

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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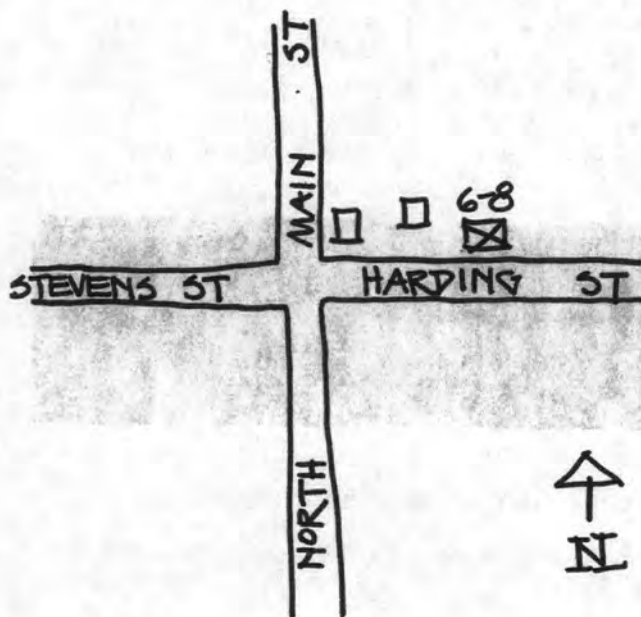
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

215: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/ 324250/4725380



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 6-8 Harding Street

Name Sarah H. Harding House

Present use Residential

Present owner 6 - Ramsey, F. & V.
8 - Hamilton, R. & P.

3. Description:

Date ca. 1842-46

Source Deeds

Style Greek Revival

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Flushboard facade;
aluminum side on gable
ends

Outbuildings (describe) Shed

2 1/2 stories; gable roof;
Other features duplex design w/6 bay facade
has paired classical entrance w/recessed
doors; glazed sidelights & transom at
outer entrance; 9/6 & 6/6 windows have
pedimented lintels; aluminum siding

Altered 1 story rear add. Date late 20th C.

Moved ----- Date ----

5. Lot size: 6 Harding, Map 37, Parcel 17
8 Harding, " 18

One acre or less X Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street

12'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Sarah H. Harding

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)

Harding Street was laid out in 1826 to connect High Street, an early thoroughfare, with the old paper mill on the Shawsheen River. It was named for the Harding family, who owned a large amount of land in this vicinity as well as a partnership in the paper mill. In 1842 Sarah H. Harding bought from her mother the land now 6-8 Harding Street. The house was built by 1846, when Sarah (a singlewoman) sold half of the duplex to Hannah Barker (a widow). The design and form of this building are a conscious response to a new social need for housing singlewomen of modest means. Sarah Harding's estate at her death in 1867 was evenly split (approximately \$1200 each) between real estate and personal estate. The inventory of the latter gives an interesting picture of mid-19th century furnishings--oil carpets, inter alia--to complement the architecture.

No. 6-8 Harding Street is an unusually fine example of the Greek Revival style in Andover. The architect/builder confidently uses the new flushboarding, glazed doorways, and pediment motif, but hesitates in a traditional building plan and in an unfamiliarity with the most successful proportions for the window trim. Even so, the creative vernacularism of this building is a noteworthy achievement with great visual effect.

The Sarah Harding House is significant (1) for its interesting role as housing for unmarried women; (2) for its uncommon duplex form; and (3) for its high quality Greek Revival design. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register, retaining 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 (1118/458; 150/515; 58/178; 760/221; 336/7; 1289/631; 1117/364; 748/481; 474/541; 396/317; 305/258; 62/323; 655/260; Probate Docket No. 41484)

Vital Records to 1850

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Harding Family;" "Harding 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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Continuation sheet

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Cochran, Jehiel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

22. Dascomb House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

23. West Parish Center District

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Bralman 10/7/82

Attest

24. Academy Hill Historic District

Keeper

W.H. Bralman 10/7/82

Attest

25. Flint Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

26. Follansbee House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

27. Frye, Nathan, House

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National Register

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28. Gray, David, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Bralman 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

29. Harding, Sarah H., House

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National Register

Keeper

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Attest

30. Harnden Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *(Town of Andover MRA)*

Property: Harding Sarah H. House
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

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

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

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

omination 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 Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

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 Reference

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



6-8 Harding St.

Harding, Sarah H., House
Town of Andover MRA, Ma

OCT 1980

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298