

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

Form numbers in this area	Area letter
41-15; 41-17; 48-127; 48-126, 48-125; 48-124; 48A-155; 48A-157; 48A-158; 48A-159	48-C

*MA  
Worcester Co.*

Photo (3x3" or 3x5")  
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Photo number \_\_\_\_\_

Town Uxbridge ✓

Name of area (if any) Uxbridge ✓

Common District (Uxbridge MRA)

General date or period ca. 1768-1914

Main Court + Douglas St.

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

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Acreage: 8 acres

UTM: A 19 282350 4661640  
B 19 282420 4661460  
C 19 282300 4661380  
D 19 282260 4661550

Recorded by B.R.Pfeiffer

Organization Uxbridge Historical  
Commission

Date May 1981

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

An important civic center of Uxbridge since the town's first meeting-house was built on the east side of the Common in 1729, the area around the Uxbridge Common contains excellent local examples of domestic, commercial and institutional architecture, primarily of the nineteenth century, although individual buildings from the eighteenth and twentieth centuries also exist.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

Built along one of the main routes between Worcester and Providence, the Uxbridge Common District preserves important local examples of several architectural styles as well as buildings which possess historical associations with the town's mercantile, industrial and institutional development. Beginning in 1729 with the construction of Uxbridge's first meeting house on a site near the west end of the First Congregation Church (Unitarian), the Common has been the site of the town's oldest congregation which split in the early 1830's to form a Unitarian and an Evangelical Society. Built as a product of this split were Uxbridge's first examples of Greek Revival and Gothic Revival styles of architecture in the First Evangelical Church (Form #48A-157) and the First Unitarian Church (Form #48-126), respectively. Other institutional development in the area led to the construction of a Federalist style schoolhouse and hall for the joint occupancy of the Uxbridge Academy and the Soloman's Temple Lodge of Masons in 1819 (Form #48A-155). Later, in 1893 private philanthropy brought about the construction of the "English" Gothic style Thayer Memorial Building (Form #48-126) and in 1898 and 1921 a combination of public and private money led to the construction on the Common of a memorial statue for those who died in the Civil War and a marble memorial for the town's World War I soldiers.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

See individual forms within this area.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 48-C
Property Name: Uxbridge Common	

District

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

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Buildings which contribute to the district's architectural significance are:

<u>Street #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Form #</u>
9-21 Court St.	Richard Mowry Block	ca.1830-1839	late Federal with Victorian alterations	48A-159
7 Court St.	Robert Taft House	ca.1820, ca.1865	Federalist & Second Empire	48A-158
5 Court St.	Robert Taft Stable	ca.1855-1865, 1922	Italianate	48A-157
3 Court St.	First Evangelical Congregation Church	ca.1832-1833	Greek Revival	48A-157
Court St.	Uxbridge Academy Building (Solomon's Temple Masonic Lodge)	1819	Federalist	48A-155
6-18 Douglas St.	Wacantuck House	1833,1881	late Federalist Greek Revival (altered)	41-15
8 No. Main St.	Uxbridge Inn	1881,1920	Victorian Gothic (altered)	41-17
1 No. Main St.	Deacon William Capron House	ca.1821-1827	Federalist	48-127
5 No. Main St.	Thayer Memorial Building	1893-1894	Gothic Revival	48-126
9 North Main St.	First Congregational Church (Unitarian)	1834	Gothic Revival	48-126
3-35 North Main St.	Blackstone National & Uxbridge Savings Bank Building	1914, post 1939	Colonial Revival	48-126

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Property Name: Uxbridge Common District	

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

<u>Street #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Form #</u>
13 North Main St.	Simeon Wheelock House	1768	Central-Chimney "Cape Cod" cottage	48-124

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Domestic architecture in the area includes one of Uxbridge's most well-preserved houses of the eighteenth century (Simeon Wheelock House-form #48-124) as well as two outstanding Federalist style houses, both of which have associations with prominent local merchants and manufacturers (Deacon William Capron House-form #48-127 and Robert Taft House-form #48A-158). In addition, the former stable of the Robert Taft House (form #48A-157) remains as an excellent example of Italianate style architecture.

