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| | 20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS (INCLUDE ADDRESS) | | |
| 21. REFERENCES / REPORTS PAL Technical Memorandum (2014) Cultural Resources Assessment, Mendon Town Forest, Mendon, Massachusetts. PAL Report No. 2990. Submitted to Town Forest Committee, Mendon, MA. | | | |

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| SIGNIFICANCE | 22. RECOVERED DATA (identify in DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.) | | |
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| | Archeological see Continuation Sheet | | |
| 23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE | | | |
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A large fieldstone wall is located in the southeastern portion of the Town Forest. The wall measures approximately 108 ft (33 m) long and has an average width at the top of 10 ft (3 m). It is approximately 3 ft (1 m) high on the north side and 6–7 ft (2 m) high on the south side. The wall is constructed of large rough cut and natural fieldstones on the north and south sides and incorporates a natural erratic boulder. It is filled in the middle with smaller natural fieldstones. The wall is oriented 135/315 degrees (SE/NW) and terminates at its southeastern end at a large natural erratic boulder. Two other stone walls, although not as wide at the top, extend out from this large erratic boulder at 65 degrees (ENE) and 188 degrees (S), respectively.

The Town Forest Committee documentation suggests that the big wall was perhaps an undocumented road. However, the wall is not uniformly 10 ft wide for its full length and the natural erratic boulder that is used as an intersecting point for the three visible walls is not typical for historic roadway construction. The "Big Wall Mystery" is a fine example of a stone wall, likely denoting pasture land. The thickness of the wall is unusual but perhaps can be explained by its location separating higher ground from lower, possibly seasonally wet, terrain.

