

Area	Form no.
	21-22

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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

Roll 2 frames 0-1

Town Uxbridge  
 Address Chockalog Street  
 Historic Name Joseph Richardson House  
 Use: Original residence  
 Present same  
 Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Public \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original owner Joseph Richardson

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1819  
 Source date on front door  
 Style Federalist/vernacular  
 Architect unknown  
 Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding  
 Outbuildings shed

Major alterations (with dates) some 2/2 sash & Victorian front door (1890's?) aluminum siding (1970's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/2 acre

Setting rural-surrounded by fields and scattered farmhouses.

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

UTM: Quad Ux 19 278750 4656330

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

The Richardson<sup>House</sup> is a good local example of vernacular architecture of the Federalist period. The house is a two-storey timber-frame structure with a central chimney and ell (east). Set on a hammered granite foundation, the facade is symmetrical, having at its center a Federalist style entry consisting of narrow pilasters supporting an entablature and cornice beneath which is a semi-circular transom. Painted on the transom by the current owner are the initials "J.R." and the year "1819". Much of the sash dates from the late nineteenth century, although several windows retain original 12/12 and 12/8 sash.

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

The Joseph Richardson House possesses historical significance both for its design and for its association with members of the locally prominent Richardson family. Believed to have been built in 1819, the house was originally the home of Joseph Richardson, a farmer and native of Burrillville, Rhode Island. Richardson was a brother-in-law of the Hon. Bazaleel Taft and may have moved to Uxbridge to farm land owned originally by his wife's family. The farm which surrounded the Richardson House was bought by Richardson in the early nineteenth century. Prior to his death, Joseph Richardson had become one of Uxbridge's largest land holders and wealthiest citizens. Principally a farmer, Richardson is reported to have refused public office, although he enjoyed the distinction of being the first Democrat elected to represent Uxbridge in the General Court.

After the death of Joseph Richardson, the house passed first to his widow and then to his son, William, who lived here throughout the nineteenth century. Also a farmer, William Richardson served briefly as a selectman in 1908; unlike his father, the younger Richardson engaged only in farming and not in land speculation.

The Joseph Richardson House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Joseph Richardson, one of Uxbridge's largest landowners during the nineteenth century.

The Richardson House meets criteria B and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898  
 Chapin 1881: 59-61  
 Sprague 1927: 45

OWNER: Herman R. and Irene V. Hathaway  
 Chockalog St.  
 Uxbridge, MA 01569

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National 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 Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Hayward, William, House Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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

for  
Keeper

Melrose 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 Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

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28. Richardson, Joseph, House Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

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30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the  
National Register

for  
Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Richardson, Joseph, House (Uxbridge MRA)  
Worcester County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85  
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83  
Action:  ACCEPT 10/7/83  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**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

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
Joseph Richardson House  
Chockalog Street  
Map #21 Lot #22

Uxbridge Assessors  
1" = 200' 1983



NORTH



184.44'

412.45'  
926.95'

302.94'

33'

853.58  
982.47'

226.49'

112.13'

605'

66'

88'

165.00'

121.10'

42'

182.36'

275.55'

22A  
2.40 Ac.

267.80'

310.93'

263.97'

WEST ST.

CHOCKALOG ST.

PLAT

20

22

28.53 Ac. (S)

21  
8.00 A.

15-C

42

85.14'

83

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299