

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
43-11	43-F

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Photo number _____

Town Uxbridge

Name of area (if any) Wheelockville

District (U.M.R.A.)

General date or period ca. 1825-ca. 1885

Mendon and Henry Sts.

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Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

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Acreage: 10 acres

Quad BL

UTM: A 19 284040 4661940
B 19 284050 4661830
C 19 283600 4661800
D 19 283600 4661830

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical
Commission

Date May 1981

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

Located along Mendon and Henry Streets slightly west of the Waucantuck Mill (form #43-G), Wheelockville contains a well-preserved group of late Federal and Greek Revival style wood-frame cottages. Some individual examples of later Victorian architectural styles, mostly Italianate, exist in the village; however, the architectural character of the area was primarily established before 1865.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

Wheelockville derives its most important historical associations from the nearby Waucantuck Mill and the Wheelock family, although the village was also, briefly, a local center for shoe manufacturing.

Largely undeveloped prior to 1825, Wheelockville may have been part of the Luke Taft farm, on which Taft built the first Waucantuck Mill in 1825. While employment in the mill remained small, there was probably little need for worker's housing, as most of the early workers are reported to have come from neighboring farms. Cottages such as those at #1 and 36 Henry Street as well as houses such as those at #198 & 208 Mendon Street may be contemporary with the early development of the mill.

During the 1850's, employment in the Waucantuck Mill rose from 24 in 1850 to 57 in 1860. Secondary sources do not indicate how actively the C.S. & S.M. Wheelock Company developed worker's housing; however, several company houses now demolished existed in the immediate vicinity of the mill and others such as #184-186, 192-194 & 200 Mendon Street were listed on local atlases as being owned by the Wheelocks (Note: the Wheelocks may have owned more of the village than is indicated by atlases, which occasionally listed the names of occupants instead of owners.) In addition to some workers' houses, the Wheelock brothers built their own houses in the 1840's and 1850's at the crest of a ridge overlooking the mill.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Biographical 1899: 147-149

Chapin 1881: 70 & 149

Hurd 1888 I: 170 & 171

Jewett 1879 II: 433 (illustration)

Sprague 1927: 36 & 43

Stone 1930 II: 1966-1970

U.S. Manufacturing Censuses, manuscripts for 1850, 1860 & 1870

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 43-11
Property Name: Wheelockville	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Included in the village are:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style & Description</u>
Henry Street #1	-	ca.1950	contemporary-does not contribute to historical significance
#9	E. Sherman Cottage	ca.1825-35	late Federal center chimney cottage with a symmetrical facade, hammered granite foundation, projecting window frames and moulded cornice
#21	-	ca.1960-75	contemporary-does not contribute to historical significance of area.
#27	-	ca.1960-70	contemporary-does not contribute to historical significance of area.
#33	J. Murphy House	ca.1845	Greek Revival-two-storey frame house with a symmetrical center-entrance facade; originally built as a one-storey cottage, jacked up and new first store added ca. 1880
#36	Wheelock Company Cottage	ca.1825-35	late Federal-twin-chimney cottage on a granite foundation; projecting, pinned window frames