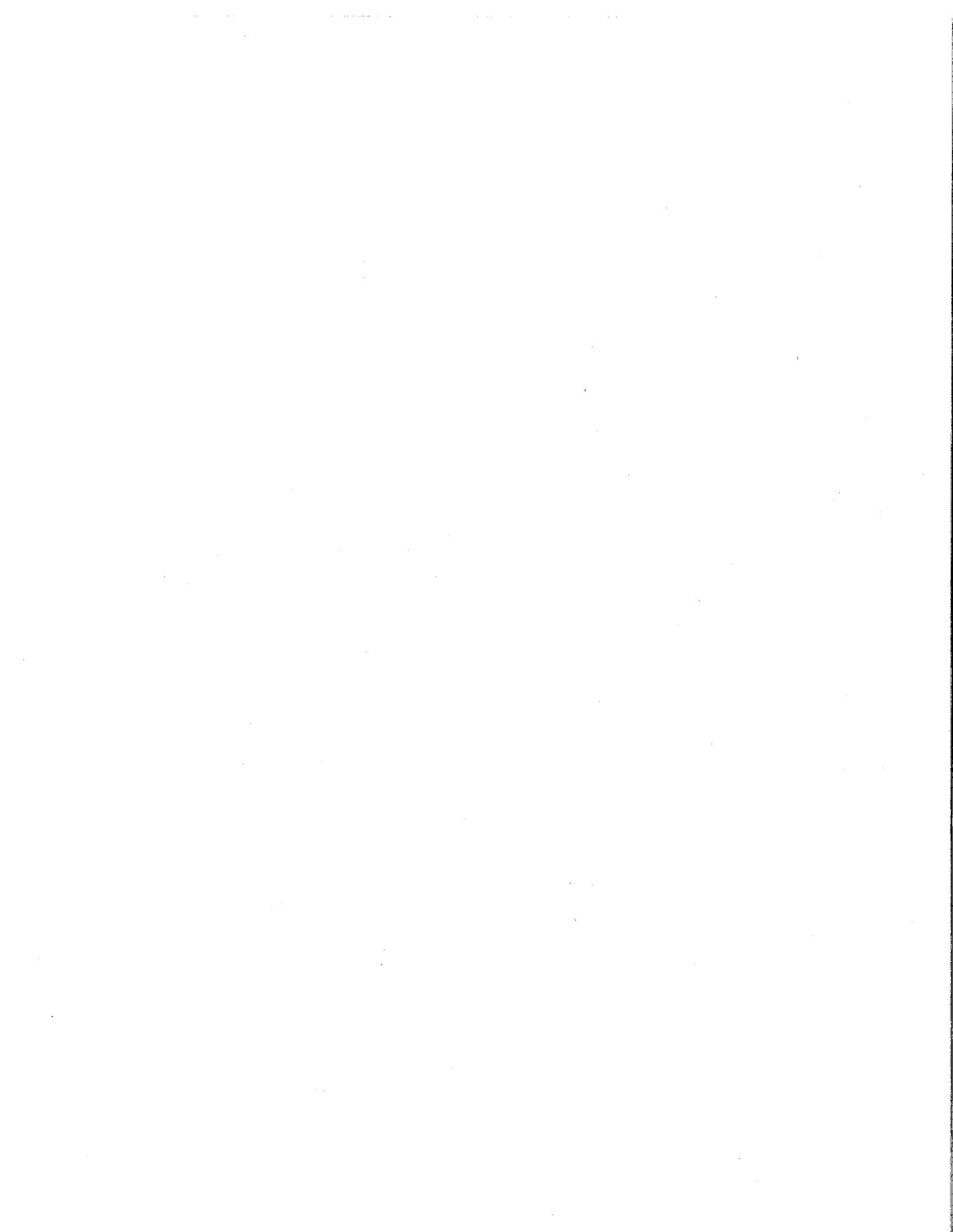




Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

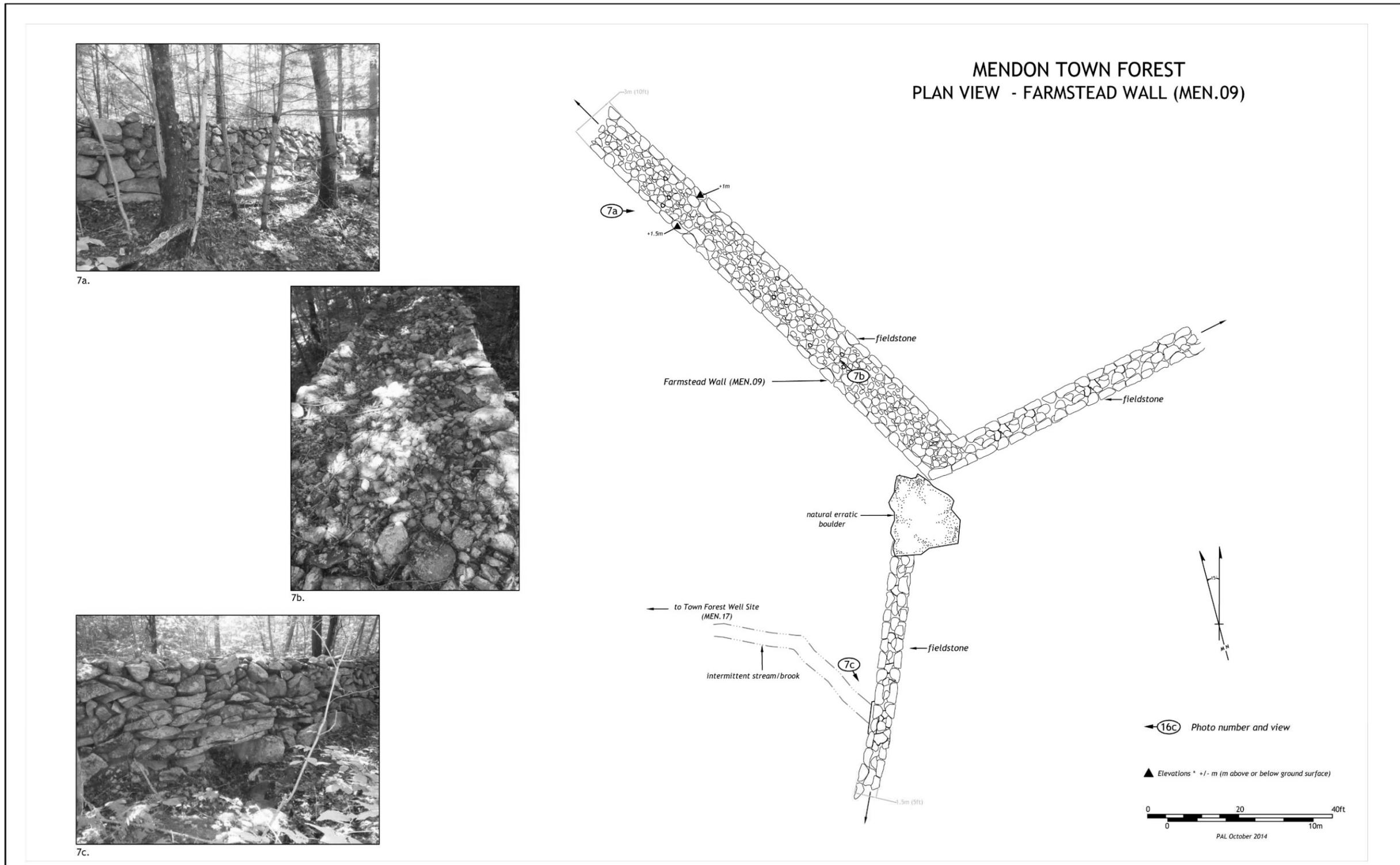


Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of the Farmstead Wall (MEN.09), aka “Big Wall Mystery” Site, Mendon Town Forest.

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. SITE NAME(S) <u>Granite Quarry</u> | | MAS NO. | OTHER NO. | |
| | 2. TOWN/CITY <u>Mendon</u> | | COUNTY <u>Worcester</u> | | |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO REACH SITE) <u>Southwest portion of Mendon Town Forest</u> | | | | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES) <u>Town of Mendon</u> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private | | |
| | 5. SITE LOCATED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRM Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Avocational Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Field School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Town Forest Committee</u> Describe Sampling Strategy used to Locate Site <u>Walkover Survey</u> | | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | 6a. PERIOD(S) (Check all applicable boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> 17th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 18th C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 20th C. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | | | |
| | 6b. Estimated Occupation Range <u>mid 19th century</u> | | | | |
| | 7. DATING METHODS | MAPS | TITLE SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS | |
| | Comparative Materials | | | OTHER | |
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| 8b. DESCRIBE | | | | | |
| ENVIRONMENT | 9. DESCRIBE SIZE AND HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BOUNDARIES <u>Borrow pit = 10-x-8-m (33-x-36-ft) and approximately 1.5 m (5 ft) deep.</u> | | 10. STRATIGRAPHY | | |
| | | | Surface Indicators | Stratigraphy | |
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| CONDITION | 11. SOIL | USDA Soil Serie <u>Chatfield-Hollis Rock Outcrop</u> | Contour Elevation <u>144 masl (472 ftasl)</u> | % Slope of Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 - 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 25 | |
| | | Acidity 1 _____ 7 _____ 14 (Acid) (Base) | 12. TOPOGRAPHY <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle undulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Mountains | | |
| | 13. WATER | NEAREST WATER SOURCE <u>Unnamed Brook</u> | SIZE AND SPEED <u>Small; Perennial</u> | DISTANCE FROM SITE <u>~ 137 m (450ft)</u> | SEASONAL AVAILABILITY |
| | 14. VEGETATION | PRESENT <u>Mixed coniferous-deciduous</u> | PAST <u>Unknown</u> | | |
| CONDITION | 15. SITE INTEGRITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed | | IF DISTURBED, DESCRIBE DISTURBANCE | | |
| | 16. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Open Land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodland <input type="checkbox"/> Eroded Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered Buildings Visible from Site <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated | | | | |
| | 17. ANY THREATS TO SITE DESCRIBE POTENTIAL THREATS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
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In the southwestern portion of the Town Forest is a borrow pit where granite was quarried, likely in the mid-nineteenth century. The borrow pit measures approximately 33 ft (10 m) by 26 ft (8 m) and is approximately 5 ft deep (1.5 m). The eastern edge of the borrow pit has squared off granite slabs still visible in the wall. Surrounding the quarry are numerous granite "wasters" showing quarry marks. Several of the wasters exhibit drill holes that are diagnostic of "plug-and-feather" or "feather-and-wedge" splitting. This type of splitting was widely used throughout the nineteenth century. Bill Dakai explained that granite from this quarry was used to construct the Taft Saw and Shingle Mill and that these granite wasters are present all the way down the hill (to the north) to the mill site.

