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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Massachusetts
COUNTY:	Worcester
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JAN 24 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Friends Meetinghouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *5 of Uxbridge on mass. 146*
Quaker Highway (Route 146)

CITY OR TOWN: **Uxbridge** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **Third**

STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025** COUNTY: **Worcester** CODE: **027**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Quaker Meeting House Association**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Quaker Highway at Aldrich Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Uxbridge** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Registry of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2 Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Worcester** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1967** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Massachusetts Historical Commission**

STREET AND NUMBER: **40 Beacon Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Boston** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **025**

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STATE: Massachusetts

COUNTY: Worcester

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Friends' Meetinghouse in Uxbridge is situated on a wooded knoll which overlooks the Quaker Highway (Route 146) and the Meetinghouse burial ground. It was erected between 1770 and 1776 on land purchased from Moses Farnum, an elder and first minister of the Meeting. The structure is rectangular in plan, three bays wide by two bays deep, and two stories high. The wall fabric is brick, laid in common bond. Chimney flues are incorporated into the east and west gable ends of the gently-sloped ridge roof. The two story entrance vestibule was added to an otherwise austere main (south) facade during the first quarter of the nineteenth century. At this time the 1771 entrance, which consisted of a double leaf door, was removed and bricked over. It was replaced by two single doors which flanked the original door frame. The original interior stair was removed to the vestibule addition, providing access to the second floor gallery.

The interior of the Meetinghouse was probably renovated at the time the vestibule was added. A moveable interior partition was inserted, running north-south, which divided the first floor into two unequal spaces. Panels were suspended by a system similar to that which operates sash windows. When in place they created two separate meeting spaces; when raised they did not interfere with the large, single, interior first floor space. A fireplace was added at this time to the east wall, opposite the original fireplace in the west wall, to heat the second space created by the partition. The seating arrangement, dating from the nineteenth century and typical of Quaker meetinghouses of the period, consists of two banks of benches which face each other. The benches, along with the interior woodwork, are quite simple in design, reflecting the Quaker aversion to ornamental frivolity. The second floor gallery, created to accommodate larger crowds, is closed off from the first floor by trap doors. Its plain unfinished benches and bare brick walls indicate that it was not often used.

Two outbuildings, thought to date from the early nineteenth century, have been reconstructed on the property. The first, rebuilt in 1954, is a three bay horse shed. The second, an "oxe brake", was restored in 1962 and includes an anvil for shoeing oxen. These two buildings, as well as the Meetinghouse burial ground across the highway, contribute to the integrity of the setting of the Meetinghouse, which looks much the same today as it must have looked in the eighteenth century.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1770-1776

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Friends' Meetinghouse (1770-1776) in Uxbridge is of architectural and local historical significance. It is of architectural significance as an unusual example of the use of brick as wall fabric in an eighteenth century New England meetinghouse. Because the form of Quaker meetinghouses traditionally bore a greater relation to domestic rather than ecclesiastical architecture, and because several of the houses in Uxbridge at that time - including the Moses Farnum House - were built of brick, one can explain the use of brick in this instance. The Uxbridge Meetinghouse is also a good example of the typology of eighteenth century Quaker meetinghouses in New England. The interior moveable partition and the installation of two separate entrances to the spaces created by that partition are indicative of the nineteenth century custom of separating the female and male elements of a Meeting at certain times. The austere interior and exterior finishes reflect the striving for simplicity which was a part of Quaker life.

The Friends' Meetinghouse is of local significance in the history of the development of the town. The Quaker faith was introduced to Uxbridge by Friends from Smithfield, Rhode Island. As Uxbridge is close to the border, the settlement served as a bridge between the liberal Quakers of one state, and the severe Congregationalism of the other. The woolen mills for which Uxbridge is known were founded by members of the Uxbridge Meeting, and have contributed greatly to the town's economic growth. The Meetinghouse was restored in 1954 and 1955 to its present state with funds raised from the town and from neighboring Meetings.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baker, Roy W. Report on the Quaker Meeting House, Uxbridge. Mss Dec. 1954. Quaker Meeting House Association, "Historical Sketch: 1770 Friends Meeting House, (n.d., n.p.).
 Sessions, Catherine D., "The Quakers and Their Meeting House", Quaker Meeting House Association, Uxbridge, 1955 (n.p.).
 Small, G. Arthur, and Violet H., "The 1770 Meeting House", Quaker Meeting House Association, Uxbridge [1967?].

