

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

41-26

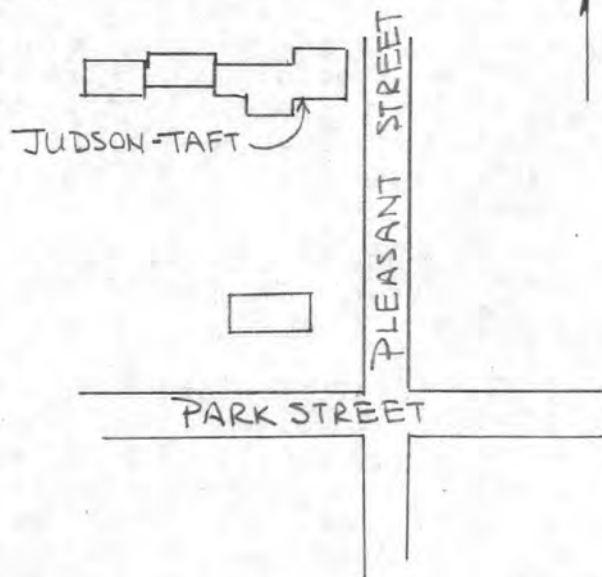
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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.



Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

Town Uxbridge

Address 30 Pleasant Street

Historic Name Judson-Taft House

Use: Original residence

Present same

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner W. Judson

DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1845-1855

Source exterior & atlases

Style Greek Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings stable attached to rear
(west) of house

Major alterations (with dates) brackets,
porch pavilion and bay window added
(1880's); parapet removed (date unknown)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage 2.5 acres

Setting Residential district on crest
of hill immediately west of commercial
district.

UTM: Quad Ux 19 282400 4661220

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

The Judson-Taft House is an outstanding local example of Greek Revival style architecture, one which preserves the major elements of its original design together with some mid-Victorian alterations. Built at the crest of a steep hill which overlooks Uxbridge's commercial district, the house originally had a front yard which extended to Main Street, as is shown in a view of the building published at the border of the 1855 Map of Uxbridge. Built on a foundation of hammered granite, the house consists of a rectangular-plan main house with a hip roof (east) which is connected by a series of ells to a stable (west).

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)

Perhaps the most lavish Greek Revival style house built in Uxbridge, the Judson-Taft House derives most of its significance from its design, although it also possesses historical associations to Dr. Ellis Chandler Taft, the house's second owner. No information regarding W. Judson is recorded in local histories, except that he donated to the town a clock which was installed in the tower of the First Unitarian Church. E.C. Taft (1831-1896) was a native of Uxbridge who in 1857 established the town's first drugstore which he ran in conjunction with a "dentistry parlor". In the 1860's, Taft sold his business and moved to Fall River and Boston where he was involved in some unspecified aspect of the boot and shoe business. In 1882, Taft retired from business, returned to Uxbridge and bought "the Judson place" where he lived until his death. Upon his return to Uxbridge, Taft served as a director of the Blackstone National Bank.

The Judson-Taft House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations as Uxbridge's most lavish example of Greek Revival style domestic architecture. The Judson-Taft House meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Clark, Richard Map of Uxbridge, Massachusetts 1855 (view of W. Judson House at border)
 Old Home Week Souvenir 1908: no page numbers (E.C. Taft biography)
 Hurd 1888 I: 177-178

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Uxbridge

Form No:

41-26

Property Name:

Judson-Taft House

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The facade (east elevation) is symmetrical, having four windows at each storey and a two-storey portico of Doric columns set in front of the entire facade. Building corners are trimmed with pilasters and windows contain 6/6 sash except at the facade's first storey where oversized 6/9 sash create floor-to-ceiling windows. The principal entry exists in a one-storey porch on the house's south elevation. Also on the south elevation are a two-storey bay window and a circular porch pavilion (ca. 1870-1880). At the rear of the house, the stable's south elevation is covered with vertical board siding which has been cut to create a trefoil arch over the carriage entry.