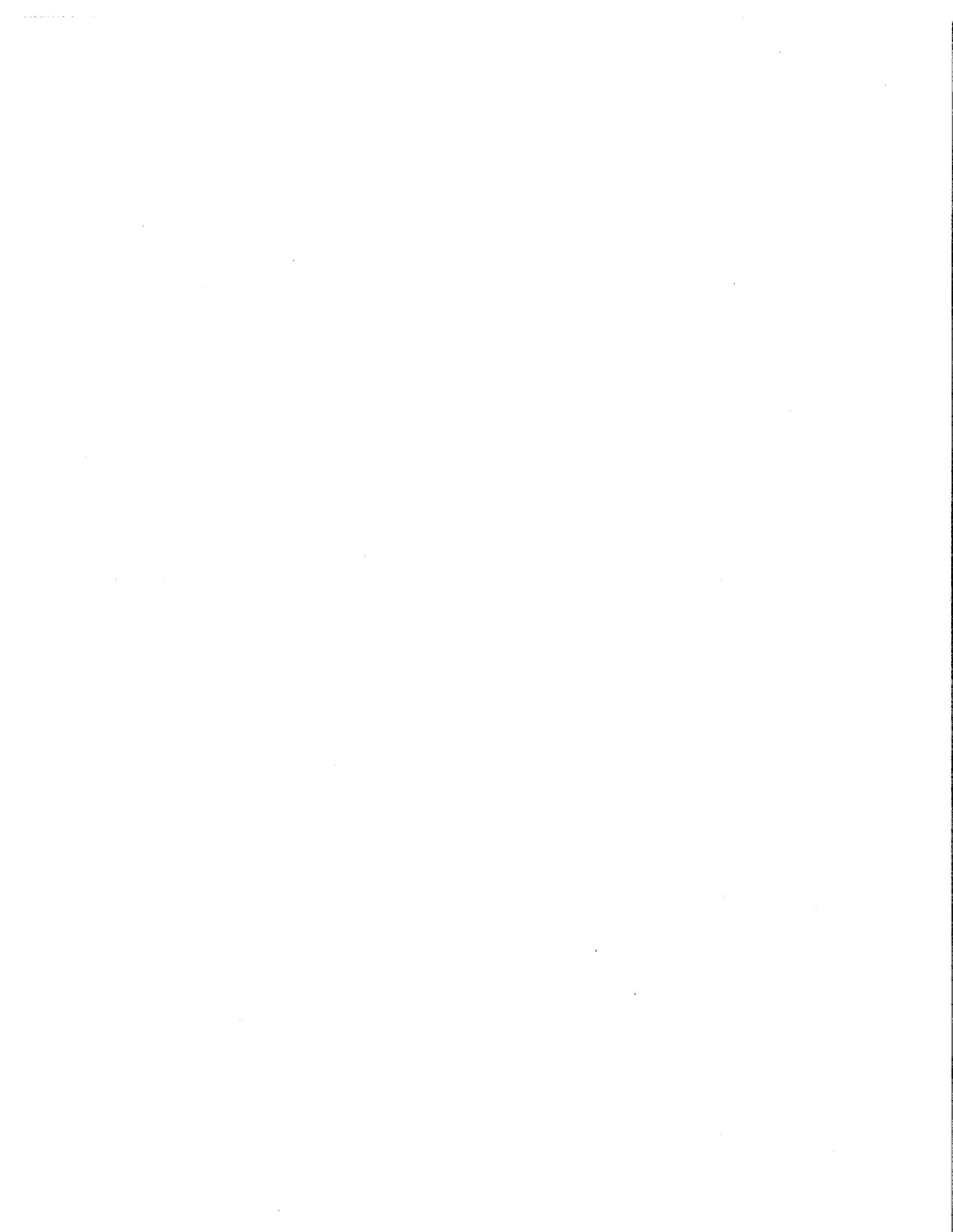


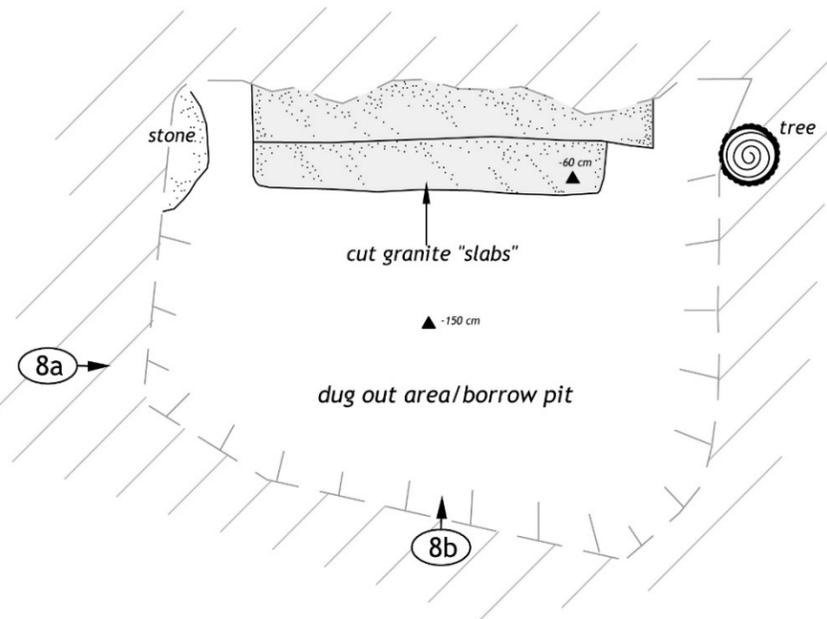


Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

MENDON TOWN FOREST
 PLAN VIEW - GRANITE QUARRY (MEN.10)



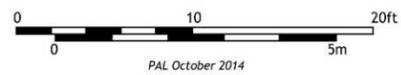
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▲ Elevations * +/- cm (cm above or below ground surface)

Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of the Granite Quarry Site (MEN.10), Mendon Town Forest.

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During the walkover survey Bill Dakai and Paul Doucette pointed out a large foundation that they believe is the remains of the dance hall/grist mill. The foundation is located on the north (west) side of Tower Road and measures approximately 53-x-35 ft (E/W-x-N/S) but is missing its entire western wall. The foundation consists of 3-4 courses of rough cut granite (approximately 5 ft deep) and there is an approximately 11 ft (3.5 m) opening in the northeastern corner. A possible partial ell consisting of 1-2 courses of rough cut granite is present adjacent to the southeast corner of the foundation. A fieldstone well measuring 4 ft (1.2 m) in diameter and approximately 9 ft (2.7 m) deep is present just to the east of the possible ell. A portion of a mill stone is located approximately 90 ft (27 m) east of the foundation. It could not be closely examined as a large tree had recently fallen directly on top of it.

It is unclear if this foundation is the location of the dance hall/grist mill. Historical documents indicate that the dance hall/grist mill was attached to the 1849 observation tower but this location north of Tower Road is not at the summit of Wigwam Hill and in fact views would be impeded from this location. Further archaeological investigations would be required to determine the function of this foundation, although it is likely that it is the large outbuilding/barn foundation belonging to T. Taft shown on the 1898 map.

