

FORM B - BUILDING

Area	Form no.
	45-48

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
 294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Town Uxbridge

Address Henry Street

Historic Name W. Aldrich House

Use: Original residence

Present residence

Ownership:  Private individual  
 Private organization

Public

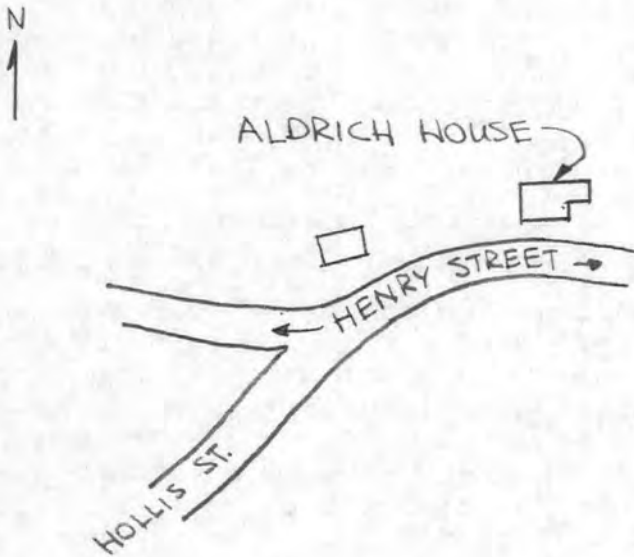
Original owner W. Aldrich (1855)

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

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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.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1786 (see reverse)

Source date placque on chimney

Style timber-frame vernacular

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric wood shingle

Outbuildings attached shed

Major alterations (with dates) concrete

apron around foundation, sash, door & siding; garage openings on east ell (20th C.)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/4

Setting rural: fields and second

growth woods; some scattered former

farmhouses nearby.

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

UTM: Quad BL 19 284860 4661800 -

(Staple additional sheets here)

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

The W. Aldrich House is an excellent local example of the popular central-chimney type of house. The building is two-stories high and rests on a rubble foundation which is now covered with a concrete apron. The facade (south) is slightly asymmetrical about a central entry which is framed by a 5-pane transom and moulded cap. Windows contain replacement sash (4/2) from the mid-nineteenth century; however, the size and placement of window openings appears to be unaltered from the eighteenth century; some windows retain 9/6 sash. On the south elevation of the chimney is a date plaque (perhaps original) bearing the numerals 1786 (possibly 1756-unclear from street); either date would be a plausible date of construction.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

The Aldrich is exceptional both for the apparent retention of its original fenestration and for its rural site which preserves much of the appearance of the house's original setting. The house has few known historical associations; during much of the nineteenth century it was occupied by W. Aldrich who also owned a saw & grist mill on the opposite side of Henry Street, south of the house. By 1898, the property, including both the mill and a barn on the south side of Henry Street, was owned by Polly A. Henry, a member of a large family of Henry's who farmed much of the surrounding area.

The W. Aldrich House possesses integrity of location, design, setting and workmanship, and preserves rare elements of its eighteenth-century design, including original window openings and date plaque set in the chimney. The Aldrich House meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898  
 Uxbridge & Northbridge Directory: 1898-1899

OWNER: William J. and Aleida M. LeFrancois  
 Henry St.  
 Uxbridge, MA 01569

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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5/26/83

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

- |     |  |                                     |               |                                |
|-----|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 197 | 1. Adams, Benjamin, House                  | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
| 200 | 2. Albee, E., House                        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
| 200 | 3. Aldrich, Daniel, Cottage and<br>Sawmill | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
| 200 | 4. Aldrich, J., House                      | Substantive Review                  | f<br>Keeper   | <u>Paula Ann Davis 1/20/84</u> |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
|     | 5. Aldrich, W., House                      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
|     | 6. Aldrich, S., House                      | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
|     | 7. Bank Building                           | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
|     | 8. Brown, E., House                        | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
|     | 9. Butler Block                            | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |
| 1   | 10. Carpenter, George, House               | Entered in the<br>National Register | for<br>Keeper | <u>Delores Byers 10/7/83</u>   |
|     |  |                                     | Attest        | _____                          |

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Aldrich, W., 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"/> 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

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**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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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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

