

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	15-12

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

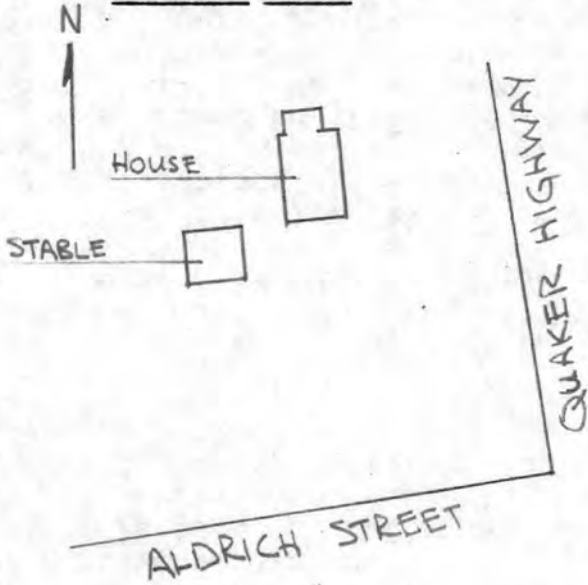
 PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Uxbridge
 Address MA Route 146 (Quaker Highway)
 Historic Name Moses Farnum House
 Use: Original residence
 Present same
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Moses Farnum

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:
 Date 1769
 Source Sprague 1927: 21
 Style mid-Georgian
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric brick
 Outbuildings stable
 Major alterations (with dates) ell on north end, 9/1 sash, rear (west) porch and shed dormer (ca.1900?)
 Moved no Date N/A
 Approx. acreage less than 1/4
 Setting predominantly rural, surrounded by second-growth woods and some commercial buildings (north and east)
 UTM: Quad BL 19 282960 4657420

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

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

The Moses Farnum House is a unique example of eighteenth-century architecture, one of regional significance due to its fine, brick construction. The house is a one-storey building with a rectangular floor plan and interior, end-wall chimneys which rise through the ridge of the house's pitched roof. The facade is laid up in Flemish bond with blackened headers; it is symmetrical about a recessed center entry which is flanked by four 9/1 windows (originally 9/9). The entry contains a double door (ca. 1830?) and three-pane transom.

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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 exceptional architecture, the Farnum House possesses historical associations with the Farnum family who settled Uxbridge and particularly with Moses Farnum who served as minister of Uxbridge's Society of Friends. Land on which the house stands may have been part of the original proprietors' grants to Moses Farnum, Sr., the son of Cornet John Farnum who settled near Uxbridge Center in the early eighteenth century (Form #47-93). Through inheritance from his father and by purchase, Moses Farnum, Jr. (1730-1780) assembled an enormous farm in the vicinity of this house; the younger Farnum's holdings during the mid-eighteenth century are reported to have covered an area of one mile by 289 rods on the east side of the "Great River" (Blackston and even more on the river's west banks where Moses Farnum, Jr. built his brick house in 1769.

Information about Moses Farnum, Jr. comes mostly from the records of the Smithfield (Rhode Island) Society of Friends and from the Uxbridge Society of Friends. Farnum is known to have married Sarah Comstock of the Smithfield Society in 1752 and also to have kept a store in South Uxbridge. In 1769, Farnum was one of a committee which was formed to build a Quaker meetinghouse and establish a separate meeting in Uxbridge, where a large number of Quakers had lived since the early eighteenth century. Farnum was involved in the building of the meetinghouse (Form #10-1) which was built on land that he sold to the society; upon the building's completion, Farnum became the "minister" of the new society, a position which he held until his death. In addition to his anti-slavery ideas, Farnum held firmly to pacifism, opposing local taxes to support the Revolutionary War and being outspoken in his opposition to Uxbridge citizens' enlisting for military service.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Sessions, Catherine D. The Quakers & Their Meetinghouse
 Hurd 1888 I: 165
 Jewett 1879 II: 430
 Sprague 1927: 21

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 15-12
Property Name: M. Farnum House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Side and rear elevations are laid up in a common bond of 3 rows of stretchers to each row of headers. Window openings contain 9/1 sash set beneath brick arches (1st storey). The rear elevation (west) also contains a central entry flanked by two windows, although it lacks the decorative bonding of the facade. Bricks for the house are believed to have been made in Uxbridge by Auanias Gifford, a brickmaker who also made the bricks for the Friends' Meetinghouse of 1770 (Form #10-1).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Although Farnum's arrest was ordered at one time, the order was not carried out, as authorities were convinced of Farnum's un-political motives. Following Farnum's death, the house passed to his son Moses, III, and descended in the family until the twentieth century.