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Street</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style & Description</u>
Henry Street #37-39	Wheelock Company Double Cottage	ca.1875-85	Eclectic mid-Victorian-a 1½ storey cottage; altered by asbestos siding
Mendon Street #174	M. Scott House	ca.1845-55	Greek Revival-2 storey house on a rock-faced granite foundation, symmetrical facade; originally built as a one-storey cottage, jacked up and new first storey built ca.1880?
#178	James Daley House	ca.1875	Italianate-2 storey house with a symmetrical facade, granite foundation; Colonial Revival style alterations.
#179	Arthur Wheelock House	ca.1873	Italianate-2 storey side-hall plan with bracketed porch and cornice; picket fence with ornate jig-saw cut gate.
#182	-	ca.1939-55	Colonial Revival-does not contribute to historical significance of the area.
#183	Former Carpenter Shop?	ca.1845	Greek Revival-1½ storey cottage with gabled facade and side hall plan; possible former shop at rear.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Street</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style & Description</u>
Mendon Street #184-186	J. Gregory Double Cottage	ca.1845-55	Greek Revival-1-storey cottage with paired entries on a symmetrical facade; corner and entry pilasters.
#192-194	L. Taft House	ca.1825-35	late Federal-central chimney, 2 storey house, symmetrical facade with entry set in Greek Revival surround; aluminum siding.
#200	Wheelock Company Cottage	ca.1860-70	astylistic Victorian 1½-storey cottage with a center entry and gabled ends; altered by aluminum siding.
#202	Joshua Garside Cottage	ca.1860-70	astylistic Victorian 1½-storey cottage with a center entry and gabled ends.
#204-206	J. Daley Double Cottage	ca.1875-85	mid-Victorian 1½ storey cottage with paired entries, bay windows and gabled dormers on facade; altered by aluminum siding.
#208	Joseph Keith House	ca.1825-35	late Federal-central chimney 2-storey house with symmetrical facade and entry framed by Greek Revival style fretwork: sash changed to 2/2

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<u>Street</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style & Description</u>
Mendon Street #209-211	T. Conway House	ca.1880-85	Victorian Gothic style 2-storey house with side-hall plan, gabled facade and 2-storey bay window; entry, siding and side porch altered.
#212-214	Joseph Keith Boot Factory	pre1850	Greek Revival-1½-storey cottage with a gabled facade and side entrance (east & west); vinyl siding and 2/2 sash added.
#213	Unknown	ca.1845-55; moved to present site between 1898 & 1925	Greek Revival-1½ storey cottage with symmetrical center-entrance facade, dormers (ca.1900) corner pilasters and pilastered entry; altered by 2/2 sash.
#215	J. Garside Cottage	ca.1845-55	Greek Revival-1½-storey cottage with a symmetrical facade set behind a recessed porch; pilastered porch supports corner & entry pilasters; dormers added (20th century)
#216	J. Alexander Cottage	ca.1845-55	Greek Revival-1½-storey central chimney cottage with a symmetrical facade; corner & entry pilasters, entablature & cornice; dormer added twentieth century.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Street</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style & Description</u>
Mendon Street #219	Charles Wheelock Cottage	ca.1845-55 ca.1865-70	Greek Revival, Second Empire style addition; see form #43-11
#220	Silas Wheelock Stable	ca.1855-65	Italianate-1½-storey stable with transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style decorative details; property surrounded by picket fence set into dressed granite posts.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

While the Silas Wheelock House (#200 Mendon Street) has been demolished, the Charles Wheelock Cottage (#219 Mendon Street; form #43-11) remains as an outstanding local example of Greek Revival style architecture, trimmed with a few Gothic details and enlarged by a substantial Second Empire style rear wing (ca.1865-1870). Somewhat later in its construction is the Arthur Wheelock House, built for the son of Silas Wheelock; Arthur Wheelock was active in the management of nearby mills, particularly the Central Woolen Mill (form 43-D)

During the 1840's and 1850's, Wheelocksville was the site of two boot factories. The larger of the two belonged to Joshua Garside and stood in the vicinity of 200-202 Mendon Street, where parts of the factory may have been re-used in the construction of current buildings on the site. In 1850, Garside employed 60 workers, a number which declined to 23 in 1860; since the value of boots produced increased during this period, it is likely that the declining number of employees represents the abandonment of the outworkers system of providing workers the cut leather to be assembled on a part-time basis at home, in favor of more closely supervised full-time workers. By 1870, Garside had closed his business as had other local shoe makers, perhaps due to competition from mechanized factories elsewhere. During the period of his greatest prosperity, Garside owned and possibly occupied the cottage at 215 Mendon Street.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although smaller than the Garside shop, a second shop at 212-214 Mendon Street was operated in the 1840's and early 1850's by Joseph Keith, who lived at 208 Mendon Street. Employing 49 in 1850, this factory probably also made use of part-time out workers until its closing due to Keith's death? prior to 1860. With the exceptions of the District #2 School house (built 1858, now demolished) and the cottage at 183 Mendon Street, which may contain part of a former carpenter's shop, development in Wheelockville after approximately 1860 has been confined to free-standing houses and cottages.

