

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

10-33

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

Roll 3 frame 1-2

SKETCH MAP

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



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

Town Uxbridge
Address Chestnut Street
Historic Name J. Kensley House
Use: Original residence
Present residence
Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____
Public _____
Original owner J. Kensley

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1820
Source exterior
Style Federalist
Architect unknown
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) rear porch;
central chimney capped down, brick
painted.

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/4

Setting rural: fields and second
growth woods.

UTM: Quad Ux 19 282630 4656020

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

The Kensley House is an excellent local example of Federalist architecture. The house is rectangular in plan with a central chimney and rests on a foundation of hammered granite, above which walls are built of red brick laid up in common bond. Windows contain 12/12 sash at the first storey and 12/8 sash in the gables. Window surrounds are framed with rectangular lintels and sills of hammered granite. The facade is slightly asymmetrical about a central entry which contains an original sunken panel door and five-pane transom.

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

Notable primarily for its design, the Kensley House has no known historical associations. The house is not labelled on the 1855 Map of Uxbridge; however, in 1857, it was the property of J. Kensley. Subsequently, the house seems to have remained in the Kensley family, passing to Mrs. Kinslar(sic.) & S. Sherman by 1870 and to Kate Kinsley(sic.) by 1898. None of these owners are listed in local directories, although it is likely that most farmed this property.

The Kensley House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship and serves as a well-preserved example of the type of brick construction that became locally popular for higher quality houses during the Federalist period.

The Kensley House meets criteria C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898

OWNER:

George H. and Eleanor M. Ross
Chestnut St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

23. Ironstone Mill Housing and
Cellar Hole Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

221 24. Judson-Taft House Substantive Review

for
Keeperaccept Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

25. ~~Kensley, J., House~~ Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

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28. Richardson, Joseph, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

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29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

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30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
KeeperMelrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Kensley, J., 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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	

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



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #10-33

J. Kensley House

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
J. Kensley House
Chestnut Street
Map #10 Lot #33

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