

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

8-4

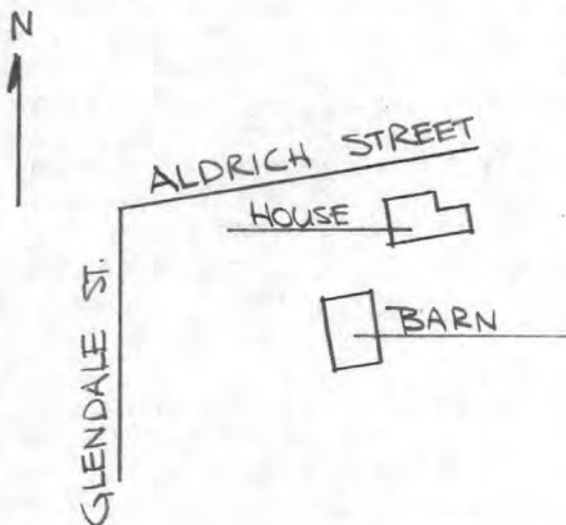
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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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 Aldrich Street

Historic Name Daniel Aldrich Cottage and Sawmill

Use: Original residence

Present same

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Daniel H. Aldrich

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1830-1835

Source exterior

Style late Federalist

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings shingled barn with Greek Revival/Italianate style trim (mid 19th century)

Major alterations (with dates) 6/1 sash; front door & enclosed porch added in 20th century

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/2 acre

Setting mostly surrounded by second growth wood, saw mill (east) and scattered houses and fields (west)

UTM: Quad Ux
Cottage: 19 281180 4655980

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 Aldrich Cottage is an excellent and well-preserved example of late Federalist architecture. Set on a hammered granite foundation, the house is one-storey high, built of brick laid in stretcher bond (north) and common bond elsewhere. The original section of the house has a rectangular plan with interior end chimneys rising through its gables; at the east end of the house is a wood-frame, Greek Revival Style ell, probably built in the mid-1840's. The house's facade is symmetrical about a center entry and is undecorated.

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

Built on the same lot and for the same owner as the Aldrich Saw Mill (Form #8-4), the Daniel Aldrich Cottage possesses historical significance with the Aldrich family and their use of this site for a saw mill and wheelwright shop during the mid-nineteenth century. This cottage seems to have served as the home of Daniel Aldrich from the 1830's until his death in the late nineteenth century, after which it became the property of his son, Gideon. (see form 8-4 - Aldrich Saw Mill for biographical information)

The Daniel Aldrich Cottage possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Daniel Aldrich, a local wheelwright and member of a locally prominent Quaker family.

The Aldrich Cottage meets criteria B and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1830, 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
Old Home Week Souvenir 1908: Gideon Aldrich biography
Chapin 1881: 130

OWNER: Herbert D. Aldrich
Mary P. Aldrich, Administrator
Aldrich St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

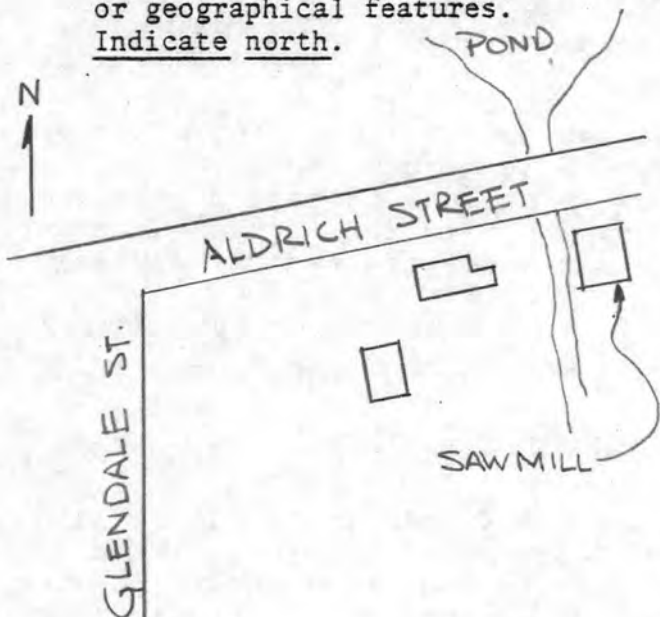
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SKETCH MAP