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **two acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Laurie R. Hammel for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: **Massachusetts Historical Commission** DATE: **8/14/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 Beacon Street (617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN: **Boston,** STATE: **Massachusetts** CODE: **02108** CODE: **025**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *John F. X. Davenport*
JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Date 10/25/73

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

A. R. Martensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 1/24/74

ATTEST:
Arthur Bennett Emery
 Keeper of the National Register

Date Jan. 21, 1974

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PROPERTY	<i>Friends Meetinghouse</i>	STATE	<i>Mass.</i>	<i>Worcester</i>
WORKING NUMBER	<i>11.14.73.3956</i>			<i>74000395</i>
TECH REVIEW	PHOTOS <u><i>3</i></u>			
	MAPS <u><i>1</i></u>			
CONTROL REVIEW				<i>cm</i> <i>11.14</i> <i>73</i> <i>OK</i>
HISTORIAN	<i>would be useful to have photos of other bldg</i>			<i>Accept</i> <i>12-27-73</i> <i>P.S.</i>
ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN				
ARCHEOLOGIST				
REVIEW UNIT CHIEF				<i>Accept</i> <i>KH Cole</i> <i>1/11/74</i>
BRANCH CHIEF				<i>accept</i> <i>call</i> <i>1-21-74</i>
KEEPER				<i>Ginsy</i> <i>for</i> <i>Mutaph</i>

National Register Write-up *8-5-74*

Send-back _____

Federal Register entry *8-5-74*

Re-submit _____

Entered *JAN 24 1974*



Across 146 from meeting house - to east
Quaker Meeting House

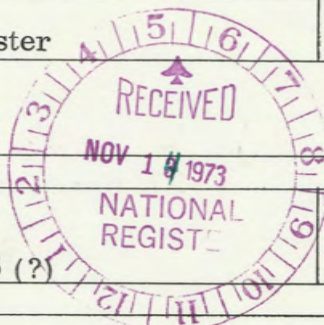
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Quaker Highway at Aldrich Street		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Roy W. Baker	1955 (?)	Friends Meetinghouse
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		



Friends' burial ground, across the highway and to the east from the Meetinghouse

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South facade & east side

Quaker
Meetinghouse

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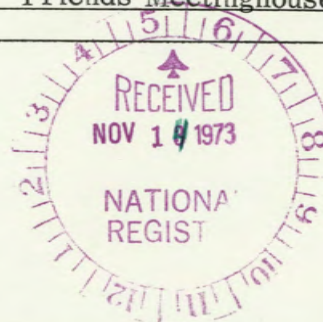
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South and east elevations



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PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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Quaker Highway at Aldrich Street

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

DATE

SCALE

U. S. G. S. Blackstone, R. I.

1953

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.





Location of Wells
Upbridge Water Dept.

Location of
Quaker Meeting House

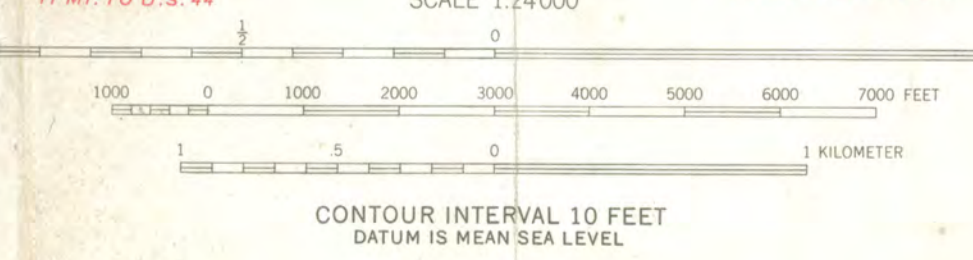
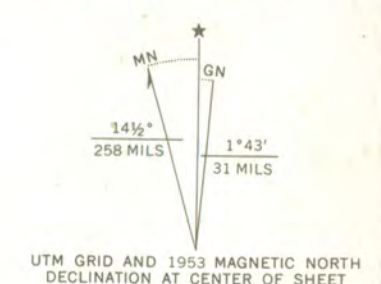
FRIENDS' MEETINGHOUSE
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10,000-foot grids based on Massachusetts (Mainland)
and Rhode Island coordinate systems
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



1.2 MI. TO R.I. 146
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty
Medium-duty	4 LANE 16 LANE	Unimproved dirt

U.S. Route State Route

BLACKSTONE, MASS.-R. I.
N4200-W7130/7.5

1953

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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **JAN 24 1974**

Name

Location

Friends Meetinghouse

**Uxbridge
Worcester County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Harold D. Donohue**

Director, North Atlantic Region

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical
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