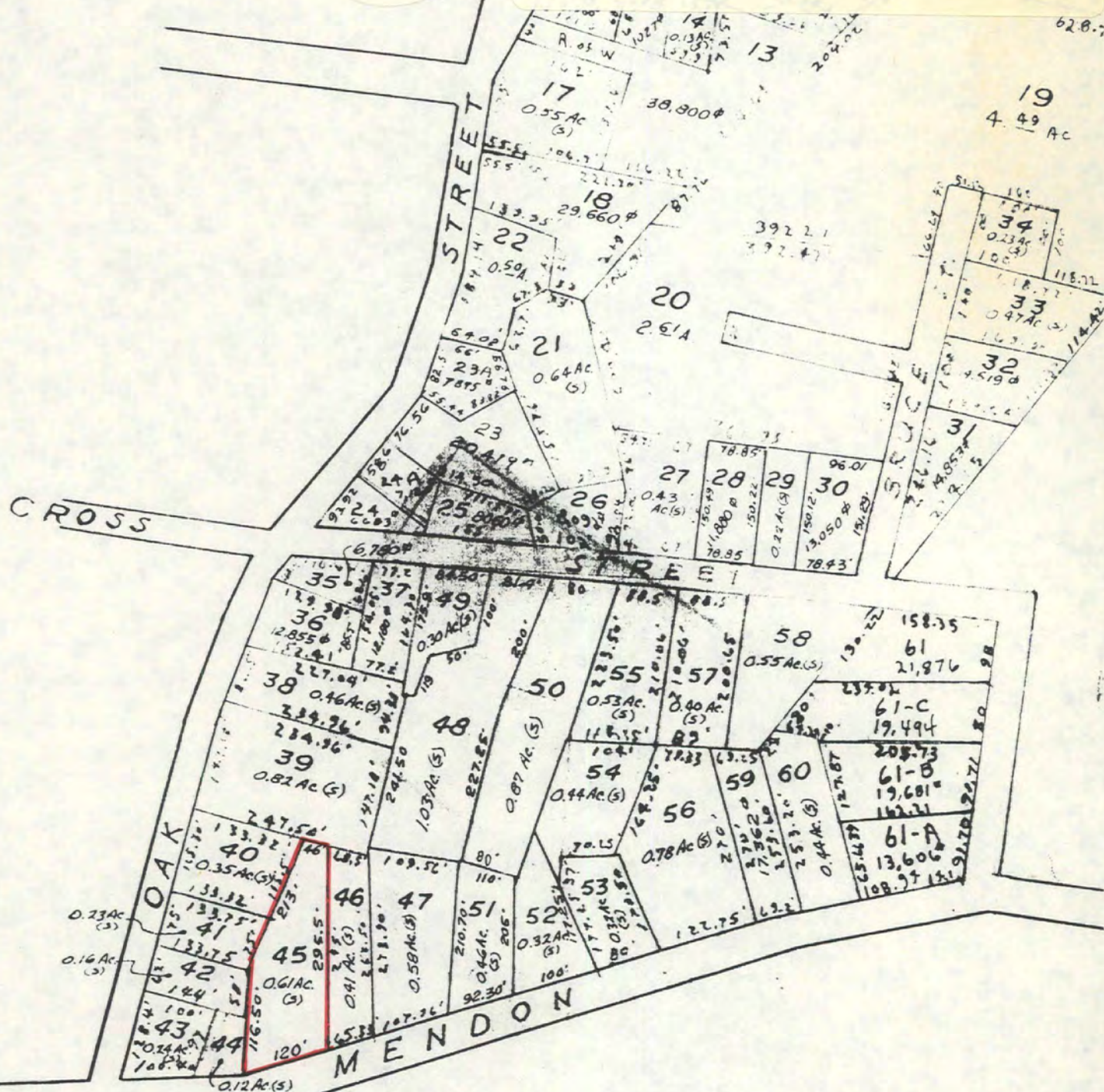
Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #46-45

Richard Sayles House



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