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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Conkey-Stevens House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

664 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Amherst

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Hampshire

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

☒ ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Peter Grandonico

STREET & NUMBER

131 Rocky Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Hadley

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hampshire County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

King Street

CITY, TOWN

Northampton

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1977

FEDERAL ☒ STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Conkey-Stevens House is located at the corner of Main and Salem Streets in East Amherst. Its treed two acre lot is set off from the street by a decorative cast iron fence. The two story brick structure was built in 1840 and originally had a hipped roof. It was remodeled in the 1880's with the addition of a bracketted mansard roof, a rear brick and frame ell and a one story verandah extending around its east, south and west elevations.

The facade which faces south is three bays wide with the entrance located in the eastern bay. Approached by a flight of three granite steps with low curved side walls, the six paneled door (upper two panels blocked in) was flanked by side lights and carried a rectangular transom. Although these have been sealed with plywood, it is believed that 1880's etched glass remains. Full length windows with shutters are located in the other two bays. These openings have also been temporarily sealed with plywood. Fenestration on the second floor consists of three windows with 2/2 double hung sash and shutters. The windows and door are all headed by granite lintels. Three dormers with round-arched openings and alternating triangular-segmental-triangular pediments light the third story mansard. The bracketted cornice is severely deteriorated and some of the slate shingles, which are laid in an imbricated pattern are missing.

The side elevations, also three bays wide, are treated in the same manner as the facade with the exception of the first floor windows which are not full length. Also, a bay window was added to the east elevation in the 1880's remodeling. The one story verandah which extends around the facade and side elevations has an almost flat roof supported by square chamfered columns with bracketted heads above their capitals. A low molded rail with two dimensional curved balusters connects the columns at the top of their pedestals. Wooden lattice-work fills the underpart of the porch, masking the basement.

The brick portion of the ell, which is directly attached to the blank rear elevation, is one story high and three bays long. Like the main structure, it has a mansard roof but here the dormers are square headed and carry cornices. Windows have either been bricked in or are tightly shuttered. The wood portion of the ell is also one story in height and has a low pitched roof. A heavily deteriorated frame barn stands to the rear of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☒ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☒ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1840 1879-1889 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Robert Cutler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Conkey-Stevens House, despite its current deterioration, retains integrity of design, location, setting, materials, and association. It is associated with lives of persons prominent in Amherst's past, and it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Victorian period which are not usually found in East Amherst.

The house, in its original Greek Revival form, was built for Ithmar Conkey (1788-1862) in 1840 by Robert Cutler. Born in neighboring Pelham, Conkey studied law under Noah Dickinson Mattoon in Amherst, then returned to Pelham to open his own office in 1814. Conkey remained in Pelham, where he served as town clerk, until 1818 when his former teacher moved west and he took over Mattoon's practice. While in Amherst Conkey served as Justice of the Peace (1819), special commissioner for Hampshire County (1828), County Commissioner (1830), and was finally appointed Judge of the Probate Court by Governor Armstrong (1834). He became a director of the Amherst and Belchertown Railway Company when it was organized in 1851, and in 1854 became one of the incorporators of the Amherst Savings Bank. In 1861 he was named to serve on the Convention to revise the State Constitution.

Following Conkey's death in 1862 the thirty acre property passed briefly to William Barrows who then sold the house with seven acres to Abiel Stevens in 1868. Steven's wife was the sister-in-law of Sidney Dillon, a railroad builder, the president of the Union Pacific Railroad and a millionaire. Abiel and Maria Steven's son, Albert, pursued a lucrative career with his uncle Sidney before returning to Amherst to farm. It was the money Albert made in the railroad business which enabled him to remodel the original Greek Revival structure in the currently fashionable Second Empire style.

