

Area	Form no.
	31-17

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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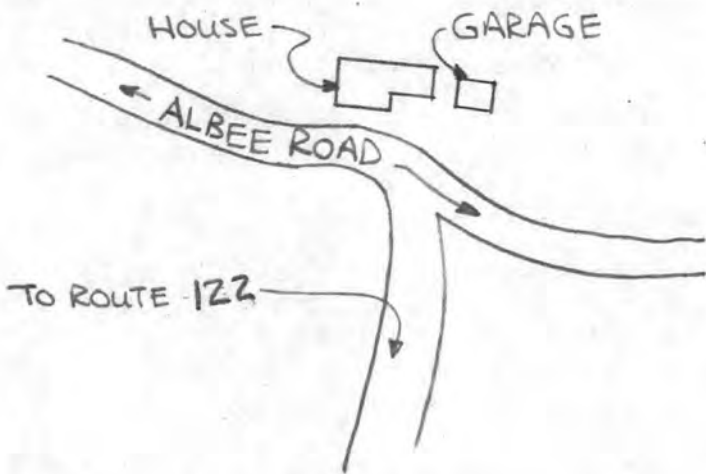
 PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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Town Uxbridge
 Address Albee Road,
 Historic Name Sylvanus Holbrook House
 Use: Original residence
 Present residence
 Ownership: Private individual
 Private organization _____
 Public _____
 Original owner Mrs. H. Stratford (1855)

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. 1780
 Source 250th Commemorative Book
 Style late Georgian/Federalist
 Architect unknown
 Exterior wall fabric clapboard
 Outbuildings garage & small horse barn
 Major alterations (with dates) garage added (20th C.)
 Moved no Date N/A
 Approx. acreage less than 1/4 acre
 Setting rural: mostly fields and second growth woods; cellar hole of barn on opposite side of street.
 UTM: Quad BL 19 284060 4657840

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 Sylvanus Holbrook House is an excellent local example of late Georgian/Federalist architecture. A two-storey, timber-frame structure, the house rests on a foundation of rock-faced granite. Windows contain 12/12 sash set in projecting frames with pinned joints; first storey and gable windows have splayed wooden lintels. Second storey windows (south & north) have heads which are set into a moulded cornice. The facade is symmetrical about a center entry which contains a panelled door and five-pane transom framed by pilasters which support a dentilled cornice and a pediment.

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)

This house is believed to have been the home of Sylvanus Holbrook, a member of the first board of directors of the Blackstone National Bank in 1825; although little is known of Holbrook, his involvement with the bank suggests that he may have been a merchant in addition to farming the surrounding property. In 1855, the house was marked as the property of Mrs. H. Stratford, although all subsequent atlases note it as the property of the Holbrook family (D.A. Holbrook-1857 & 1870; Mrs. D.S. Holbrook-1898).

The Holbrook House possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship as well as historical associations with Sylvanus Holbrook, a farmer and early local backer of industrial development.

The Holbrook House meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
 Jewett 1879 II: 435
 Uxbridge's 250th Commemorative Book 1977: 99

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 31-17
Property Name: S.Holbrook House	

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The frieze beneath the pediment is decorated with alternating panels containing channelling and stylized trees. Although the house has a tradition of dating from ca. 1780, most of its decorative trim appears to date from ca. 1800-1825.

OWNER:

Francis L. and Judith Murphy
Albee Road
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

Page 3 of 5

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Hayward, William, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

22. Holbrook, Sylvanus, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

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

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

24. Judson-Taft House Substantive Review

for
Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

25. Kensley, J., House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

26. North Uxbridge School Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

27. Richardson, Dexter, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

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28. Richardson, Joseph, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

29. Rivulet Mill Complex Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

30. Sayles, Richard, House Entered in the
National Register

for
Keeper

Melores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Holbrook, Sylvanus, 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 10/7/83
 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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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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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 *MA, Ma*