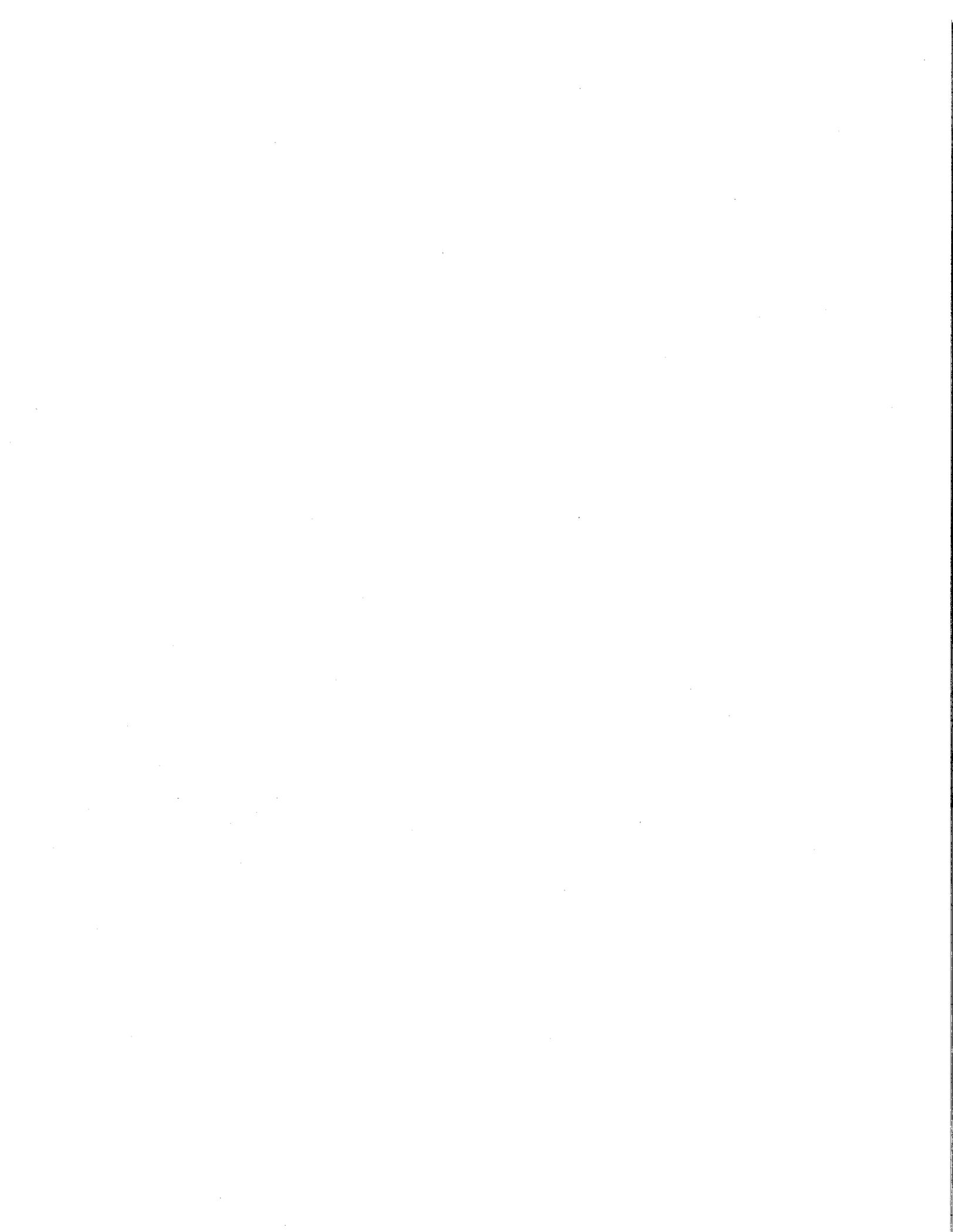




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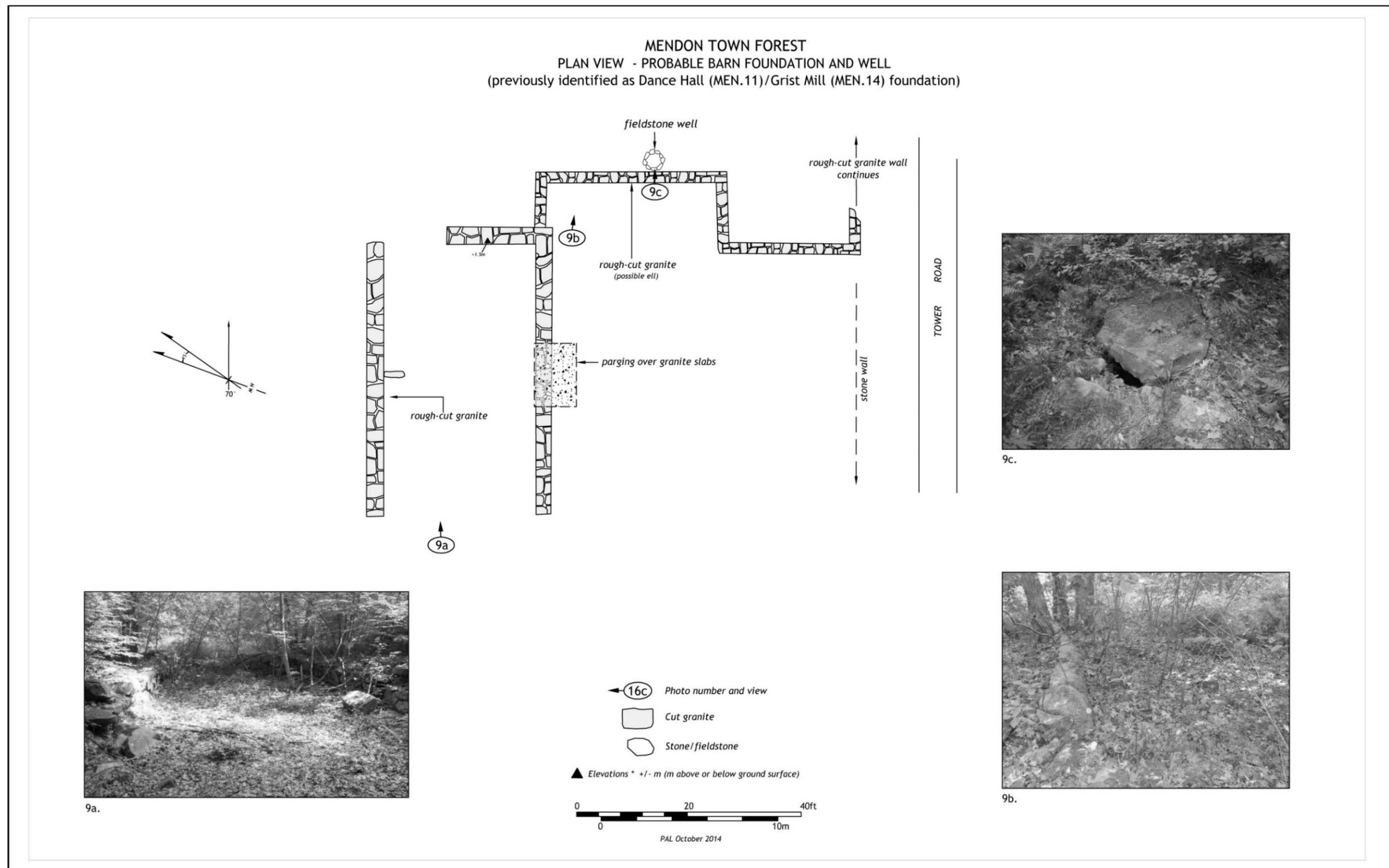


Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of probable T. Taft barn foundation, previously identified as the Dance Hall (MEN.11)/Grist Mill (MEN.14) Site, Mendon Town Forest.