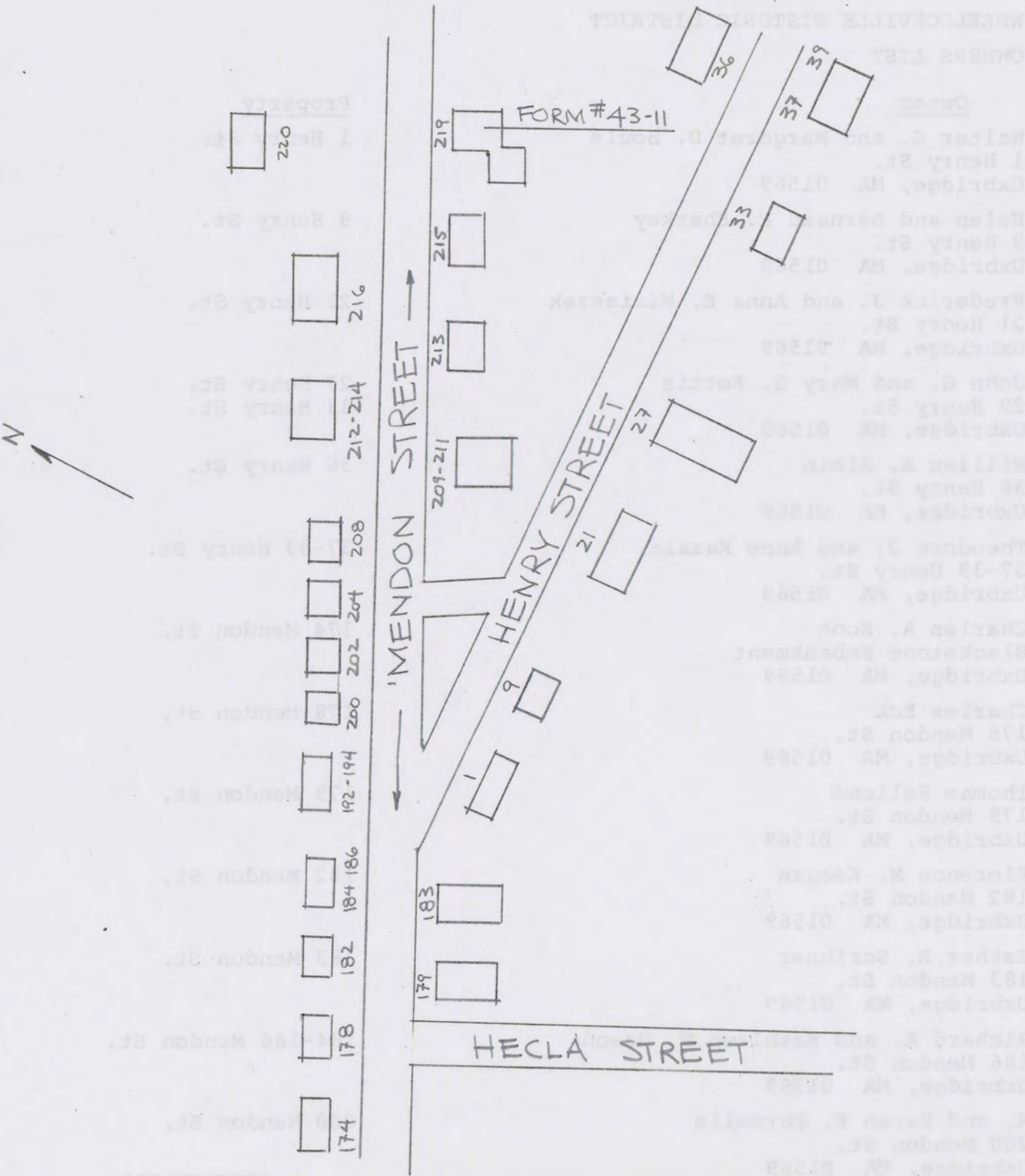
Wheelock Ville possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, and preserves the scale and appearance that was characteristic of mill villages in Uxbridge during the early and mid-nineteenth century. In addition, the Village and its growth are associated with the nearby development of the Waucantuck Mill by the Wheelock Family.

