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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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The William & Mary Farnum House meets criteria C of the NRHP.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 31-14
Property Name: W. & M. Farnum House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

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OWNER:

Ronald A. Smith  
R.F.D. 2, Albee Road  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farnum, William and Mary, House (Uxbridge  
MRA)  
Worcester County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83

Action: ACCEPT

RETURN 10/7/83

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Justification for the amount of acreage nominated is inadequate. Attention to the historic character of the farmstead should be addressed if the boundary is not revised. What is the physical relationship of the house and its outbuildings? Do adjacent fields reflect the character of the property as an early Uxbridge farmstead?*

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Bushong

Discipline Historical

Date 10/10/83

\_\_\_\_\_ 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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	date _____
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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



Area	Form no.
	31-14

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Roll 3 frame 20

Town Uxbridge

Address Albee Road

Historic Name William & Mary Farnum House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

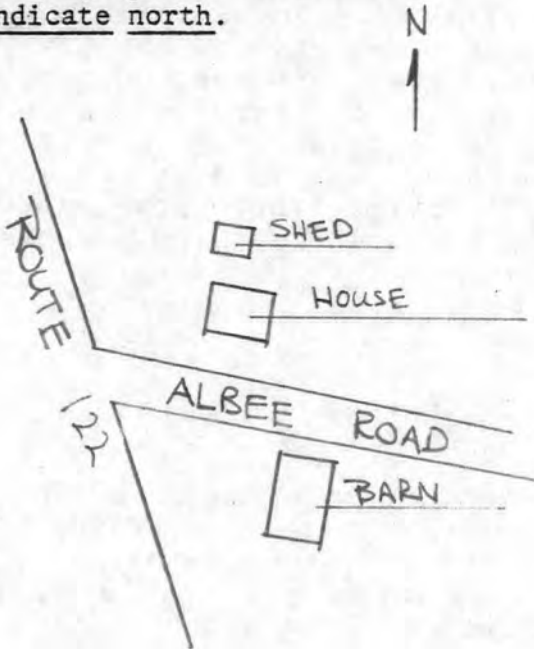
Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner Miss M. Farnum (1855)

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1821

Source date over entry

Style Federalist

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings barn on opposite side of street; shed behind house

Major alterations (with dates) 2/2 sash; front door replaced and original porch columns removed (1940's-1960's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting rural-mostly fields and second growth woods; widened road west of house

UTM: Quad BL 19 284310 4657660

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

received 5/26/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 4 of 5

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area

State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Date/Signature

Determined Eligible

31. Sprague, Albert, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

32. Southwick, Elisha, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

33. Southwick, Israel, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

231 34. Farnum, William and Mary,  
House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Bruce Van David 1/20/84

Attest

35. Thomson, C. R., House  
and Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

36. Uxbridge Common District

Keeper

Bruce Van David 1/20/84

Attest

37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

38. Uxbridge Town Hall

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

39. Waucantuck Mill Complex

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

40. Wheelockville District

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National Register

Keeper

Melores Byers 1/20/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

FARNUM, William AND MARY HOUSE, (Uxbridge MRA)  
Worcester County  
MA

Working No. 8-26-83

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 1/20/84

Action:  ACCEPT 1/20/84

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*No boundary justification provided, but  
damage is small and boundaries  
are shown on the maps.*

Recom./Criteria Accept

Reviewer Mr. [Signature]

Discipline A.P.H.

