

FORM B - BUILDING

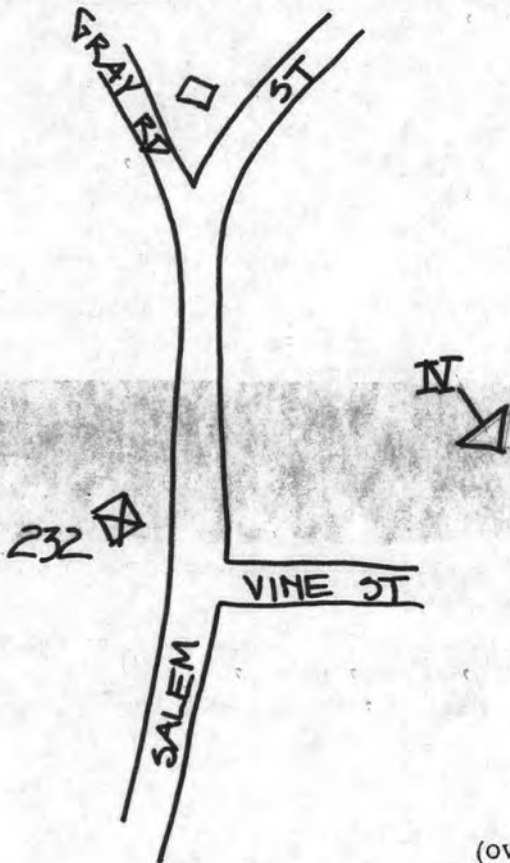
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	506

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.

506: South Groveland Quad, 1:25000  
19/327390/4721300



1. Town ANDOVER  
Address 232 Salem Street  
Name David Gray House  
Present use Residential  
Present owner Taft, Frederick & Emily

3. Description:  
Date ca. 1812  
Source Historic Houses in Andover  
Style Georgian-Federal

Architect ---  
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barn

Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof; center chimney; pedimented center entry vestibule w/fluted pilasters; large 12/12 and 8/12 windows; side wing w/pedimented doorway

Altered ----- Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Moved ----- Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Map 27, Parcel 7  
One acre or less     Over one acre x  
Approximate frontage 1692'  
Approximate distance of building from street 30'

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) David Gray  
 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)

No. 232 Salem St is thought to have been built in 1812 by David Gray, a farmer (1762-1844). Gray was married first to Sarah Cummings (in 1788) and second to Rebecca Jenkins (1797). The Gray farm dates from 1699, when Robert Gray bought land from his father-in-law, Nicholas Holt. In the 18th century the farm was noted for its blacksmith shop (still said to be standing, a small structure across the street from the dwelling house) and a grist mill. The builder's father, also named David, unexplicably committed suicide by hanging in 1767 and became the subject of a reproachful sermon published by the Rev. Phillips, who would not allow a Christian burial. David the son left his uninventoried but extensive estate to his children with careful instructions for negotiating its division. Perhaps his father's untimely death influenced this unusual measure, explained by his "having experienced many disappointments in settling estates."<sup>1</sup>

Youngest son Henry Jenkins Gray (m. Lydia Sawyer, 1851) inherited most of the farm and soon added a cider mill (the "first power mill for miles around"<sup>2</sup>) and a saw mill. Henry was praised in his day as a "man of resource, well read, generous and trustworthy, was a neighbor indeed, and loyal to home and town (: ) he is a model of what our farms should continue to produce in these days of new opportunity."<sup>3</sup> The farm remained in the Gray family until the 1930s.

The solidly proportioned building sits comfortably on a still-large estate, oriented to the south. The large windows, center chimney, and substantial pedimented entrance carefully anchor and distinguish the house.

The David Gray House is significant (1) for its ancient associations with the Gray family, and (2) for its role in the agricultural economy of Andover. 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 (1086/124; 1085/228; 562/593; 287/40; 287/42; 562/593; Probate Docket Nos. 106888, 40854, 40840, 11592)  
 Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Gray Family," "Gray Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

<sup>1</sup> David Gray, Probate Docket No. 40840  
<sup>2</sup> Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Gray Family"  
<sup>3</sup> Andover Townsman, 29 December 1899, "Historical Andover No. 98" by Charlotte Abbott

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name 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. Brauman 10/7/82

Attest

*MR Area*  
24. Academy Hill Historic District

Keeper

W.H. Brauman 10/7/82

Attest

25. Flint Farm

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

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26. Follansbee House

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National Register

Keeper

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27. Frye, Nathan, House

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28. Gray, David, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Brauman 6-10-82

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Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

29. Harding, Sarah H., House

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National Register

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30. Harnden Farm

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review  
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Gray, David, House (Town of Andover MRA)  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 12862-1283  
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983  
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/2/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 6/10/82  
 RETURN  
 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 Accept-C  
Reviewer Patrick Andrus  
Discipline Historian  
Date 6/8/82  
see continuation sheet  
Accept. Program 6.10.82

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 data
<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

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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area 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

*they have not justified this bld. under criteria "A"*

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT 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



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Town of Andover MRA, Ma

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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