

FORM B - BUILDING

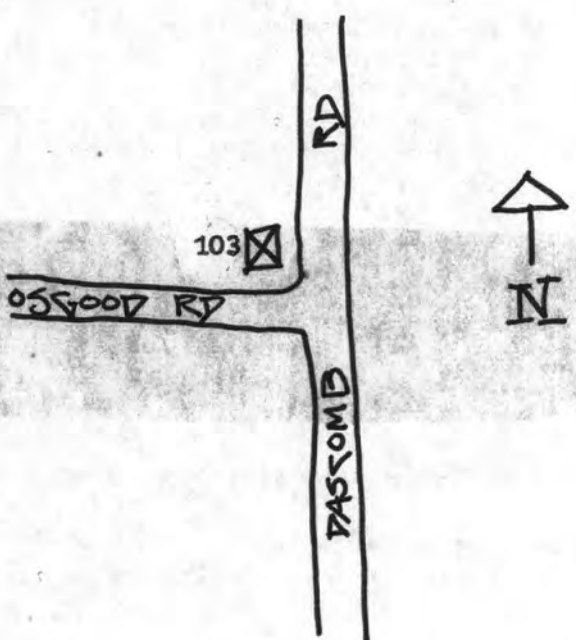
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	167

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.

167: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000  
19/321730/4721800



1. Town ANDOVER  
Address 103 Dascomb Road  
Name Pillsbury-French House  
Present use Residential  
  
Present owner Cleland, George & Dolores

3. Description:  
Date ca. 1790  
Source Deeds  
Style Georgian- Greek Revival  
Architect ---  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard  
Outbuildings (describe) Garage  
2 1/2 stories; gable roof w/  
Other features pedimented ends; center  
chimney; 5 bay facade; center vestibule  
w/sidelights; classical trim; small 6/6  
windows have corner blocks & channelled  
architraves; porch around front & side ha  
square columns; 1 & 2 story rear ell  
Altered Greek Revival ren. Date ca. 1830-60  
Moved rear ell Date 20th c.

5. Lot size: Map 155, Parcel 7  
One acre or less \_\_\_\_\_ Over one acre X  
Approximate frontage 330'  
Approximate distance of building from street  
20'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero  
Organization Andover Historical Commission  
Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) William Clark

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

The Pillsbury-French House at 103 Dascomb Rd was actually built for William Clark ca. 1780-90. Clark moved to Tewksbury under mysterious circumstances of misfortune, and the house was sold at auction. Jacob French was living here in 1791, and his family actually bought the property about 1795. Peter French kept a store across the street from his home, which at that time included 128 acres, the dwelling house, and a barn. In 1841 the property was sold to Joseph Battles of Lowell of \$4250. Battles quickly resold in 1843 to Capt. Paul Pearson Pillsbury, who moved to Andover from New Hampshire. Pillsbury (1797-1882) was married first to Hannah Frost of Tewksbury and second to Sarah Stevens of Andover. His descendants lived on the property until 1926.

The comfortable Georgian design displays an outstanding Greek Revival renovation, with corner blocks, classical doorway, pedimented gable ends, and heavy porch which significantly alter the original effect. The interesting similarities and contrasts between this house and its original neighbors-- 4 Lovejoy Rd and 125 Dascomb Rd-- all built and then renovated contemporaneously, form an interesting example of architectural evolution in the rural outskirts of town. The powerful details added to No. 103 Dascomb are particularly striking in this well-preserved series.

The Pillsbury-French House is significant (1) for its associations with the growth of southern Andover, and (2) for its attractive Georgian design, which is enhanced by a Greek Revival renovation. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

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

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Pillsbury-French House"

Historic Houses in Andover, Massachusetts, comp. for the Tercentenary Celebration, 1946.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Perrin, William, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

42. Pillsbury-French House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

43. Punchard, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

N.H. Abraham 6.10.82

Attest

44. Rogers-Downing House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

45. Russell House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

46. Third Railroad Station

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

47. Ward, Richard, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Selous Byers 6/10/82

Attest

48. Woodbridge House

Substantive Review

Keeper

N.H. Abraham 6.10.82

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

Keeper

Attest

Keeper

Attest

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Town of Andover MRA)

Property: Pillsbury-French House  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Action:  ACCEPT 6/10/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
photos  \_\_\_\_\_  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

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	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

## 10. Geographical Data

Average 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



1916 - Eliza Ann [unclear]



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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298