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



Town: Uxbridge *MA, Ma*

Form #45-48

W. Aldrich House  
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Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
W. Aldrich House  
Henry Street  
Map #45 Lot #48

Exbridge Assessors  
1" = 200' 1983

52

10.39 AC.

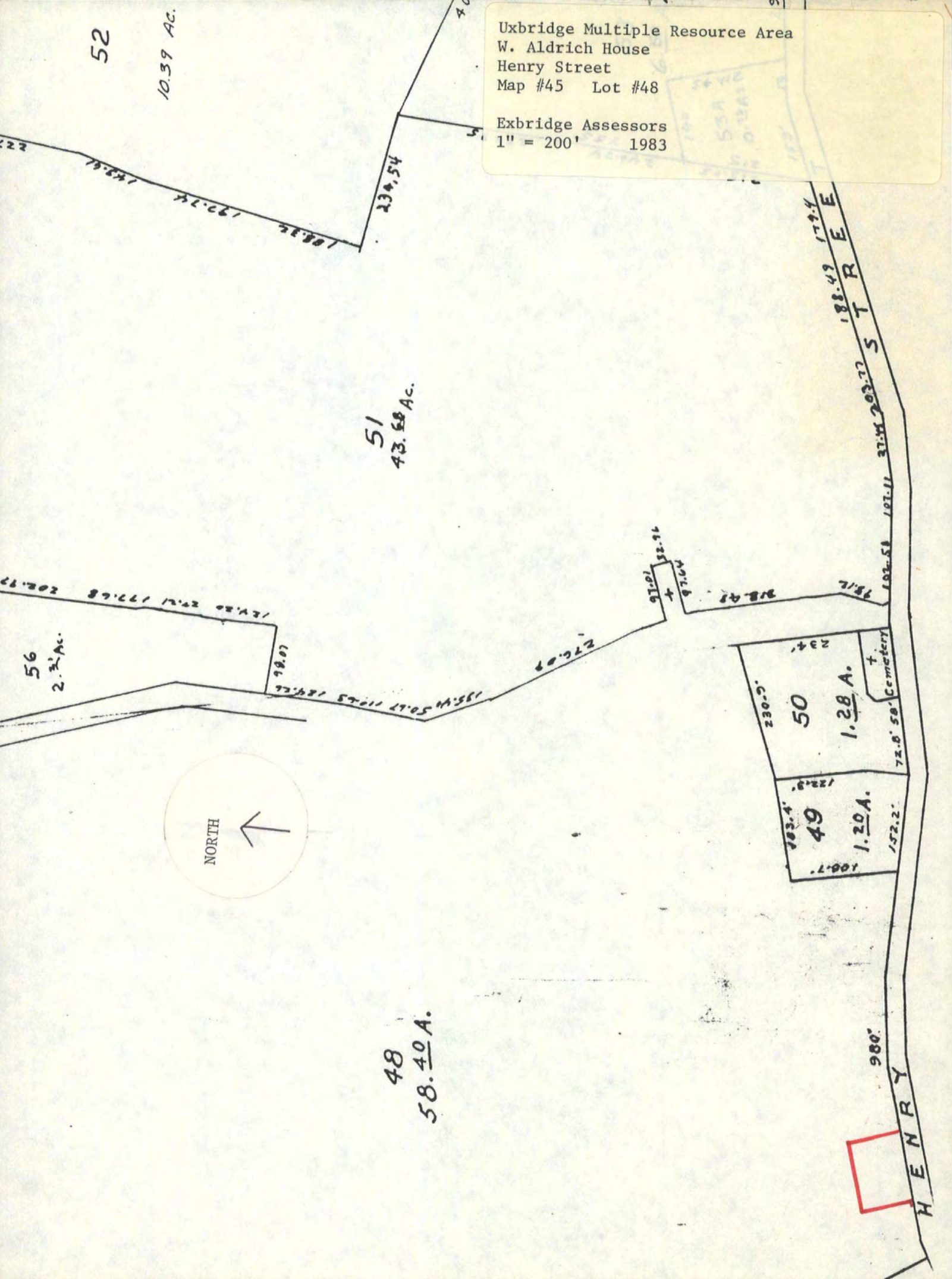
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43.58 AC.

56

2.3 AC.

48

58.40 A.



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299