

Area	Form no.
	47-92

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

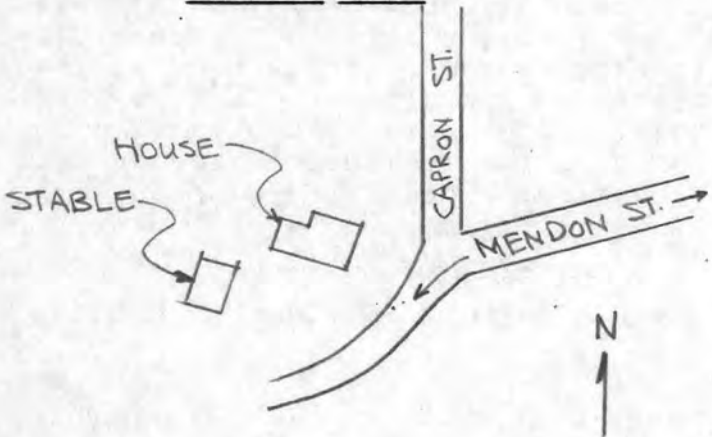
 PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Uxbridge
 Address 2 Capron Street
 Historic Name Charles Capron House
 Use: Original residence
 Present same
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Charles Capron

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1874-1879
 Source Worcester South Compendium
 Style Victorian Gothic
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings Victorian Gothic style
stable & garage
 Major alterations (with dates) _____
none apparent
 Moved no Date N/A
 Approx. acreage 61,300 sq.ft.

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

Setting stands on slight knoll east of manufacturing district and mill pond, at the west edge of a mid-nineteenth century residential district.

UTM: Quad Ux 19 282640 4661530

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

The Capron House is Uxbridge's finest example of Victorian Gothic style residential architecture. The house is 2½ stories high, built on a dressed granite foundation and enclosed by a mansard roof with dormers. Irregular in plan, the house consists of a main, front section (east) and rear ell (west). The facade (south east) is symmetrical about a center entry, containing panelled, double doors. Flanking the entry are two bay windows connected by an open porch decorated with elaborate Gothic motifs.

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 exceptionally fine architecture, the Capron House possesses historical associations with Charles Capron, a local manufacturer and a third generation member of the locally prominent Capron family. The family was established in Uxbridge in the 1790's when John Capron settled in a house on Mendon Street, near the present railroad embankment (#16 Mendon Street). Acting in partnership with his sons, John Capron established a dry goods store at Uxbridge Center (1820's), was active in shipping on the Blackstone Canal and built a textile mill south of #25 Mendon Street in the 1820's. Used by various family members and rented to other firms, the Capron Mill (now demolished) served as the starting place for the career of Charles Capron.

Born in Uxbridge in 1841, the son of Colonel John Willard Capron and Catharine B. Messinger, Charles Capron was educated in Uxbridge and at Williston Academy, Easthampton, after which he began manufacturing shoddy and satinets with his cousin, Henry Capron, at the Capron Mill. In 1882, the two Caprons enlarged the existing mill and began making yarns, also; in 1886, the two incorporated as the Capron Woolen Company of which Charles Capron was agent and treasurer until 1896. At approximately the same time Charles Capron bought an additional mill at Medway, Massachusetts. Capron was also responsible in the 1880's, for the introduction of telephone and electricity in Uxbridge, having built and maintained a small power plant at his own expenses. Capron served in several public offices, including town clerk & treasurer (1876-1881), selectman (1876), trustee of the public library (1895-1898) and representative to the General Court.

See Continuation Sheet #2

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES : Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Old Home Week Souvenir 1908: Charles Capron biograph
 Holden, F.A. Genealogy of the Descendants of
 Banfield Capron. Boston: Geo. C. Rand & Avery, 1859. p.9
 Hurd 1888 I: 172
 Worcester South Compendium. May 17, 1879. p.2

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 47-92
Property Name: C. Capron House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The second storey contains three paired windows; the third storey has a central gable with a decorated apron and two dormers. Side elevations bear the same decorative details as the facade, including a screened porch (northeast) and a two-storey bay window surmounted by a decorated dormer (southwest). Designed and built at the same time as the house, the stable is a two-storey structure with jurkin head gables and a central ventilator/cupola. Grounds around the house and stable appear to retain many of their original Victorian plantings.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Capron House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Charles Capron, a locally prominent textile manufacturer and member of the Capron Family that had established textile mills in Uxbridge as early as the 1820s.

The Capron House meets criteria A, B and C of the NRHP.

