

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

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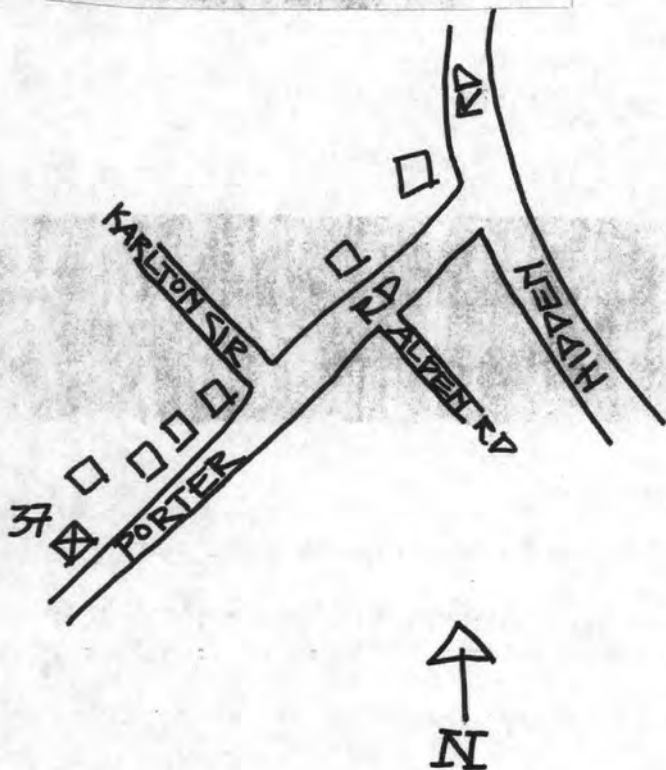
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

443: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324640/4722720



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 37 Porter Road

Name Manning House

Present use residential

Present owner Manning, Mervyn & Elizabeth

3. Description:

Date ca. 1760

Source Historic Houses in Andover

Style Georgian

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) cottage

Other features 2 1/2 stories; gambrel roof;
center chimney; 5-bay facade w/ small
12/6 and 6/6 windows; gabled center entry
vestibule; original 2-story ells at rear

Altered 2 sm. side porches Date 20th c.

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size: Map 76, Parcel 35

One acre or less --- Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 176'

Approximate distance of building from street

25'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date 7 August 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Hezekiah Ballard

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☒				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

No. 37 Porter Rd is thought to have been built ca. 1760 for Hezekiah Ballard, a farmer and later tavernkeeper. In 1771 Ballard sold the homestead to Thomas Manning, a cordwainer who kept a small shop on the property. The house has remained in the Manning family ever since. Thomas (1747-1832, m. 1769 Mehitabel Kidder) left the majority of his property to his son Thomas (1781-1849, m. 1805 Sally Hart and 1844 Adeline Abbot). The younger Thomas was also a farmer and shoemaker, cultivating a total of 100 acres of land. He died in possession of an estate worth over \$7000, including a small (\$3) library and two buffalo robes. The homestead then passed to Thomas's son John Hart Manning (1824-1868), a gentleman and clergyman (graduate of Andover Theological Seminary), whose descendants have continued to occupy the house.

The building's most unusual feature is its gambrel roof, uncommon in Andover. The simple, unembellished facade with the original window sash is also a notable feature of this long, narrow building.

The Manning House is significant (1) for its unusual use of the gambrel roof (one of only two known from this period), and (2) for its associations with the well-known Manning family, which included farmers, shoemakers, and a minister. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register; it retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (921/205; 921/203; 902/87; 373/161; 373/163; 346/173; 345/226; 345/228; Probate Docket Nos. 108370, 46055, 46068, 17576; 134/200)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Manning Family", "Manning Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

EXP. 12/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Holt Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

32. Holt-Cummings-Davis House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

33. Jenkins, Benjamin, House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

W.H. Brabham 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

34. Lincolnshire, The

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

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35. Manning House

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National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

36. Memorial Hall Library

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

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37. Musgrove Block

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National Register

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Delores Byers 6/10/82

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38. Orlando

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Keeper

W.H. Brabham 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

39. Osgood Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

40. Pearson, Abel, House

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Manning House (Town of Andover MBA)
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/28/82-1283Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/20/82
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

photos ☒

maps _____

- ☐ 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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ 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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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: 202 272-35

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



37 Porter Rd.

Manning House

Town of Andover MRA, Ma

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OCT 1980

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298