Commercial development in the area has consisted of the building and re-building of inns at the corner of Douglas and Main Streets. Although the first inn on this site (1800) is no longer extant, the Wacantuck House of 1833 (form #41-15), which replaced it, remains in an altered state. Moved to the back of its original lot in 1881, the Wacantuck House was replaced by the Victorian Gothic style Uxbridge Inn (form #41-17). Other commercial development in the area included the Mowry Store Building of ca. 1830-1839 (form #48A-159) and the Colonial Revival style block built in 1914 for the Blackstone National and Uxbridge Savings Banks (form #48-126).

The Uxbridge Common District possesses integrity of design, setting, feeling and historical association with the development of the area as the Town's principal civic and residential center, during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The area retains major local examples of Federalist, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Second Empire and Italianate styles of architecture. The area meets criteria A, B and C of the NRHP.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 48-C
Property Name Uxbridge Common Historic District	

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

UXBRIDGE COMMON HISTORIC DISTRICT  
OWNERS LIST

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>
Herbert J. and Irene G. DeFoe West St. Douglas, MA 01516	19-21 Court St.
Nathan M. and Bernice Insuik 17 Court St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	17 Court St.
Congregational Church 15 Court St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	15 Court St.
Congregational Church 13 Court St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	13 Court St.
Solomen's Temple Lodge 1 Court St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	1 Court St.
John G. and Mary G. Kottis Henry St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	16-18 Douglas St.
Harvey B. and Gertrude Davis Box 168, Franklin St. Medway, MA 02053	18 North Main St.
Ernest J. and Cecile Picard 21 North Main St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	21 North Main St.
Town of Uxbridge, Public Library 25 North Main St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	25 North Main St.
Unitarian Church 29 North Main St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	29 North Main St.
Uxbridge Savings Bank 33 North Main St. Uxbridge, MA 01569	33 North Main St.

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Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 48-C
Property Name: Uxbridge Common Historic District	

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UXBRIDGE COMMON HISTORIC DISTRICT  
OWNERS LIST (CONTINUED)

Owner

Blackstone Valley National Bank  
35 North Main St.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Daughters of the American Revolution  
43 North Main St.  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