Wheelock Ville meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

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Property Name: Wheelockville Historic District	

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WHEELOCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT

OWNERS LIST

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>
Walter G. and Margaret D. Boule 1 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	1 Henry St.
Helen and Bernard F. Sharkey 9 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	9 Henry St.
Frederick J. and Anna E. Misiaszek 21 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	21 Henry St.
John G. and Mary G. Kottis 29 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	27 Henry St. 33 Henry St.
William A. Albin 36 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	36 Henry St.
Theodore J. and Anne Kazala 37-39 Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	37-39 Henry St.
Charles A. Root Blackstone Embankment Uxbridge, MA 01569	174 Mendon St.
Charles Eck 178 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	178 Mendon St.
Thomas Holland 179 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	179 Mendon St.
Florence M. Keegan 182 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	182 Mendon St.
Esther R. Scribner 183 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	183 Mendon St.
Richard A. and Kathleen M. Mason 186 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	184-186 Mendon St.
W. and Karen E. Parcels 200 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	200 Mendon St.

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WHEELOCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
OWNERS LIST (CONTINUED)

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>
William and Joan Hilly 202 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	202 Mendon St.
Thomas J. Ranslow 204-206 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	204-206 Mendon St.
Gertrude M. Spooner 208 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	208 Mendon St.
John J. and Lucille R. Gniadek 209-211 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	209-211 Mendon St.
Chester C. and Loan L. Stevens 214 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	212-214 Mendon St.
Gordon and Jane F. Keegan 213 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	213 Mendon St.
David H. and Claire A. Labrie 215 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	215 Mendon St.
Barry P. and Faye A. McCloskey 216 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	216 Mendon St.
Dennis G. Bouffard 219 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	219 Mendon St.
David B. Lea, Jr. and Patricia D. Lea 220 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	220 Mendon St.
Philip J. and Frances W. Catusi 192-194 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	192-194 Mendon St.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wheelockville District (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 26 1983

Working No. _____
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:

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

W. J. ...
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9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

* Acreage of nominated property _____

Please provide acreage

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 *M. Byer* Date *10/7/83* Phone: _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

- 31. Sprague, Albert, House *DOE/OWNER OBJECTION* *for* Keeper Eligible Patrick Andrews 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 32. Southwick, Elisha, House *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 33. Southwick, Israel, House *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 231 34. Farnum, William and Mary, House *Substantive Review* *for* Keeper Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84
Attest _____
- 35. Thomson, C. R., House and Barn *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 36. Uxbridge Common District Keeper Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84
Attest _____
- 37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 38. Uxbridge Town Hall *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 10/7/83
Attest _____
- 39. Waucantuck Mill Complex *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____
- 40. Wheelockville District *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper Melores Byers 1/20/84
Attest _____

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Wheelockville District (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

Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

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Recom./Criteria Acccept/ABC
Reviewer John W. [unclear]
Discipline A.P.
Date 1-20-84
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

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Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

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Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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204-206 & 208 Mendon St.



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left to right-#184-186 &
192-194 Mendon St.