OWNER

Kenneth D. and Mary J. Mraft
2 Capron ST.
Uxbridge, MA 01569

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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 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

11. ~~Capron, Charles, House~~ Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

12. Chapin, A., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

13. Cook, A. E., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

14. Central Woolen Mills District Substantive Review

for Keeper James Lee Boyd 1/20/84

Attest

15. Deane, Francis, Cottage Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

16. Farnum Block Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

17. Farnum, Moses, House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

18. Farnum, R., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

19. Granite Store Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

20. Hall, S. A., House Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 10/7/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Capron, Charles, 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"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

Quadrange 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: _____



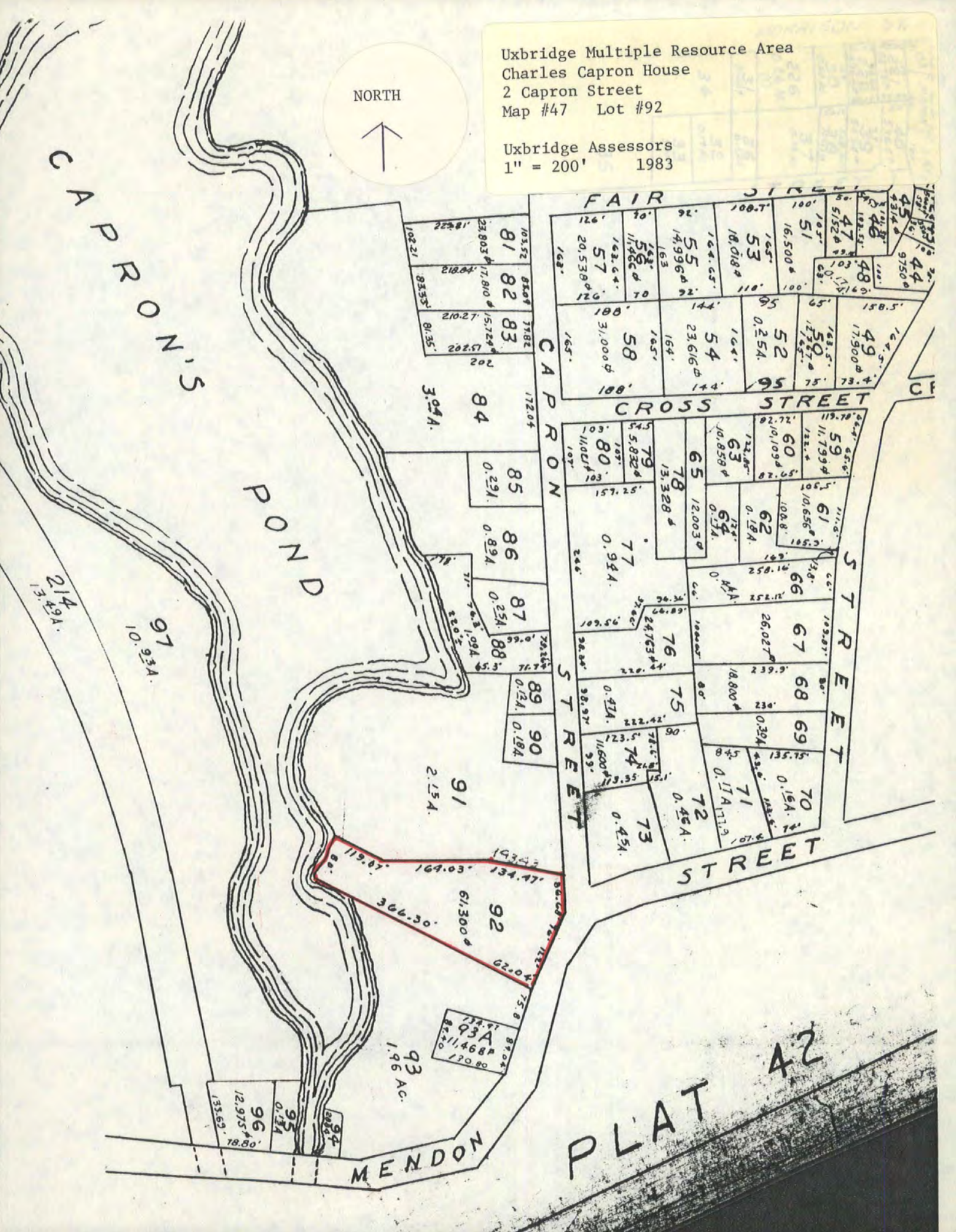
Captain, Charles, Horse
Uxbridge MA, Me.

1871

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Charles Capron House
2 Capron Street
Map #47 Lot #92

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

NORTH



PLAT 42

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299