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2. TOWN/CITY Mendon COUNTY Worcester

3. STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO REACH SITE)
Northwestern portion of Mendon Town Forest

4. OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES) Town of Mendon Public Private

5. SITE LOCATED BY
 CRM Survey Avocational Collector Field School Other (Specify) Town Forest Committee
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6b. Estimated Occupation Range

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| 7. DATING METHODS | MAPS | TITLE SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS |
| | Comparative Materials | | OTHER |

8a. SITE TYPE Agrarian Residential Industrial Commercial Military
 Unknown Other (Specify) Transportation

8b. DESCRIBE

9. DESCRIBE SIZE AND HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BOUNDARIES
Bridge approx. 18 ft (5.5 m) long and 16.5 ft (5 m) wide.

10. STRATIGRAPHY
 Surface Indicators Stratigraphy
 Standing Ruins Stratified
 Surface Finds NOT Stratified
 Markers Below Ground Structural Remains
 Cellar Hole

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| 11. SOIL | USDA Soil Serie <u>Chatfield-Hollis Rock Outcrop</u> | Contour Elevation <u>135 masl (443 ftasl)</u> | % Slope of Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 25 | |
| | Acidity 1 _____ 7 _____ 14 (Acid) (Base) | | 12. TOPOGRAPHY <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle undulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Mountains | |

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| 13. WATER | NEAREST WATER SOURCE <u>Unnamed Brook</u> | SIZE AND SPEED <u>Small; Perennial</u> | DISTANCE FROM SITE <u>Adjacent</u> | SEASONAL AVAILABILITY |
| 14. VEGETATION | PRESENT <u>Mixed coniferous-deciduous</u> | | PAST <u>Unknown</u> | |

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15. SITE INTEGRITY Undisturbed Good Fair Destroyed IF DISTURBED, DESCRIBE DISTURBANCE _____

16. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
 Open Land Woodland Eroded Soils Residential Scattered Buildings Visible from Site
 Commercial Industrial Rural
 Coastal Isolated

17. ANY THREATS TO SITE DESCRIBE POTENTIAL THREATS
 Yes No

18. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC
 Free Access Need Owner Permission Restricted No Access

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation | By Whom / Affiliation | Date |

20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS (INCLUDE ADDRESS)

21. REFERENCES / REPORTS PAL Technical Memorandum (2014) Cultural Resources Assessment, Mendon Town Forest, Mendon, Massachusetts. PAL Report No. 2990. Submitted to Town Forest Committee, Mendon, MA.

22. RECOVERED DATA (identify in DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.)

Documentary:

Archeological see Continuation Sheet

23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Undetermined.

24. ATTACH PORTION OF USGS QUAD WITH SITE AREA MARKED TO THIS FORM

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A stone bridge is located in the northern portion of the Town Forest over an unnamed stream. The bridge measures approximately 18 ft (5.5 m) long and 16.5 ft (5 m) wide and is constructed of rough cut granite. Several pieces of the granite have visible quarry marks. The abutments are approximately 4 ft (1.2 m) apart and the deck of the bridge to the stream is 4 ft (1.2 m) high. The stream generally flows from the northeast to the southwest and originates at an unnamed wetland/swamp to the northeast outside of the Town Forest.



Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. SITE NAME(S) Taft Rock (a.k.a. Anchor Rock) | | MAS NO. | OTHER NO. |
| | 2. TOWN/CITY Mendon | | COUNTY Worcester | |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO REACH SITE) Off of end of Tower Road | | | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES) Town of Mendon | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private | |
| | 5. SITE LOCATED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRM Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Avocational Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Field School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Town Forest Committee</u> Describe Sampling Strategy used to Locate Site <u>Walkover Survey</u> | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | 6a. PERIOD(S) (Check all applicable boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> 17th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 18th C. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th C. <input type="checkbox"/> 20th C. <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | | | |
| | 6b. Estimated Occupation Range <u>ca. 1876</u> | | | |
| | 7. DATING METHODS | MAPS | TITLE SEARCH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS |
| | Comparative Materials | | | OTHER |
| | 8a. SITE TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Agrarian <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Recreation</u> | | | |
| 8b. DESCRIBE <u>Three carvings on an exposed erratic.</u> | | | | |
| ENVIRONMENT | 9. DESCRIBE SIZE AND HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BOUNDARIES | | 10. STRATIGRAPHY | |
| | | | Surface Indicators Stratigraphy <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Stratified <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Finds <input type="checkbox"/> NOT Stratified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Markers <input type="checkbox"/> Below Ground Structural Remains <input type="checkbox"/> Cellar Hole | |
| CONDITION | 11. SOIL | USDA Soil Serie <u>Chatfield-Hollis Rock Outcrop</u> | Contour Elevation <u>164 masl (538 ft)</u> | % Slope of Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 - 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 15 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - 25 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 25 |
| | | Acidity 1 _____ 7 _____ 14 (Acid) (Base) | 12. TOPOGRAPHY <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle undulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rolling Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Mountains | |
| | 13. WATER | NEAREST WATER SOURCE <u>Unnamed Swamp</u> | SIZE AND SPEED | DISTANCE FROM SITE <u>326 m (1070 ft)</u> |
| | 14. VEGETATION | PRESENT <u>Mixed coniferous-deciduous</u> | PAST <u>Unknown</u> | |
| CONDITION | 15. SITE INTEGRITY <input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed | | IF DISTURBED, DESCRIBE DISTURBANCE | |
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| | 17. ANY THREATS TO SITE DESCRIBE POTENTIAL THREATS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
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Taft Rock (a.k.a. Anchor Rock) is located on Tower Road at roughly the midpoint between the Mendon town line to where it intersects Millville Street to the northeast. The large exposed granite on the road has three distinct carvings in it. The first carving is a large square around the words J.F. Taft/APR 29th/1876. Between the APR 29th and 1876 lines are three rings with the letters F L T. The Town Forest website states that the 3 ring symbol with the letters F L T inside represents the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), also known as the Three Link Fraternity. The letters stand for Friendship, Love, and Truth. IOOF was founded in the United States on April 26, 1819 and promotes personal and social development. Prominent members included Presidents of the United States (Ulysses S. Grant, Warren Harding, Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, and Franklin Roosevelt), Charles Lindbergh, Wyatt Earp, and Charlie Chaplin. J.F. Taft was likely a member of this organization and according to Richard Taft Messinger and other members of the Taft Family Association, may have owned the Taft Saw and Shingle Mill.