Steven's daughter Edith inherited the house and lived there until her death in 1977 when it was sold to the present owner who plans to restore the building to house offices on the first two floors and an apartment above.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Carpenter and Morehouse, History of Amherst. 1896.
Hampshire & Franklin Express, November 14, 1862.
Norton, Paul F. Amherst: A Guide to its Architecture. 1975.
Parmenter, Charles O. History of Pelham, Massachusetts from 1738-1898.
Registry of Deeds, Hampshire County, Northampton, Mass.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY C. 2 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Mt. Toby

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 7053710 46943210

B

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

ZONE EASTING

NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the iron pipe marking the southeast corner of land described which iron pipe is westerly along the northerly line of Main Street, 209.37 feet from the intersection of the north line of Main Street and west line of Salem Street; thence from the iron pipe

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

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Adeline Procopio
Amherst Historical Comm.

Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Massachusetts Historical Commission

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

294 Washington Street

(617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Boston

Massachusetts

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL ✓

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Patricia L. Weschowski 3/1/79

TITLE Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5-10-79

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 5/9/79

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

PAGE 2

Verbal Boundary Description

marking place of beginning of land described north $78^{\circ} 01' 26''$ west along north line of Main Street. 67.38 feet to a point then North $72^{\circ} 54' 00''$ west along north line of Main Street. 132.62 feet to an iron pipe marking the southwest corner of the land described and the south-east corner of land now or formerly owned by Henry Scargorough and Helen L. Scarborough. thence thence north $17^{\circ} 30' 19''$ along said Scarborough land; thence north $21^{\circ} 39' 06''$ east partly along land now or formerly of Edward E. Simpson, Jr. and Jocelyn H. Simpson and partly along land now or formerly of Ralph H. White and Mildred White 153.76 feet to an iron pipe marking the northwest corner of the land described; thence south $68^{\circ} 20' 54''$ along other land of Edith Stevens Smith, 202.5 feet to an iron pipe; thence south $19^{\circ} 18' 50''$ west along other land of said Edith Stevens Smith, 413.35 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2:00 acres more or less.

Deed description

Deed Description dated 12/20/1977.

Property Conkey - Stevens House

State Mass (Hampshire) Working Number 3.12.79.516

TECHNICAL

Photos 3

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK 3.13.79

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____

Review _____

DESPITE ITS EARLIER GREEK REVIVAL STYLE BEGINNINGS THE CONKEY STEPHENS HOUSE REMAINS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ITS EXTENSIVE LATE 19TH CENTURY REMODELING. THESE ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH POLITICALLY AND INDUSTRIALLY PROMINENT FAMILIES MAKE THE HOUSE ~~A DISTINCTIVE~~ A DISTINCTIVE PART OF THE AREA IN WHICH IT EXISTS. THOUGH CURRENTLY IN A DETERIORATED CONDITION THERE ARE PLANS FOR ITS REHABILITATION.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT
NAC Bowman
5/9/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

6-5-79

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Conkey-Stevens House
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Amherst Historical Commission

Photo #1
Facade, facing northeast

Hampshire County

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MAY 10 1979

Conkey-Stevens House

664 Main St, Amherst, Mass

01002

Facing Northeast

Picture taken 3/9/1978 - A. Procopio



Conkey-Stevens House
Amherst, Massachusetts
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Amherst Historical Commission
Photo

MAR 12 1979

Photo #2

Facing southwest from rear of house

Hampshire County MAR 10 1979

- Stevens House

664 Main St.

Amherst Mass 01002

Facing southwest from rear of house

Picture taken 3/9/1978 - A. Procopio

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Conkey-Stevens House
Amherst, Massachusetts
Adeline Procopio
Amherst Historical Commission

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Photo #3
Fence in front of house, facing east

Hampshire County

MAY 10 1979

#6 Conkey-Stevens House
664 Main Street
Amherst, Mass 01002

Front of house by fence
facing east

Picture taken 3/9/1978 A. Procopio



Conkey-Stevens House
Amherst, Massachusetts

UTM REFERENCES:
42°22'30" 18/705370/4694320

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Topography by planetable surveys 1935. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1970. Field checked 1971
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000
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1 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5 4 4.5 5 5.5 6 6.5 7 7.5 8 8.5 9 9.5 10 KILOMETER
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

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NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MAY 19 1978

DATE: May 12, 1978

MASS. HIST. COMM.