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



Town Uxbridge

Address Aldrich Street

Historic Name Aldrich Saw Mill

Use: Original saw mill

Present vacant

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Daniel H. Aldrich

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1835

Source exterior & atlases

Style late Federalist/utilitarian

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) addition and
smoke stack added to south end (1880's
1890's) and partially demolished (20th
century)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage 10 acres

Setting mostly surrounded by second-
growth woods, mill pond north of road
and Aldrich family houses (west)

UTM: Quad Ux 19 281390 4656000

Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical
Commission

Date May 1981

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

The Aldrich Saw Mill is a rare and well-preserved example of the type of small-scale mills and workshops which existed on local water-power sites prior to the introduction of large-scale industrial production (ca. 1815-1840). The saw mill sits on a high foundation of split granite blocks and is a one-storey wood frame structure with a pitched roof. Elevations are undecorated and have 6/6 windows. The north elevation is gabled; it has a shed addition containing an entry at the first storey and two windows at each storey.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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

The Aldrich Saw Mill possesses historical significance both as an example of a pre-industrial saw mill and for its associations with the Aldrich family. The earliest member of the family known to have occupied this site was Daniel H. Aldrich, a wheelwright. As an 1830 map of Uxbridge indicates no saw mill or mill pond in this vicinity and as the neighboring Aldrich houses are all of late Federal design, it seems likely that Aldrich who was a Quaker moved here and established the mill in the 1830's. In the industrial census of 1850, Aldrich is listed as employing three men to produce wagons, shingles, lumber and boards, using hand labor and water power. Although Aldrich still owned the mill as late as 1870, he is not listed in subsequent industrial censuses.

Late in the nineteenth century, presumably after the death of Daniel Aldrich, the mill became the property of his son, Gideon, who was born in Uxbridge in 1834. Although the younger Aldrich was also trained as a wheelwright by 1880 he had entered a lumber and retail business with Augustus Daniels of Southbridge. Secondary sources are unclear as to whether this partnership used the Aldrich Mill.

The Aldrich Sawmill possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations as Uxbridge's best preserved pre-industrial mill.

The Sawmill meets criteria A, C and D of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1795, 1830, 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Old Home Week Souvenir 1908: Gideon Aldrich biography
 Chapin 1881: 130
 Industrial Censuses (federal): 1850, 1860, 1870

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Uxbridge

Form No:

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Property Name:

Aldrich Saw Mill

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The west elevation, facing water courses, has an entry flanked by two windows at the basement and three windows at the first storey. Although standing on the site of a ca. 1835 sawmill, it is possible that the present mill has been rebuilt although an examination of its interior would be needed to make a more accurate estimate of its date(s) of construction.

OWNER:

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Aldrich St.
Uxbridge, 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

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8/24/83

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

1. Adams, Benjamin, House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

2. Albee, E., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

4. Aldrich, J., House

Substantive Review

for
Keeper

Bruce Van Dusen 1/2/84

Attest

5. Aldrich, W., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

6. Aldrich, S., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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7. Bank Building

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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8. Brown, E., House

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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9. Butler Block

Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

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10. Carpenter, George, House

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Keeper

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Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Aldrich, Daniel, Cottage and Saw mill (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
☐ 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: _____

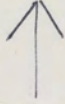
Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Daniel Aldrich Cottage & Saw Mill
Aldrich Street
Map #8 Lot #4

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

NORTH



18

ALDRICH

4
11.48 AC (S)

5
1.87 A.

6
2.62 A.

9
31.9 A.

8
1.09 A.

2D
2.4 A

2E
2.34 A

2B
2.89 A

STREET

Cemetery

7893

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299