The second carving is the date 1876 with the initials G.B. and the triple links. The identity of G.B. is currently unknown but it appears he was also a member of IOOF. The third carving is a large anchor with the name A. I. Alexander around the top. The anchor symbol has several different meanings including the Anchor Cross or Mariner's Cross symbolizing hope; a symbol for the U.S. Navy; and anchors are also seen on some family coat of arms. The identity of A.I. Alexander is currently unknown but there were residents in the town with the surname Alexander in the nineteenth century.



Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

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20. PRESENT LOCATION OF MATERIALS (INCLUDE ADDRESS)

21. REFERENCES / REPORTS PAL Technical Memorandum (2014) Cultural Resources Assessment, Mendon Town Forest, Mendon, Massachusetts. PAL Report No. 2990. Submitted to Town Forest Committee, Mendon, MA.

22. RECOVERED DATA (identify in DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.)
 Documentary: see Continuation Sheet

 Archeological Location undetermined.

23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
 Undetermined.

24. ATTACH PORTION OF USGS QUAD WITH SITE AREA MARKED TO THIS FORM

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Thompson Taft (4th generation) built an observation tower on the summit of Wigwam Hill in 1849. The observatory was 55 ft high, 12 ft square at the top, and 24 ft square at the base. Another account states that the tower was 84 ft tall, 10 ft square at the top, and 20 ft square at the base. The spot upon which the current fire tower, built in 1954, now stands is the highest point on the hill at 573 ft above sea level (Town Forest Committee 2014).



Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

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22. Recovered Data

According to the Town Forest Committee documents, the saw and shingle mill was built between 1852 and 1855 and was owned and operated by Thomas Taft. The mill site consists of the visible mill foundation remains, a stone and earthen dam, a small reservoir, and a borrow pit. The mill is located along a small brook that originates in a large wetland (possible historic mill pond) to the east and flows into Wigwam Brook to the west. The foundation measures approximately 40-x-32 ft (12-x-10 m) and straddles the brook. A spillway is located in the eastern wall and the possible location of the wheel pit was noted during the walkover. The western face of the dam also serves as part of the eastern wall of the mill and is constructed of four courses of rough cut granite stones. The remainder of the dam is an earthen berm that measures approximately 65-x-19 ft (20-x-6 m) and creates a small reservoir/mill pond that was only partially wet at the time of the walkover. A borrow pit measuring approximately 33-x-33 ft (10-x-10 m) is located southeast of the dam and likely served as the earthen fill for the dam. No evidence of machinery, gate structures, or other mill-related mechanisms or waterpower infrastructure was observed during the walkover survey, but the foundation and dam appear to be in relatively good condition.



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MENDON TOWN FOREST
 PLAN VIEW - TAFT SAW and SHINGLE MILL (MEN.16)

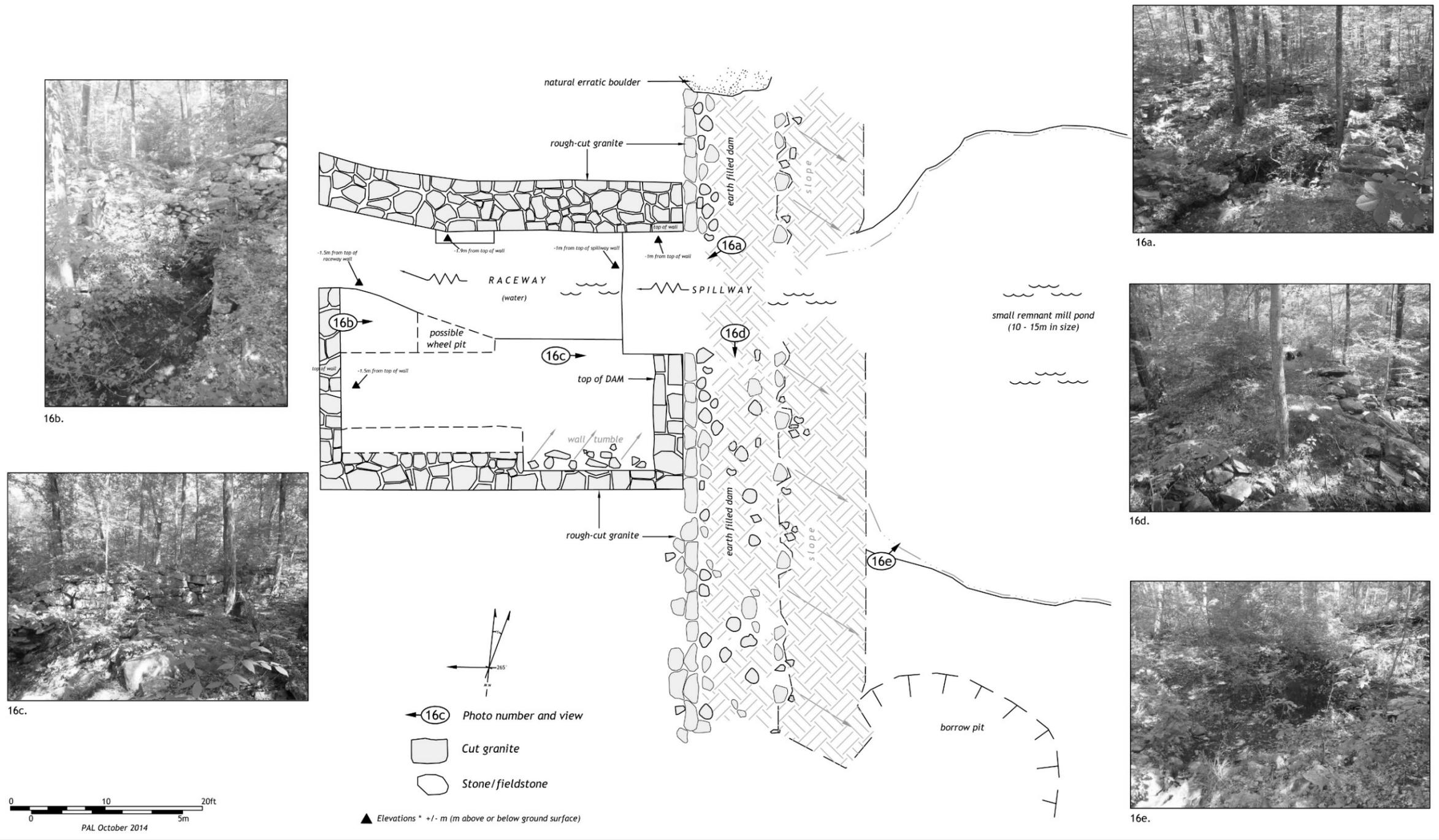


Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of the Taft Saw and Shingle Mill Site (MEN.16), Mendon Town Forest.

