

Area	Form no.
	18-3

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Uxbridge

Address Aldrich Street

Historic Name J. Aldrich House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
Private organization \_\_\_\_\_

Public \_\_\_\_\_

Original owner J. Aldrich

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)  
Staple to left side of form  
Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Roll 2 frames 5-6

SKETCH MAP

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



DESCRIPTION:

Date ca. 1825-1835

Source exterior

Style late Federalist

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings horse barn, shed (modern)

Major alterations (with dates) door & windows on ell, garage & wooden addition (20th c)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than one acre

Setting rural: surrounded by fields and woods (in distance)

Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

UTM: Quad Ux 19 281180 4655970

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

The J. Aldrich House is an outstanding local example of Federalist architecture, one which seems by its appearance to have been built near the end of the style's popularity. The house consists of a 2-storey main house with interior end-wall chimneys (west) and a one-storey ell with a single end-wall chimney (east). The whole building rests on a foundation of hammered granite above which all elevations are brick, laid up in stretcher bond; bonding of the outer walls to the inner is accomplished by frequently square bricks; which bear the same outward appearance as ordinary bricks.

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)

Significant primarily for its well-preserved architecture and for its rural site, the J. Aldrich House has few known historical associations. The house's first known owner (1855) was J. Aldrich, a Quaker, and presumably, a brother or son of Daniel Aldrich, who owned a nearby saw mill and a brick cottage (Form #8-4) of similar design to that of the Aldrich House. Following J. Aldrich, the property was owned by E. A. Aldrich (1870) and V. F. Moffett (1898), neither of whom are mentioned in secondary sources.

The J. Aldrich House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, as well as historical associations with the locally prominent Aldrich Family and a unique method of brick construction.

The Aldrich House meets criteria C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1830, 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898

Chapin 1881: 130

Old Home Week Souvenir, 1908: biographies of Gideon & Leander Aldrich

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 18-3
Property Name: J. Aldrich House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The facade (south) is symmetrical, having at its center a sunken-panel door flanked by sidelights and engaged columns which rise to an elliptical arch filled with a wooden fan. Windows all contain 6/6 sash (possibly a replacement) set in surrounds with hammered granite sills and lintels. With the exception of windows in the south elevation of the ell and a wood-frame addition to the rear of the ell, the house is essentially unaltered.

OWNER:

Patricia E. Cove  
Aldrich St.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Aldrich, J., House (Uxbridge MRA)  
Worcester County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. AUG 26 1983  
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:

*The Aldrich House is an eligible resource as an architecturally significant building of local importance that exhibits the conservative Federal style employed at Uxbridge as late as the 1820's and a square brick construction technology unique to the region.*

Recom./Criteria Return  
Reviewer Bushong  
Discipline Historic  
Date 10/6/83 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below to the region.  
 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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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*Note: it is not clear what is being nominated - the inventory form (p.1) says 150 acres - the site plan shows a very small area drawn in red. Please clarify - if the 150 acres is being submitted, please provide the inf. requested below.*

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**X10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_ *Please provide 3 or more UTM reference points - nominated area "approx 150 acres"*  
 Quadrange name \_\_\_\_\_  
 + UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

**X Verbal boundary description and justification**

*Please justify the acreage for the nominated property. The property is nominated under criterion "C" (architectural significance) -*

**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 Bill Bushong

Signed Patrick Andrews Date 10/7/83 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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8/26/83

date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review			Date/Signature
199 1.	Adams, Benjamin, House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 2.	Albee, E., House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 3.	Aldrich, Daniel, Cottage and Sawmill	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 4.	Aldrich, J., House	Substantive Review	<i>f</i> Keeper <u>Miss Ann Dwyer 1/20/84</u> Attest _____
200 5.	Aldrich, W., House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 6.	Aldrich, S., House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 7.	Bank Building	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 8.	Brown, E., House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 9.	Butler Block	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____
200 10.	Carpenter, George, House	Entered in the National Register	<i>for</i> Keeper <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Aldrich, J., House (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
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Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Average provided. No VSD is provided  
but the nominated area is shown  
on a scale map. There is no boundary*

Recom./Criteria ACCEPT A  
Reviewer [Signature]  
Discipline A-6  
Date 1-20-84  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below *justification, but the area is small.*

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UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area

J. Aldrich House  
Aldrich Street

Map #18 Lot #3  
Uxbridge Assessor's

1" = 200' 1983



2542.0  
2572.23

3

121.24 Ac. (s)

599.35

179.1

774.89

474.70

91.70  
75.00

164.03 173.28

R=1023

STREET

649.83

224.44



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299