

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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 South Street

Historic Name Dexter Richardson House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner Dexter Richardson
(first known-1855)

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1800-1810

Source exterior

Style late Georgian/Vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings barn with mid-19th c cupola
(on lot #2-15) and garage

Major alterations (with dates) 2/2 sash
(early 20th century); aluminum siding
(1970's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/2

Setting rural-woods and fields, no
other houses in vicinity

UTM: Quad BL 19 283550 4655620

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 Richardson House is an outstanding local example of late Georgian architecture. The house is of the two-storey, central-chimney type, with a one-storey ell on its east elevation. The facade (south) is symmetrical, having at its center a panelled door framed by fluted pilasters supporting a heavy, moulded pediment. Set beneath the pediment is a 5-pane transom. First storey windows are decorated with wooden caps in imitation of splayed lintels. Second storey windows are set into the cornice.

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)

In addition to its excellent late-Georgian/vernacular design, the Richardson House possesses historical associations with Dexter Richardson, one of the two wealthiest men in Uxbridge during the mid-nineteenth century. As Dexter Richardson is reported to have been the son of Joseph Richardson whose own house was not built until 1819 (Form 21-22), it seems likely that the Dexter Richardson House was built for a previous owner, perhaps a member of the Taft family to whom the Richardsons were related. Although Dexter Richardson was both a land speculator and farmer, most of his wealth (estimated at \$50,000 in 1850) was inherited from his father who had purchased large tract of land in South Uxbridge during the early nineteenth century. By 1870, Dexter Richardson had died and this property had passed to A & B Richardson, who continued to operate a farm here. The property remained in the family at least as late as 1898 when it was owned by A. Richardson's Estate.

The Dexter Richardson House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Dexter Richardson, a prominent landholder in Uxbridge during the early nineteenth century. The Richardson House meets criteria C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Uxbridge

Form No:

3-1

Property Name:

D. Richardson House

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Immediately north of the house is a one-storey garage containing 12/12 sash, some of which may have been removed from the house. East of the house, on the opposite side of South Street, is a large barn covered with vertical-board siding and bearing mid-Victorian decorative details on its cornice and cupola. Despite the addition of aluminum siding, the house retains its major architectural features.

OWNER

Rosewell H. and Verna C. King
South St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

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

Page 3 of 5

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

Attest

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

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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

Richardson, Dexter, 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
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

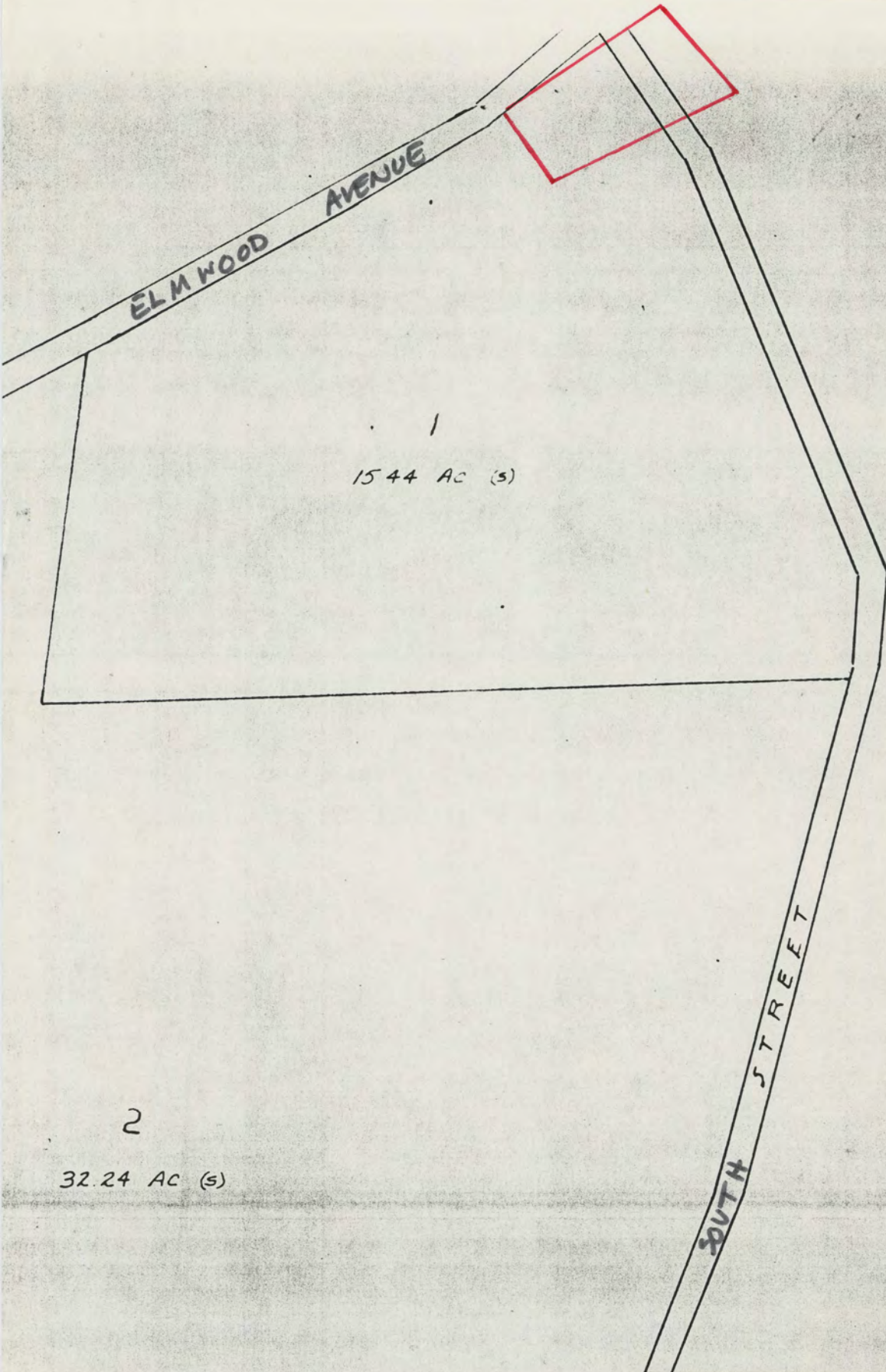
Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Richardson, Dexter, House?
Calder MRA Mo.



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Dexter Richardson House
South Street
Map #3 Lot #1

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