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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Massachusetts
COUNTY: Middlesex
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE AUG 14 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Sabbath Day House

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
20 Andover Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Billerica 01821

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fifth

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025 COUNTY: Middlesex CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. Sydney G. Abbot and Mrs. Carolyn T. Abbot

STREET AND NUMBER:  
20 Andover Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Billerica, Massachusetts

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Middlesex Registry of Deeds, North District

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lowell

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Inventory of Historic Building Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
40 Beacon Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Boston

STATE: Massachusetts CODE: 025

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STATE: Massachusetts

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sabbath Day House property comprises about an acre of land at the top of Billerica Hill near the center of town. The house is a small, one and one half story, pitched roof building in the style commonly called "Cape Cod". Additions to the original structure include east and west wings as well as a long, two story ell projecting from the rear or north wall of the original house. All exterior walls are sheathed in clapboards. The original structure, i.e. the present central section, rests on a rough quarried granite foundation and is five bays wide with a central entrance, dormers, and a prominent center chimney. It was built circa 1765 and survived without noticeable alterations until the late nineteenth century. At that time a door was added to the east side of the house, thus balancing the original main doorway on the west side. Both of these were superceded by the present center entrance, added in the early twentieth century. Other alterations in the early 1900's included the addition of two dormer windows to the south slope of the center section roof, the removal of the small-paned eighteenth century windows and their replacement with the present single pane sashes, and the taking down of the original center chimney (it has since been reconstructed). In 1924 another extensive remodelling created the west wing, which terminates in a large, exterior, field-stone chimney; the east wing, containing the garage; and a large two story ell, providing four additional rooms.

The interior is low-studded and was originally very simple; with two rooms on each floor. The simplicity of the original layout is still evident despite the many alterations that have taken place in two hundred years of continuous use. Some of the original, exposed support posts survive on the first floor in the present day living room, and original plasterwork occurs in the second floor rooms just above this. The eighteenth century roof framing is still intact, and the large, hewn beams, some still bark-covered, can be seen in the attic story.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1765, 1818, 1924

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | <u>Colonial American</u>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | <u>culture and</u>                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | <u>customs</u>                           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sabbath Day House is an unusual and rare survival from pre-Revolutionary days and is an important document of the customs and life-style of New England townspeople at that time.

In the colonial New England town, the church exercised great influence over the people. In one way or another it touched almost all aspects of daily living, and many town governments had strong theocratic inclinations. In most communities, unless one attended church regularly, he was denied many civil rights including the right to vote in town meetings. It was therefore very important that all townspeople attend Sunday worship. The Sabbath Day services could last all day with meetings being held in the morning and the afternoon. Since many houses and farms were far from the town center where the meetinghouse was located, travel to and from services twice in a day was often times impossible; yet attendance was mandatory for a parishoner in good standing. It was with a view of eliminating this difficulty that Billerica church members, John Patten, John Baldwin, Reuben Kendell, Jesse Manning, Lt. William Manning, and Thomas Danforth leased for fifty years the lot of land on Andover St. belonging to David Osgood, and there built the Sabbath Day House "for the purpose of convening their families on Sunday noon." From 1768 to 1818 it served as a place for parishoners to come and warm themselves and enjoy food and company after sitting in the unheated meeting house for a typical three to five hour sermon. Townspeople also enjoyed this once-a-week opportunity to meet with one another and exchange news. Following the afternoon meeting, those who lived nearby would return home, and if it was a late sermon or an especially cold night, distant visitors might stay until morning.

At the termination of the lease, in 1818, one of the original proprietors, Theophilus Manning, bought the house and converted it to private use. It is still owned by a collateral descendant. The house was once again important in the religious life of the community in the first half of the twentieth century, when it was the home of the Rev. J. Harold Dale, well known local figure, and minister of the First Congregational Church, next door to the house, from 1903-1953.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Billerica Historical Society Presents Open House, Town of Billerica, 1955-1955.

Hagen, Rev. Henry A., History of Billerica, Massachusetts, Boston, A. Williams and Co., 1883.

"Historical Sites of Billerica", in the Annual Report of the Town of Billerica, 1969.

"Sabba Day House", A Brief Sketch Prepared for the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Billerica.