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This well is located in the southeastern section of the Town Forest property near the big farmstead wall (MEN.9). The well is constructed of fieldstone and is approximately 3 ft (0.9 m) in diameter and 8 ft (2.4 m) deep. A visual inspection of the surrounding area did not identify any additional foundations or other features. The well may have served as a watering source for cattle or sheep in the pastures.



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| IDENTIFICATION | 1. SITE NAME(S) Thompson Taft Main House | | MAS NO. | OTHER NO. |
| | 2. TOWN/CITY Mendon | | COUNTY Worcester | |
| | 3. STREET AND NUMBER (IF NOT AVAILABLE, GIVE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO REACH SITE) Off Tower Road | | | |
| | 4. OWNER(S) AND ADDRESS(ES) Town of Mendon | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private | |
| | 5. SITE LOCATED BY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CRM Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Avocational Collector <input type="checkbox"/> Field School <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Town Forest Committee</u> Describe Sampling Strategy used to Locate Site <u>Walkover Survey</u> | | | |
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| | 6b. Estimated Occupation Range <u>ca. 1831 - 1900</u> | | | |
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| 8b. DESCRIBE <u>Farmstead</u> | | | | |
| ENVIRONMENT | 9. DESCRIBE SIZE AND HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BOUNDARIES | | 10. STRATIGRAPHY | |
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| 13. WATER | NEAREST WATER SOURCE <u>Unnamed Brook</u> | SIZE AND SPEED <u>Small; Perennial</u> | DISTANCE FROM SITE <u>410 m (1345 ft)</u> | SEASONAL AVAILABILITY <u>Unknown</u> |
| 14. VEGETATION | PRESENT <u>Mixed coniferous-deciduous</u> | PAST <u>Unknown</u> | | |
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22. RECOVERED DATA (identify in DETAIL, including structures, related outbuildings, landscape features, etc.)

Documentary: see Continuation Sheet

Archeological see Continuation Sheet

23. ARCHAEOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Undetermined.

24. ATTACH PORTION OF USGS QUAD WITH SITE AREA MARKED TO THIS FORM

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The Thompson Taft house is depicted on all of the nineteenth-century maps of Mendon on the north side of Tower Road. The house is depicted as being constructed of brick on the 1898 map. The foundation remains identified in the field consist of a cut granite block cellar hole with a large center chimney base. The foundation measures approximately 34-x-34 ft (10.5-x-10.5 m) and is approximately 5 ft (1.5-m) deep. The west wall of the foundation continues to the north another 10 ft (see Figure 32). Inspection of the back yard area did not note any additional foundation stones or features to indicate why the wall continues here. The center chimney base is constructed of 2 courses of rough cut granite and measures approximately 8-x-6.5-x-1.5 ft (2.5-x-2-x-0.5 m). Large piles of brick rubble are located within the cellar hole.

A possible root cellar, measuring 9-x-6 ft (2.8-x-1.8 m), is located approximately 22 ft (6.7 m) from the northeastern corner of the house foundation. The outbuilding is constructed of rough cut granite and has two steps leading down into the foundation at the northern end. The root cellar is filled with leaf litter and debris and 2 courses are currently visible (1.6 ft [0.5 m] deep). A fieldstone well is located approximately 45 ft (13.7 m) west of the western house foundation wall. The well is constructed of fieldstone and is approximately 4 ft (1.2 m) in diameter and 9 ft (2.7 m) deep.

A relatively dense artifact scatter of primarily mid- to late-nineteenth century objects is present on the surface in the cellar hole. Artifacts of note include iron kettles, small iron objects (possibly related to chimney architecture), blue sponge decorated ironstone pitcher fragments (1860–1935), molded whiteware bowl (1820+), flow blue whiteware (1860–1930), blob top soda/water bottle (1840s–1920s), purple machine made bottle base (partial embossing “..M E..”) (1900–1920), oil/ring finished bottle glass (1830–1920), and champagne finished bottle glass (1880–1910).



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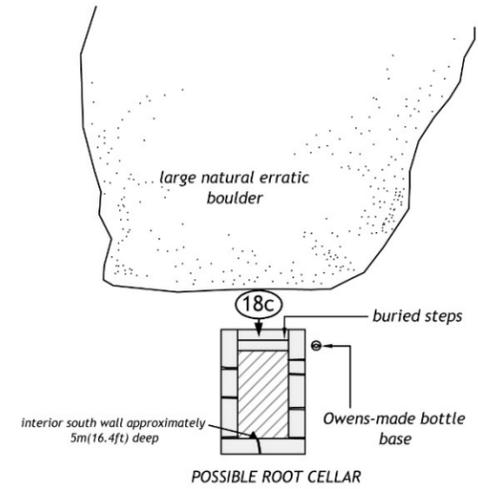
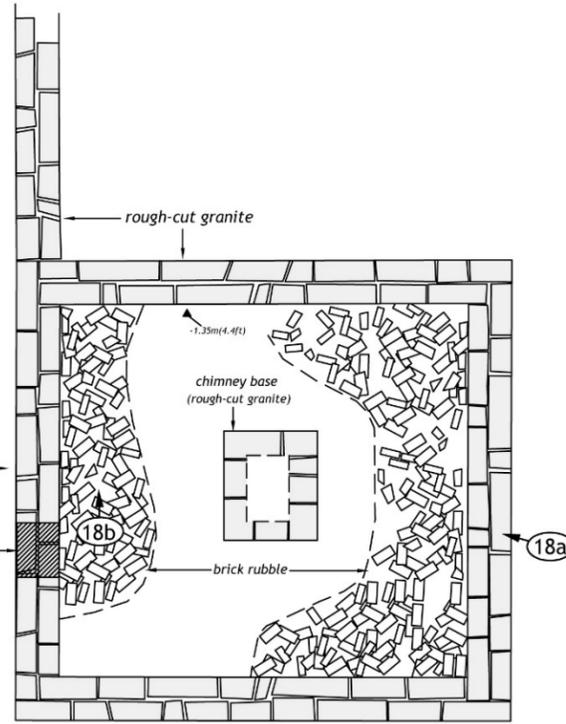
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 PLAN VIEW - THOMPSON TAFT MAIN HOUSE SITE



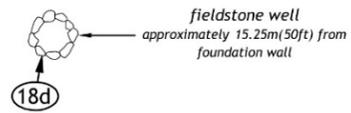
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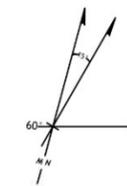
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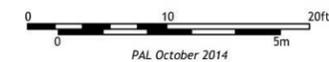
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16c Photo number and view

Rough-cut granite

Stone/fieldstone



PAL October 2014

▲ Elevations * +/- m (m above or below ground surface)

Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of the Thompson Taft Main House Site, Mendon Town Forest.