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#9 Henry Street



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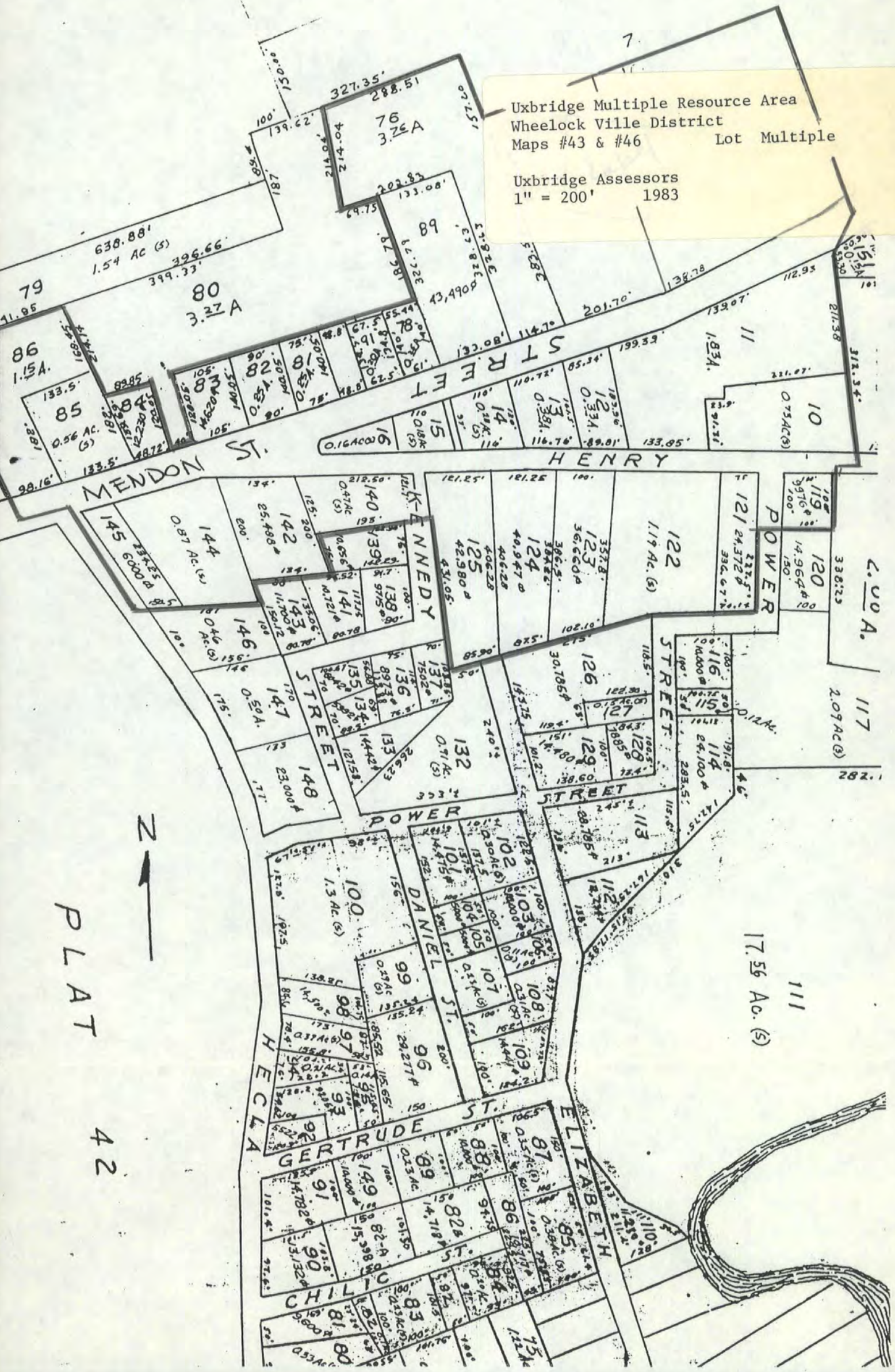
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179 & 183 Mendon St.

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Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Wheelock Ville District
Maps #43 & #46 Lot Multiple

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299