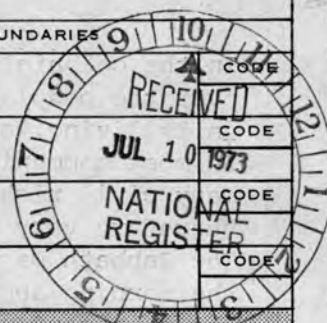
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Alexander Cassie for Elizabeth R. Amadon, State Survey Director

ORGANIZATION: Massachusetts Historical Commission      DATE: June 15, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
40 Beacon Street      (617) 727-8470

CITY OR TOWN: Boston, 02108      STATE: Massachusetts      CODE: 025

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National       State       Local

Name: John F. X. Davoren  
 Title: JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Mass. Historical Commission  
 Date: July 5, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/14/73

ATTEST:  
Wm. S. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7 30 73

PROPERTY

*Sabbath Day House*

STATE

*Mass.*

WORKING NUMBER

*7.10.73.3276*

*Middlesex*

TECH REVIEW

Photos   /  

Maps   /  

CONTROL REVIEW

*cm  
7-17-  
73*

HISTORIAN

*I am not convinced that this has not been so altered as to lose hist. integrity; however is not nom. for architecture. Perhaps ask for add'l det.*

*OK  
Return  
AML  
7/20/73  
14/5*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*Although altered the bldg itself is still there. I think this is neat.*

*Accept  
KHC  
7/20/73*

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

*OK 7/23/73*

KEEPER

*Associative values only not original values*

*John  
7/30*

National Register write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Register entry

  10-2-73  

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

**AUG 14 1973**



Sabbath Day House  
20 Andover Rd  
Billerica, MASS.

4/30/73

SABBATH DAY HOUSE -  
20 ANDOVER RD.  
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS

NPS Number 8/14/73

Title: Sabbath Day House

Loc. Middlesex, Mass.

South of main facade

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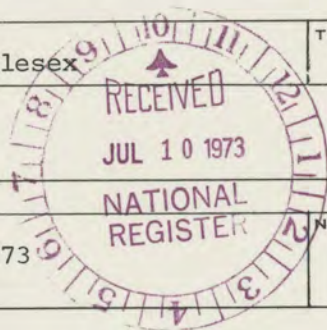
**PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Massachusetts	Middlesex	Billerica
STREET AND NUMBER		
20 Andover Road		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Mr. Sydney G. Abbot	1973	Mr. S. Abbot 20 Andover Road



4. IDENTIFICATION  
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of the south or Main facade and the east side of the house with the east wing containing the garage showing at the right side of the picture.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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**STREET AND NUMBER**