OWNER

Arthur K. and Anne K. Wheelock
Pleasant 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

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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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

Melvina Byers 10/7/83

Attest

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvina Byers 10/7/83

Attest

23. Ironstone Mill Housing and
Cellar Hole Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvina Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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for
Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

25. Kensley, J., House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvina Byers 10/7/83

Attest

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

Melvina Byers 10/7/83

Attest

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

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

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29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the
National Registerfor
Keeper

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30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the
National Registerfor
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Judson-Taft House (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 3-5-85
Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83
Action: ACCEPT 10/7/83
RETURN
REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*The Judson-Taft House is
architecturally significant as one of the
finest Greek Revival residences in
Uxbridge.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer Bushong
Discipline Historic
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
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	
	☐ unaltered	
	☐ altered	

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

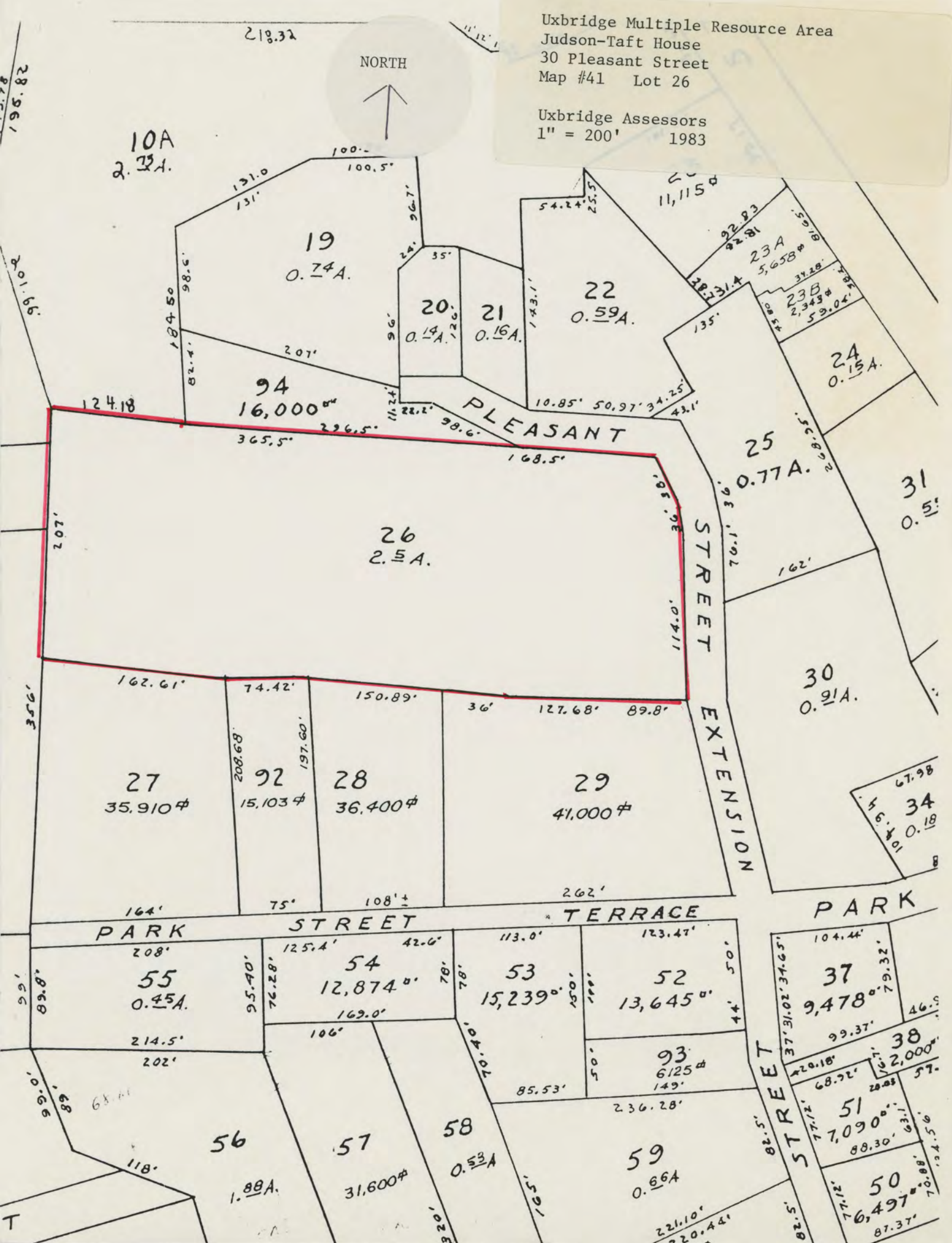


Judson-Taft House
Uxbridge NRA, Ma

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Judson-Taft House
30 Pleasant Street
Map #41 Lot 26

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

NORTH



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299