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| 13. WATER | NEAREST WATER SOURCE <u>Unnamed Brook</u> | SIZE AND SPEED <u>Small; Perennial</u> | DISTANCE FROM SITE <u>420 m (1378 ft)</u> | SEASONAL AVAILABILITY <u>Unknown</u> |
| 14. VEGETATION | PRESENT <u>Mixed coniferous-deciduous</u> | PAST <u>Unknown</u> | | |
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22. Recovered Data

The foundation remains of a second house are located on the south side of Tower Road across from the Thompson Taft Main House. The cellar hole in this area is constructed of rough cut granite and measures approximately 14.7-x-33 ft (4.5-x-10 m), although the entire western wall is missing so it may be larger. A small ell, measuring 7.5-x-12 ft (2.3-x-3.7 m) is centrally located of the eastern side. No evidence of a chimney base was observed. Approximately 12 ft (3.65 m) to the east of the ell are the foundation remains of an outbuilding constructed of rough cut granite. The outbuilding foundation measures approximately 25-x-12 ft (7.7-x-3.7 m), although the northern wall is severely slumped. Approximately 47 ft (14.4 m) southeast of the outbuilding is another large outbuilding foundation constructed of rough cut granite that measures approximately 17.7-x-49 ft (5.4-x-15 m), although the majority of the eastern wall is missing. This foundation is built into the hillside and is approximately 5.5 ft (1.7 m) in height at this location. An interior wall is present creating a separate small room measuring approximately 13-x-13 ft (4-x-4 m) in the interior.

A moderate density of primarily mid- to late-nineteenth century artifacts is present within the house foundation. Artifacts of note include brown and green transfer print whiteware (1828+), blue edged whiteware (1840–1860), domestic stoneware with Albany slip (1805–1920), and machine crimped lamp chimney glass (ca. 1870+), miscellaneous iron objects, embossed medicine/beverage bottles, aqua and colorless beverage bottles, brown case bottle, and clam shell (Samford and Miller 2014; Miller 2000; SHA 2014) (Figure 42).



Figure 1. Locations of recorded and identified archaeological sites within the Mendon Town Forest on the Blackstone (MA) USGS topographic quadrangle, 7.5 minute series.

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 PLAN VIEW - THOMPSON TAFT SMALL HOUSE SITE

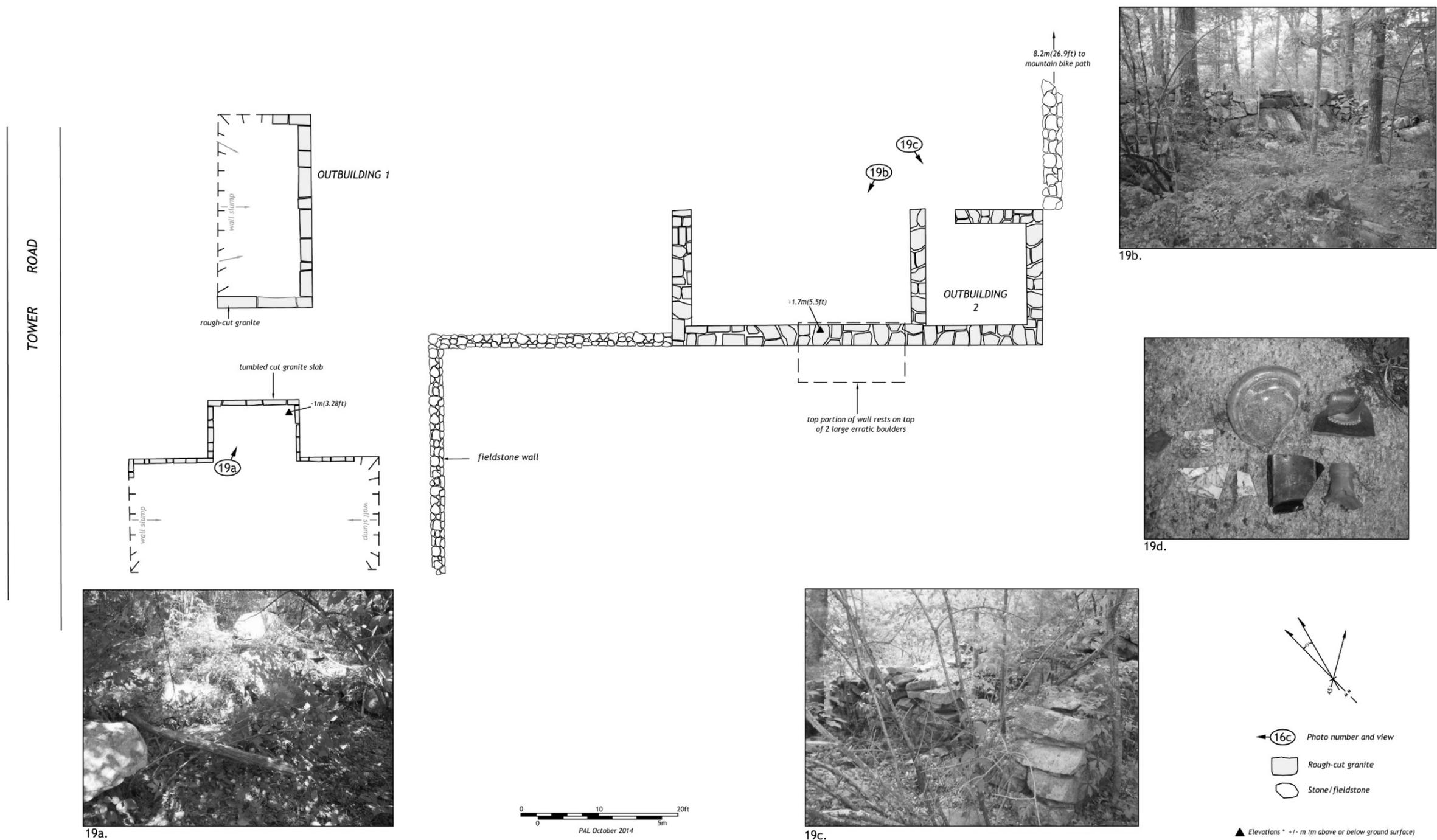


Figure 2. 2014 sketch plan and photograph details of the Thompson Taft Small House Site, Mendon Town Forest.

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A large split erratic with evidence of "plug-and-feather" or "feather-and-wedge" splitting is located in the northern portion of the Town Forest, southeast of the Stone Bridge (MEN.12). Quarrying of the erratic appears to have been abandoned at this point, however, as there is no further evidence on the rock itself or wasters on the ground nearby. It is possible that the erratic split in the wrong place or that the quality of the rock was determined unsuitable after further inspection of the split.



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