

FORM B - BUILDING

Area

Form no.

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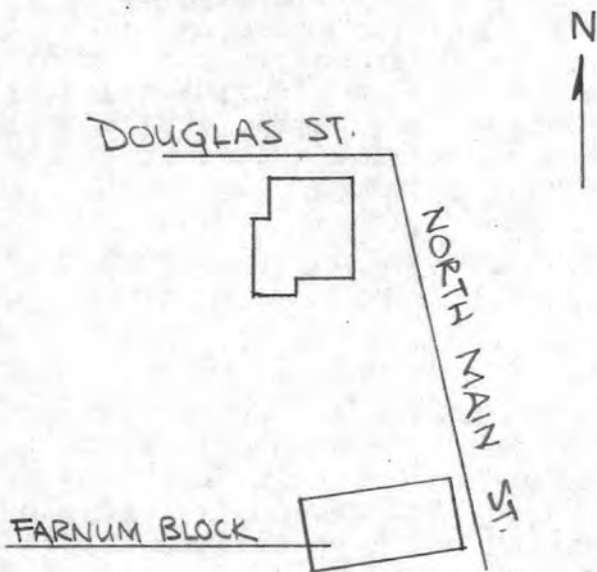
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

PHOTO (3x3" or 3x5", black & white)
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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.



Recorded by B.R. Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical Commission

Date May 1981

Town Uxbridge

Address 2-6 North Main Street

Historic Name Farnum Block (U.M.R.H.)

Use: Original commercial

Present vacant

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner H.S. Farnum

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1895

Source atlases; Sprague 1927: 73

Style Renaissance Revival

Architect unknown

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings none

Major alterations (with dates) storefronts
rebuilt (mid-20th C.)

Moved no Date N/A

Approx. acreage less than 1/4

Setting at north end of commercial
district; brick blocks (south), vacant
lots (north & west).

UTM: 19 282410 4661370 Quad UX

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

The Farnum Block is one of Uxbridge's largest and most well preserved commercial blocks. The building is constructed of brick, three-stories high with undecorated side walls (north & south). Its facade is symmetrical; at the first storey it contains two storefronts (boarded over) surmounted by a metal cornice. The upper two floors are divided by blind arches into three bays, each bay contains paired windows at each storey; between the arches are decorative brick panels. At the roof line is a pressed metal cornice decorated with modillions and egg-and-dart mouldings.

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

The Farnum Block derives its historical significance principally from its design which represents the largest scale of commercial development achieved in Uxbridge during the nineteenth century. Following a characteristic late Victorian plan, the block was built to contain stores at the first storey, storage and office space at the second storey and a public hall at the third storey. Evidence for the building's date of construction is circumstantial; on March 19, 1895, a fire destroyed several commercial buildings around this site. As these buildings were occupied at the time of their destruction, it is likely that re-building took place soon after the ruins were cleared away. By 1898, the Farnum Block is indicated on this site. Of the building's first owner, H.S. Farnum, nothing is known.

The Farnum Block possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials and workmanship, as well as historical associations with the reconstruction of Uxbridge Center's commercial district following two fires in the mid-1890s. The Farnum Block meets criteria A and C of the NRHP.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

Maps & Atlases: 1855, 1857, 1870, 1898
Sprague 1927: 73-74

OWNER: Don and Robert E. Koopman, Trustees
Koopman Realty Trust
665 Church St.
Whitinsville, MA 01588

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational 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 GroupName Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Capron, Charles, House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

12. Chapin, A., House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

13. Cook, A. E., House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

14. Central Woolen Mills Substantive Review
Districtfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

Attest

15. Deane, Francis, Cottage Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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16. Farnum Block Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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17. Farnum, Moses, House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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18. Farnum, R., House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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19. Granite Store Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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20. Hall, S. A., House Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Delores Byers 10/7/83

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farnum Block (Uxbridge MRA)
Worcester County
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 26 1983

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-5-85

Date Due: 9/22/83 - 10/10/83

Entered in the National Register
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 10/7/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ 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 Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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

- ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ 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

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 _____

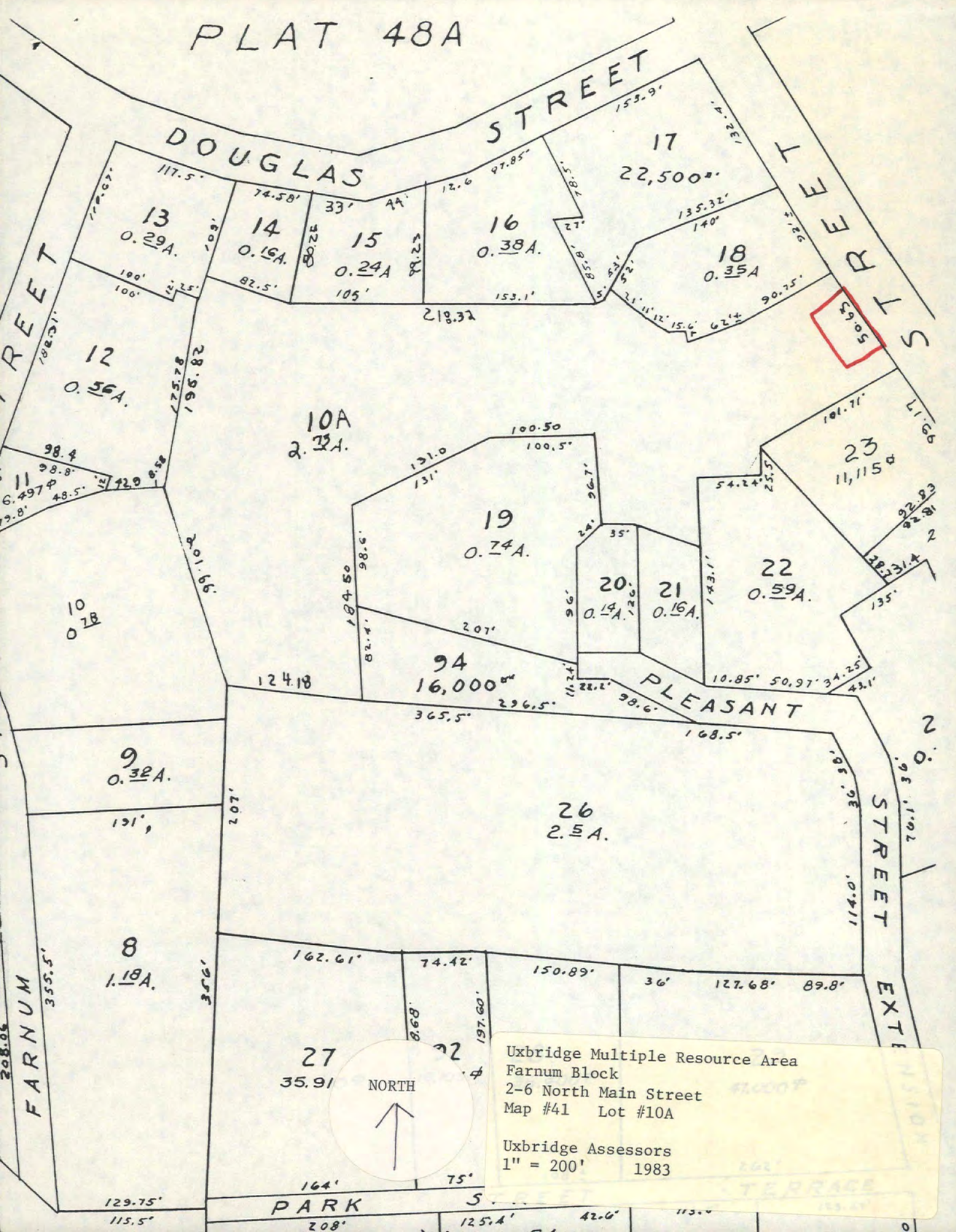
Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Farm Brook Oxford, Mich.

PLAT 48A



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299