Date 1-20-84

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

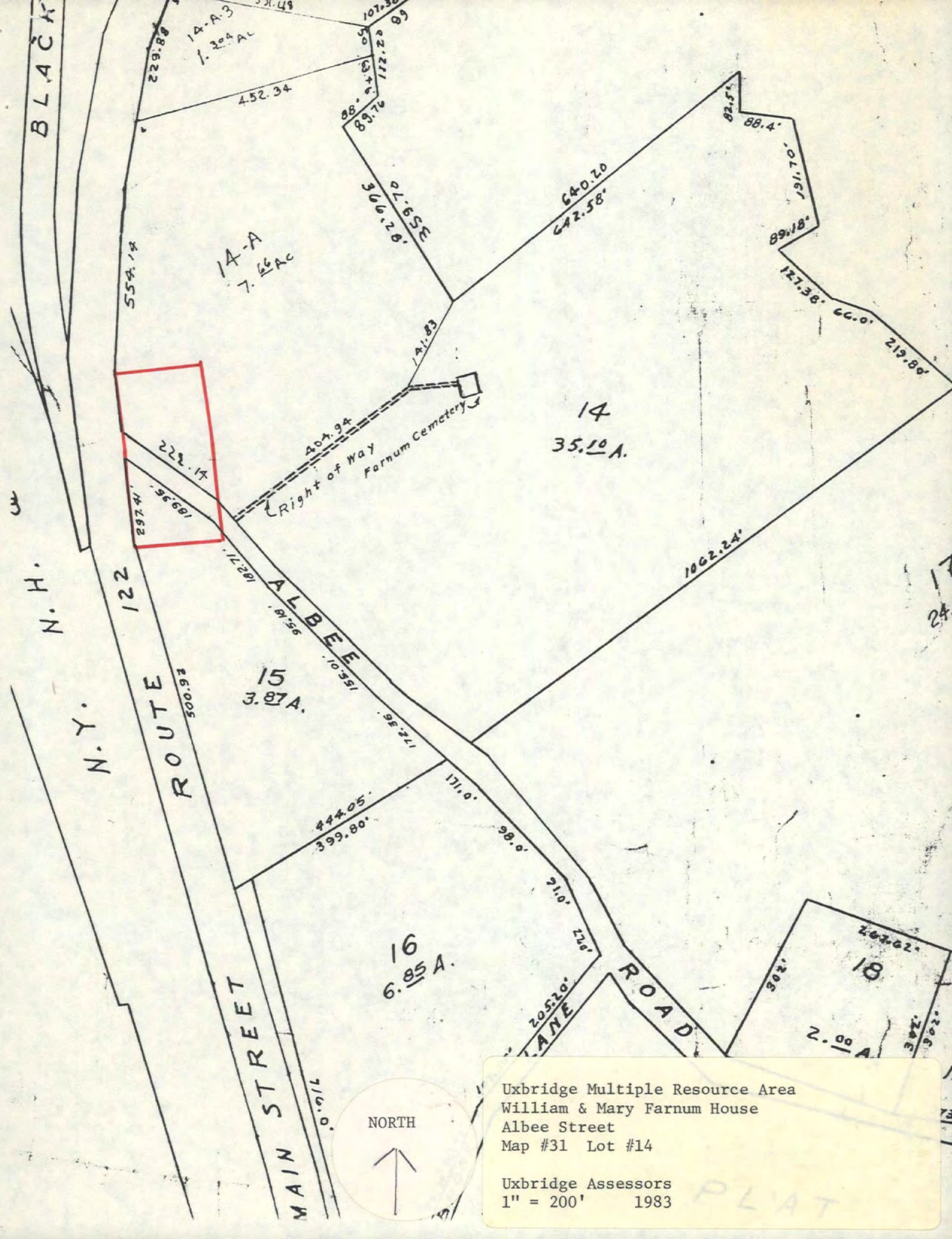
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #31-14

William & Mary Farnum  
House



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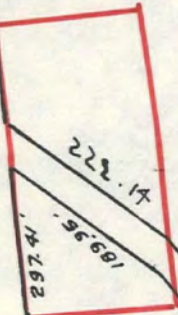
ROUTE

MAIN STREET

ALBEE

LANE

ROAD



14-A  
7.66 Ac

14  
35.10 A.

15  
3.87 A.

16  
6.85 A.

18  
2.88 A.

Right of Way  
Farnum Cemetery

NORTH



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
William & Mary Farnum House  
Albee Street  
Map #31 Lot #14

Uxbridge Assessors  
1" = 200' 1983

PLAT

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299