TO: Kristin T. O'Connell, Chairperson, Amherst Historical Commission

ADDRESS: 83 Woodside Avenue, Amherst

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SUBJECT: NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

NAME: Conkey-Stevens House

ADDRESS: 664 Main Street, Amherst

OWNER: Mr. Peter Grandonico



is being considered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register affords recognition and protection for districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American History, architecture, archeology and culture. Listing in the National Register places no restrictions on the owner's actions unless Federal funding or licensing is involved. However, certain Federal tax consequences may result from listing in the National Register. Please refer to section 2124 of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 for an explanation of these provisions.

Please comment below, sign, and return this form at your earliest convenience to Candace Jenkins, National Register Coordinator, Massachusetts Historical Commission at the above address. To facilitate action on this nomination, we would appreciate your response within thirty days. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jenkins at the Commission office.

☒ Approve nomination ☐ Disapprove nomination

Comments:

Signature Kristin T. O'Connell Date 5/16/78

Name and Title Chairperson, Amherst Historical Commission

2/2/77



**MASSACHUSETTS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION**

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Secretary of State**

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MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of State

February 20, 1979

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration Branch
National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Mr. Herrington:

Enclosed you will find the following nomination forms:

Amherst:	Conkey-Stevens House
Cambridge:	Edwin Abbot House
Lawrence:	Essex Company Offices and Yard
Lynn:	G.A.R. Hall
Rowley:	Chaplin-Clarke House
Springfield:	Julia Sanderson Theater
Springfield:	Kennedy-Worthington Blocks
Springfield:	Winchester Square Historic District
Wilbraham:	Academy Historic District

All have been voted eligible by the State Review Board and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. They have also been reviewed by our professional staff representing the disciplines of architecture, architectural history, archeology and history.

Sincerely,

Christine Boulding
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

Enclosures

CB/ts

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history~~

CONKEY-STEVENSON HOUSE
3/27/79

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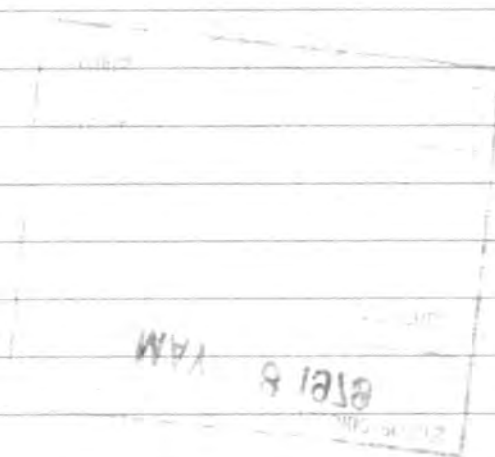
131 Rocky Hill Rd.
Hadley, Ma. 01035

Dr. William Murtagh:

In regards to the RE: Conkey-
Stevens House as mentioned in your
letter of March 22, 1979.

I do not wish to have
my house entered in the National
Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,
Peter P. Brondino



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered MAY 10 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Odd Fellow's Hall	Shelburne Falls Franklin County
Conkey-Stevens House	Amherst Hampshire County
Sanderson, Julia, Theater (Paramount Theater)	Springfield Hampden County
Winchester Square Historic District	Springfield Hampden County
Turner, Stephen, House	Norfolk Norfolk County
Abbot, Edwin, House (Longy School of Music)	Cambridge Middlesex County
Chaplin-Clarke House	Rowley Essex County

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

Honorable Silvio O. Conte

Honorable Edward P. Boland

Honorable Margaret M. Heckler

Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill

Honorable Nicholas Mayroules

State Historic Preservation Officer

Mrs. Patricia L. Weslowski

Executive Director

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NR Byers/bjr 5/14/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.