The Farnum House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling, as well as historical associations with Moses Farnum, a locally prominent Quaker. In addition, the House preserves a regionally unique example of masonry construction. The Farnum House meets criteria A, B and C of the NRHP.

OWNER

Joseph P. and Lillian R. Stachura
Quaker Highway
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 Bruce Mac Donald 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

Farnum, Moses, House (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 10/1/83
 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:

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 _____

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: _____



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ms*

Form #15-12

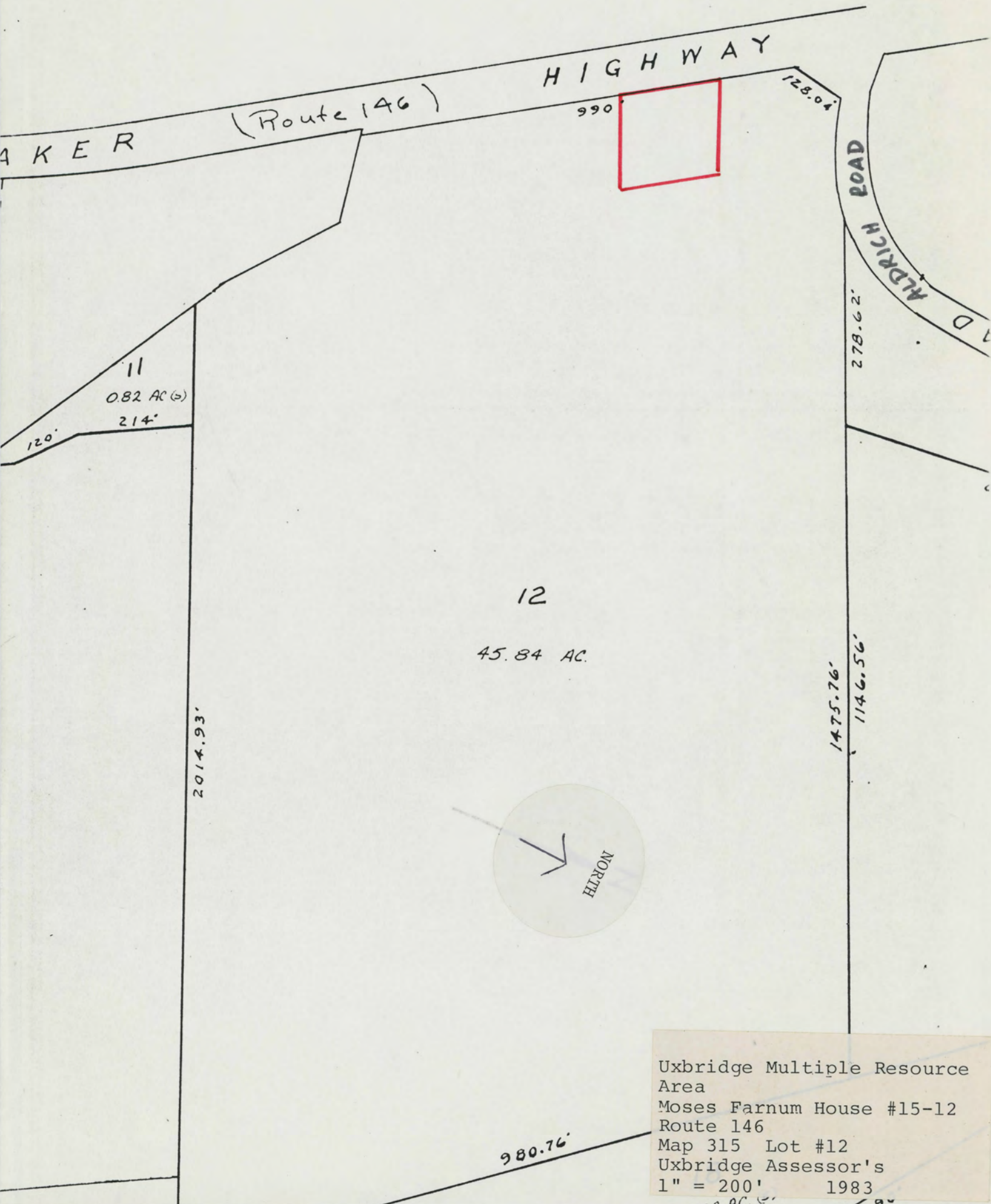
Moses Farnum House



Town: Uxbridge *MRA, Ma*

Form #15-12

Moses Farnum House



Uxbridge Multiple Resource
 Area
 Moses Farnum House #15-12
 Route 146
 Map 315 Lot #12
 Uxbridge Assessor's
 1" = 200' 1983
 0.82 AC (S) 1.90

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299