Property

35 North Main St.

43 North Main St.

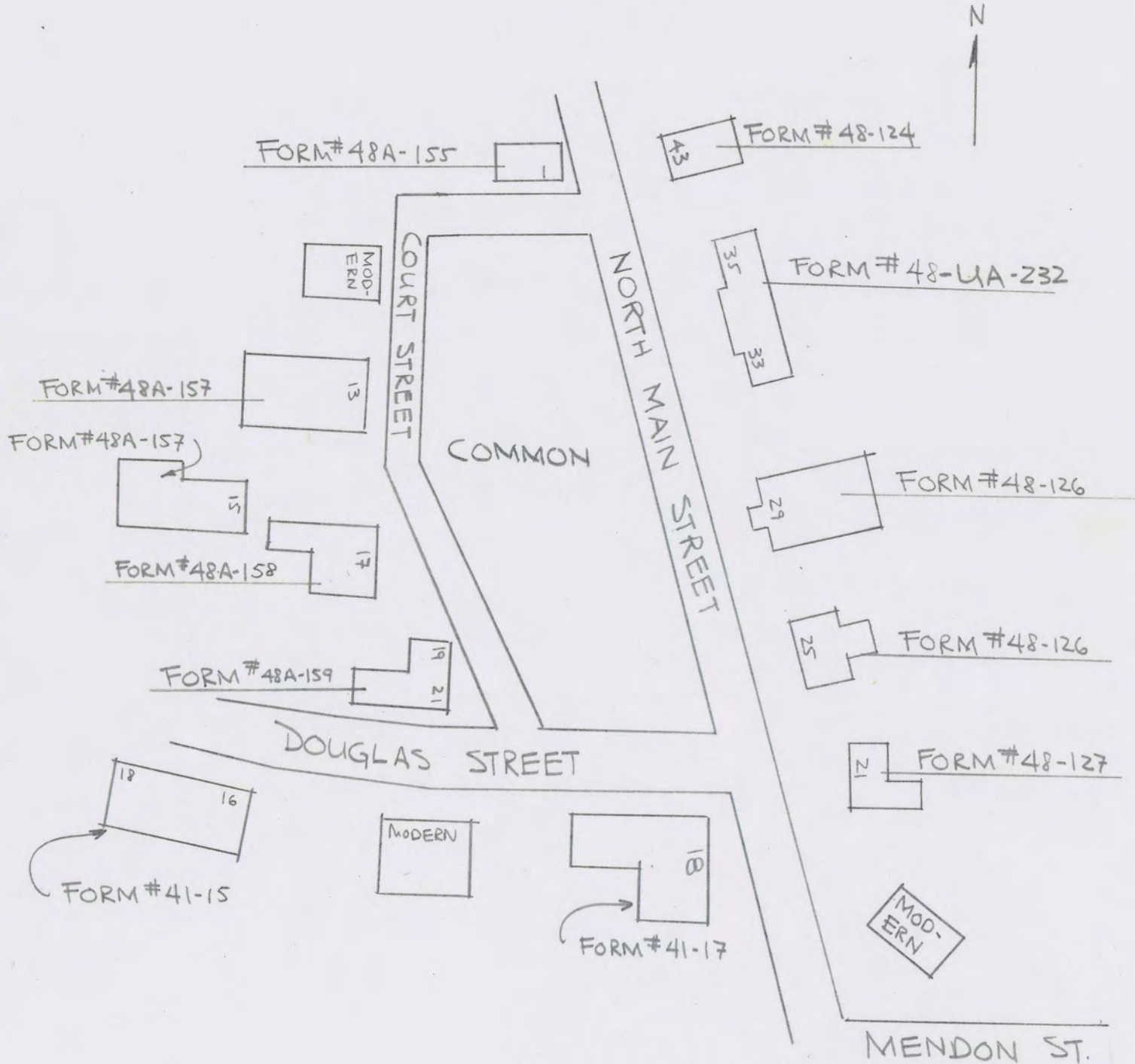
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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET #3

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Uxbridge	Form No: 48-C
Property Name: Uxbridge Common	

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Uxbridge Common District (Uxbridge MRA)  
Worcester County  
MASSACHUSETTS

AUG 26 1983

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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:

*Returned for technical corrections.*

Recom./Criteria Returns  
Reviewer Bushong  
Discipline Historic  
Date 10/10/83  
\_\_\_\_\_ 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

**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**

**X 10. Geographical Data**

**X** Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide acreage*

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 Bill Bushong

Signed Patrick Adams Date 10/1/83 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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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible

31. Sprague, Albert, House

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Keeper

Eligible Patrick Andrews 10/7/83

Attest

32. Southwick, Elisha, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

33. Southwick, Israel, House

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

231 34. Farnum, William and Mary,  
House

Substantive Review

for Keeper

Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

35. Thomson, C. R., House  
and Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

~~36. Uxbridge Common District~~

Keeper

Bruce Van Duzend 1/20/84

Attest

37. Uxbridge Passenger Depot

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

38. Uxbridge Town Hall

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 10/7/83

Attest

39. Waucantuck Mill Complex

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 1/20/84

Attest

40. Wheelockville District

Entered in the  
National Register

for Keeper

Melvyn Byers 1/20/84

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

*Uxbridge Common District (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- appeal

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Reviewer's comments:

*Average provided*

Recom./Criteria Accept/ABC  
Reviewer ABC  
Discipline A.H.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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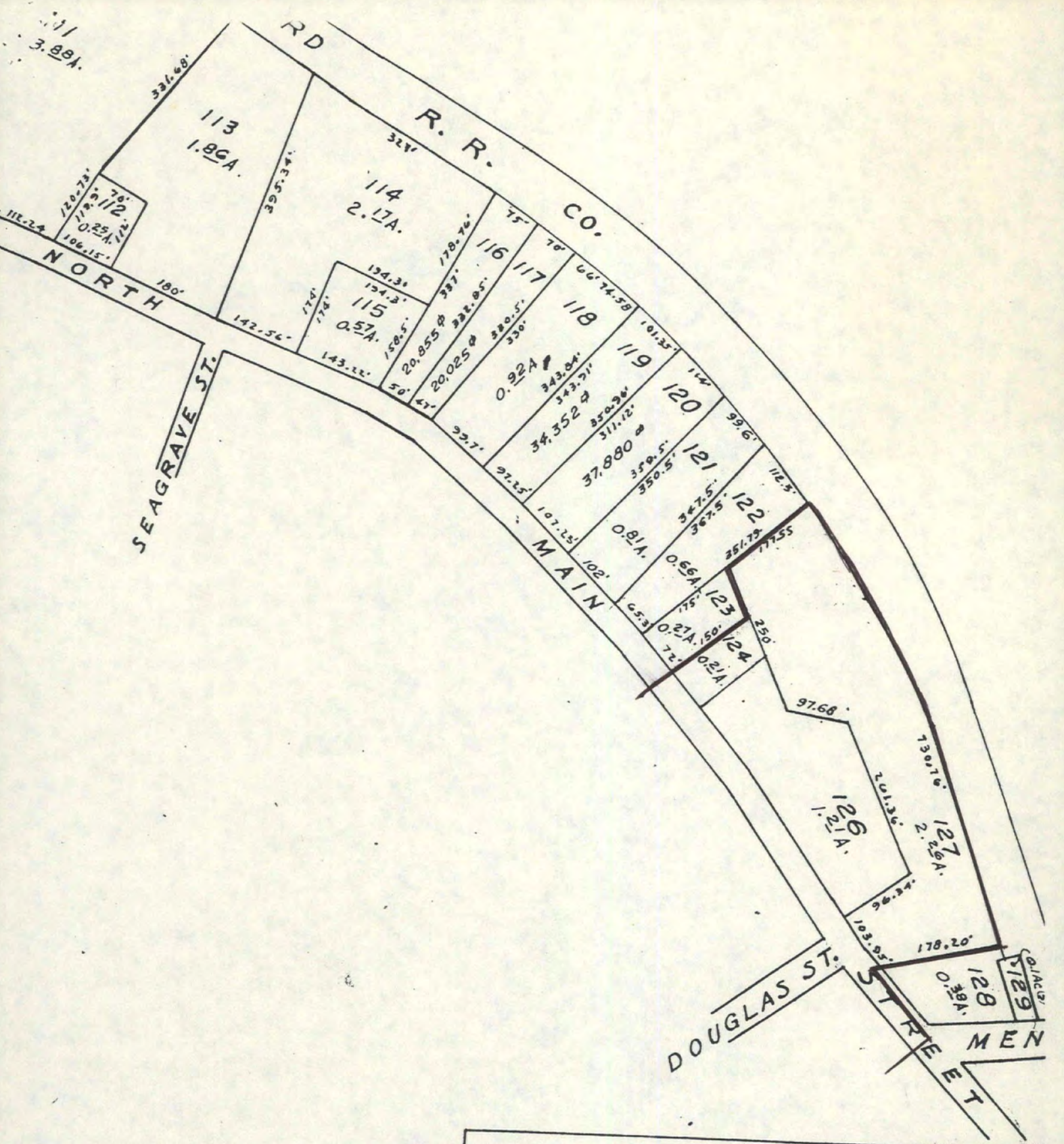












