

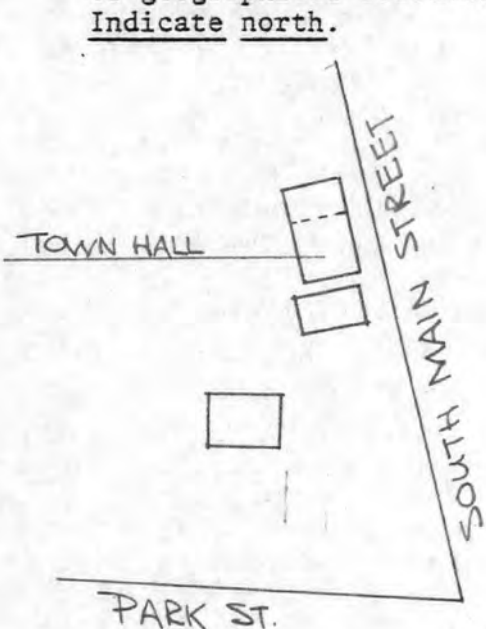
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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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 45 South Main Street

Historic Name Uxbridge Town Hall

Use: Original town hall

Present same

Ownership: ☐ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public Town of Uxbridge

Original owner Town of Uxbridge

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1878-1879

Source Sprague 1927: 56

Style Victorian Gothic

Architect Amos P. Cutting of Worcester

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings Fire Station & north wing
for Police Station (ca. 1938-1940)

Major alterations (with dates) north addition (1930's); tower shortened (1938);
front door & asphalt shingle roof (1960
1970's)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage .55 acres

Setting at town center-south end of
commercial district- residential area
westward.

Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical
Commission

Date May 1981

UTM: 19 282470 4661270 Quad: UX

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

The Uxbridge Town Hall is an outstanding local example of Victorian Gothic architecture, one which retains most elements of its original design. The building stands two-stories high, rising from a rock-faced granite plinth to a high hip roof. The facade(east) is asymmetrical and is dominated by two towers which mark its original corners. Set between the towers are two sets of tri-partite windows and a porch(1st storey), and three arched windows(2nd storey). The north tower rises from a set of tripartite windows(1st storey) to paired arched windows(2nd storey), a cornice and hip roof; before it was destroyed in the hurricane of 1938, this tower rose to a belfry.

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)

Constructed in 1878-1879, the Uxbridge Town Hall was the product of a design competition limited to proposals costing less than \$12,000 for which at least three entries were submitted, one by Amos Cutting of Worcester and two by Ferry & Gardner of Springfield. Cutting's plans having been selected by the building committee, construction began in 1878 and was completed by February 25, 1879 when the building was dedicated. The first building constructed exclusively for the use of Uxbridge's town government, the Town Hall was planned to contain offices and a small auditorium at the first storey and a large public hall at the second storey. The building's completion was celebrated by a "grand concert and ball" which also raised money to pay for interior shutters to prevent the "outside audiences of Judson's hill from looking in at the windows." From 1879 until the present, the building has served not only as the site of town meeting and town government, but also as a social center of the community; during the 1880's, the upstairs hall served a variety of purposes including a roller skating rink, a use which was banned in 1886 when it was realized that the floor had already been worn out. Interior fittings of the building's major rooms remain largely intact and include pressed metal ceilings, wooden wainscots, panelled doors and a variety of Victorian Gothic style wooden trim around doors and windows.

The Uxbridge Town Hall possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, as well as historical associations as the seat of the Town government since 1879.

The Town Hall meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1870 & 1898
American Architect & Building News. Vol. V, 4/19/1879 p. viii; Vol. 6, 10/4/1879, p. 108 plate 197(Ferry & Gardner Plan)
Plumber and Sanitary Engineer. Vol II, 9/15/1879, p. 333
Sprague 1927: 56-57 & 62

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Uxbridge

Form No:

41-31

Property Name:

Uxbridge Town Hall

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The south tower contains an entry (1st storey) and a vertical stack of windows above, reflecting the placement of interior stairways. Trim consists of bands of decorative brickwork, blackened bricks, rock-faced granite window trim and a brick cornice. North of the north tower is a two-storey addition built after the hurricane of 1938 and designed in the same manner as the original building. South of the Town Hall is a fire station, which is joined to the Town Hall only by a gateway on its east elevation.

OWNER

Town of Uxbridge
South Main Street
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 5/26/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 4 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

31. Sprague, Albert, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Date/Signature
Eligible Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

32. Southwick, Elisha, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

33. Southwick, Israel, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

231 34. Farnum, William and Mary,
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Patrick Andrews 1/20/84

Attest

35. Thomson, C. R., House
and BarnEntered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

36. Uxbridge Common District

Keeper

Patrick Andrews 1/20/84

Attest

37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

38. Uxbridge Town Hall

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

39. Waucantuck Mill Complex

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

40. Wheelockville District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Melrose Byers 1/20/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Uxbridge Town Hall (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	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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ altered	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair		
☐ deteriorated		
☐ ruins		
☐ 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 #41-31

Uxbridge Town Hall



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Uxbridge Town Hall
45 South Main Street
Map #41 Lot #31

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