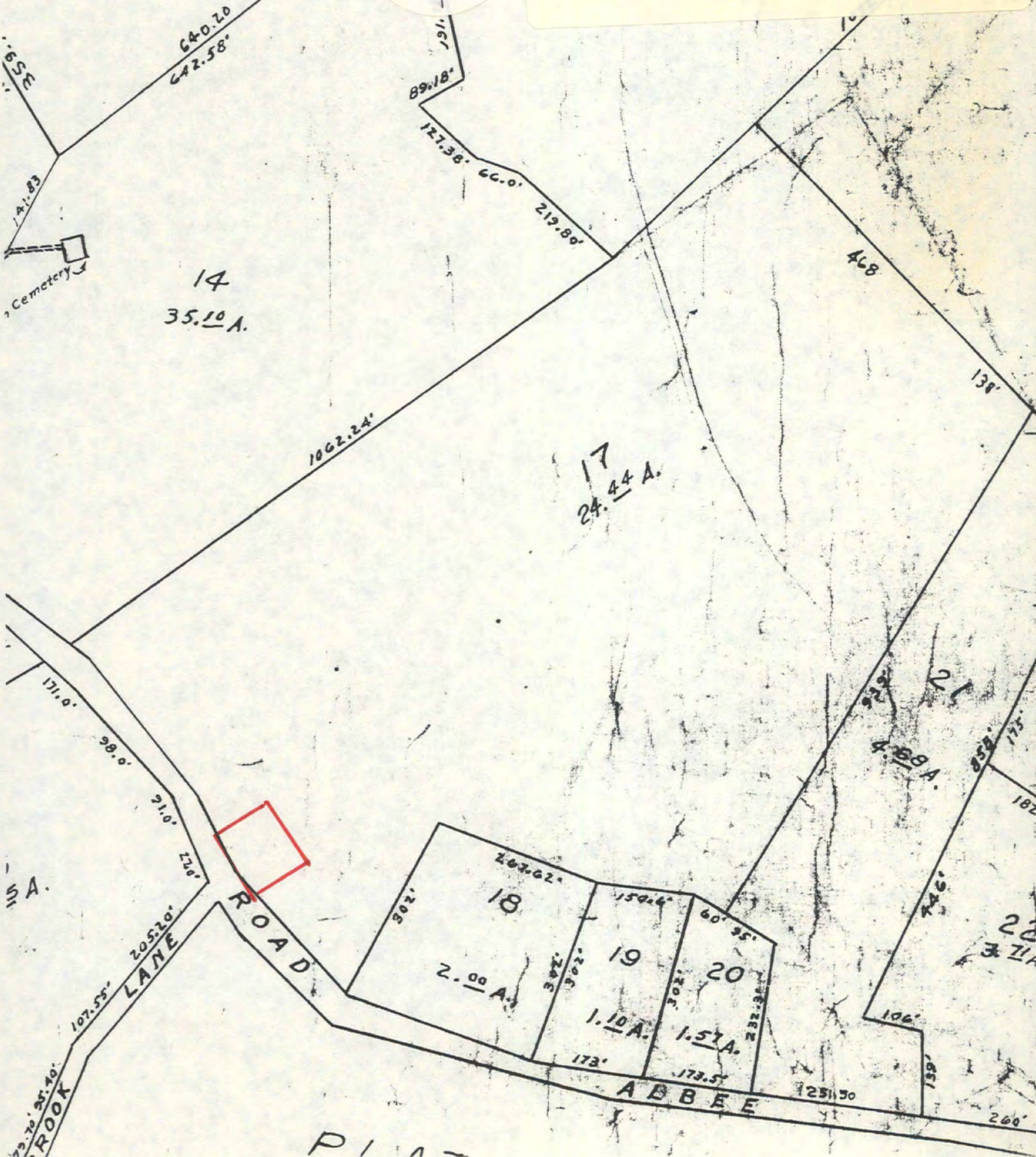
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Sylvanus Holbrook House

37.
Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
Sylvanus Holbrook House
Albee Street
Map #31 Lot #17

Uxbridge Assessors
1" = 200' 1983

NORTH



P I A -

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299