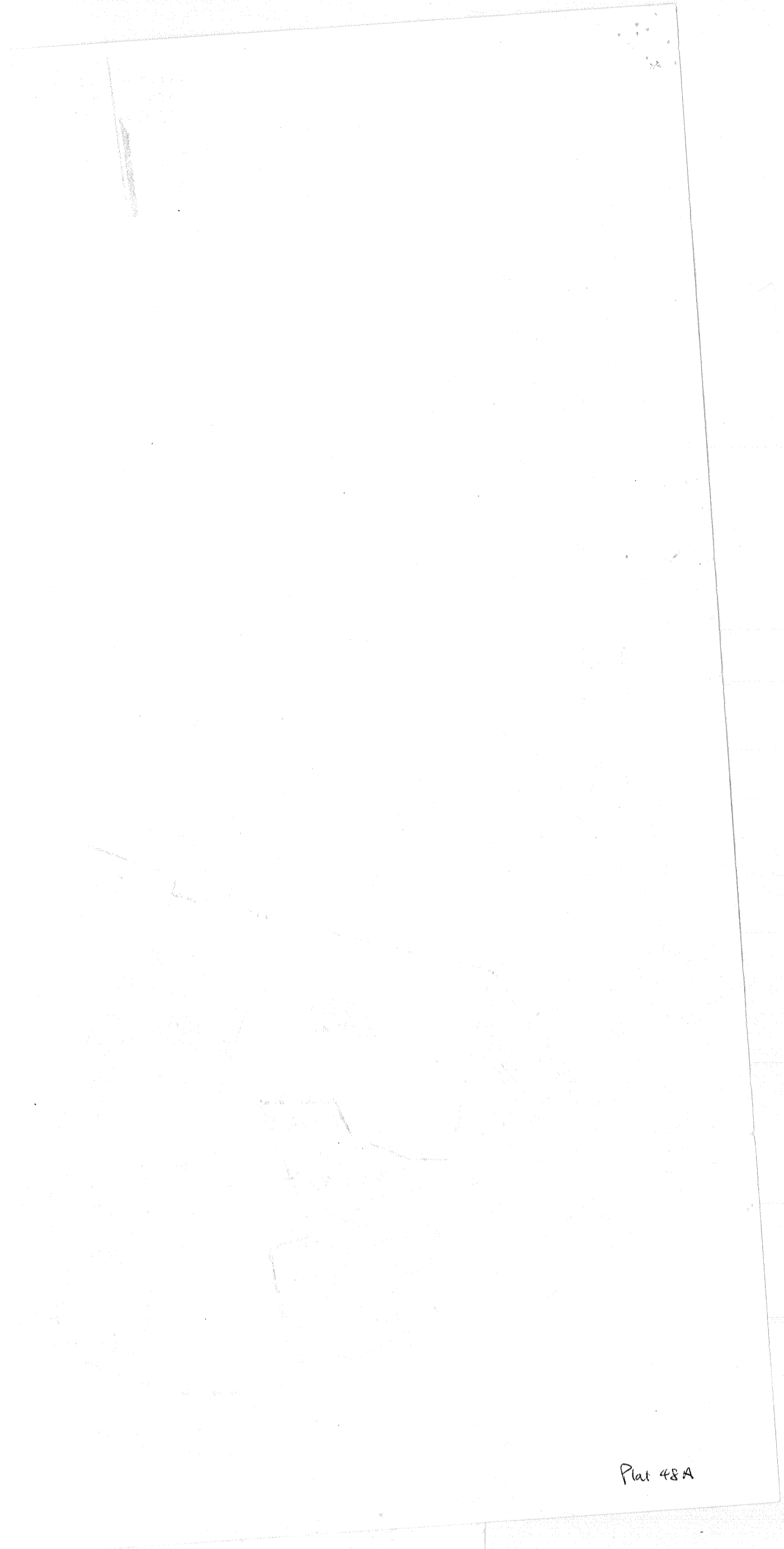
NORTH

Uxbridge Multiple Resource Area  
 Uxbridge Common District  
 Maps #41, #48, #48A Lot Multiple  
 Uxbridge Assessors  
 1" = 200'  
 except 48A: 1" = 100'

TOWN OF UXBRIDGE  
ASSESSORS PLATS  
SCALE - 1 INCH EQUALS 200

Plat 48





Plat 48A

Plat 41

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000299