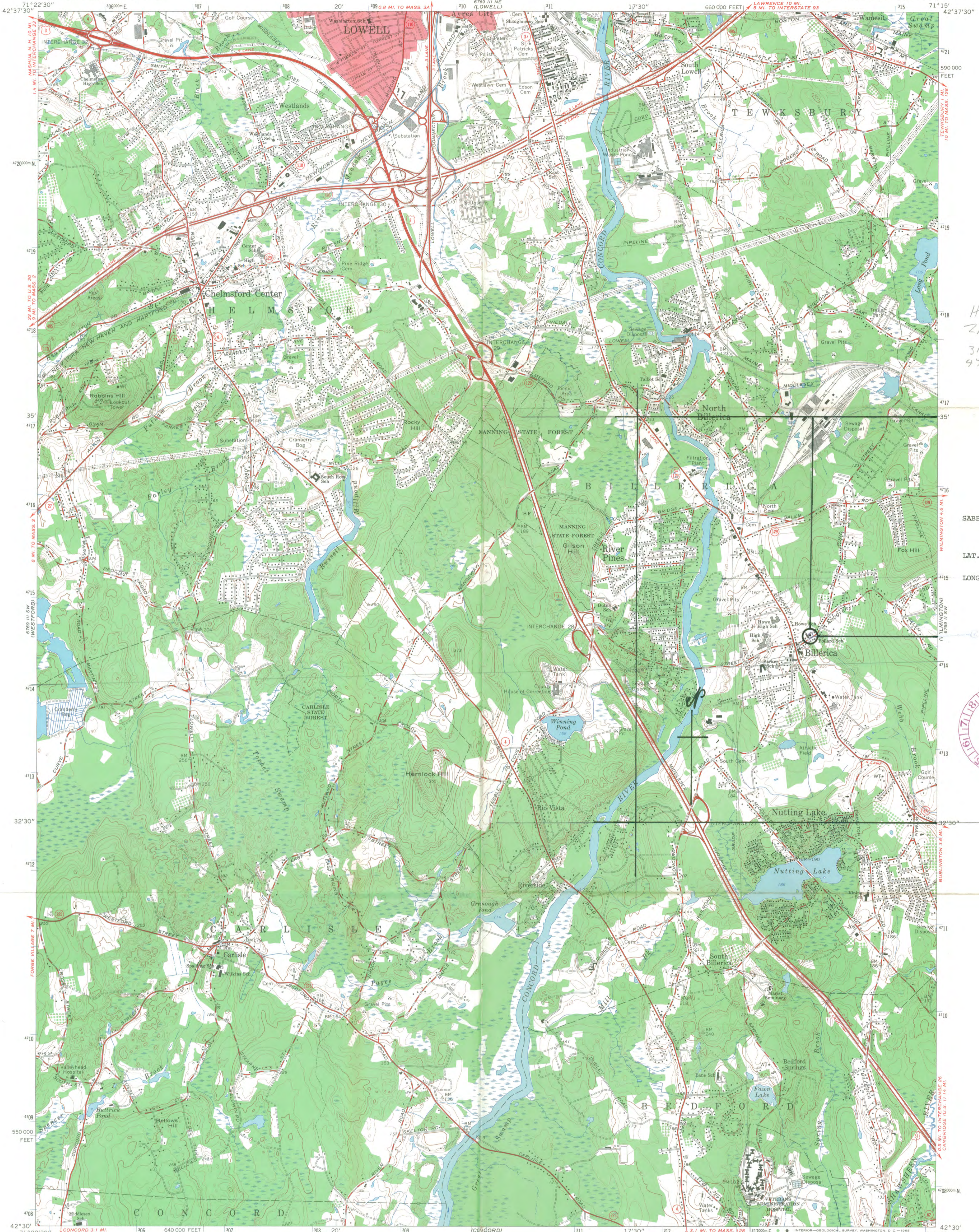
20 Andover Road

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7½" Quadrangle Map, Billerica, Mass.	1965	1:24,000

**REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.**



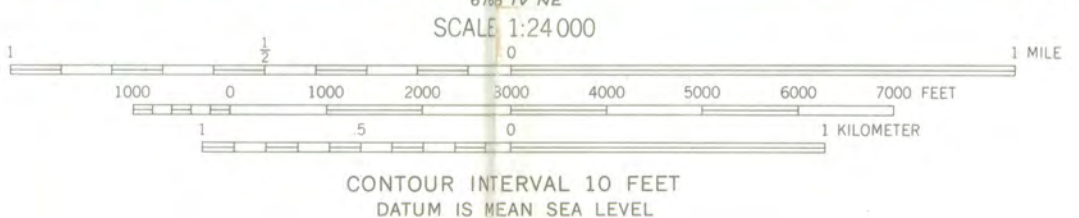
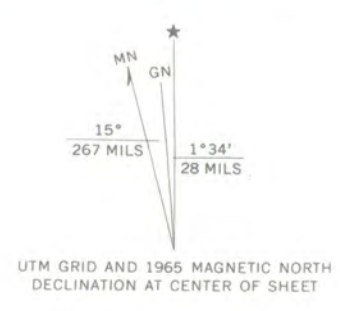


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SABBATH DAY HOUSE  
BILLERICA  
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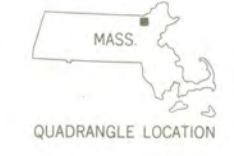


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10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,  
mainland zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route	U.S. Route
	State Route



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered AUG 14 1973

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
South Mountain Concert Hall	Pittsfield Berkshire County
Sabbath Day House	Billerica Middlesex County
Naval Hospital Boston	Chelsea Suffolk County
Back Bay Historic District	Boston Suffolk County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy  
Hon. Edward W. Brooke  
Hon. Silvio O. Conte  
Hon. Paul W. Cronin  
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald  
Hon. Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Hon. John J. Moakley  
Mr. Allen S. Karr, DOD  
Director, Northeast Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Hon. John F. X. Davoren  
Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Chairman, Massachusetts Historical  
Commission  
40 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

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8/16/73

*U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Nat'l Reg. Division  
Washington, D.C. 20240*

*Brace*  
Sabbath Day House  
20 Andover Rd.  
Billerica, Mass. 01821  
September 21, 1982

Dear Sirs,

Re: Easement for the preservation and conservation of  
Sabbath Day House

I am very much interested in obtaining an easement for the purpose of the preservation and conservation of this historical site which is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is located near the village green which also is listed on the National Register with all buildings and lands around it.

As costs have gone up, the investments left to us intended largely for the care of this place have nearly been depleted. For years I have had it in mind that a fund to continue the house and land would be worthwhile as the structure recalls important history, and it is the only Sabbath Day House standing, to the best of my knowledge.

The town has some interesting early history related with the expansion of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. There are several historic houses nearby lived in by retired citizens .

In recent years there has been a local element seeking to destroy all historic interests in the locality. While standing at the front door recently, I was almost by a beer can someone threw from a car.

We need help in keeping up the good condition of the house and to continue developing the natural scenic beauty of the back yard. Located on a hilltop, we have a fine view of New Hampshire. The Indians could have signalled Fort Hill in Lowell from this locality. Indians are known to have lived in this area.

The ground here might turn over objects of interest to archeologists. Having been here off and on since 1914, I know the ground has not been disturbed as to digging or changing the soil. The <sup>a</sup>Narrow Gauge Railroad was located along the east boundary of the grounds.

Frequently, newcomers to town are interested to see the house, and we are pleased to take them through the rooms. Girl Scouts have also been taken through as part of their training on historic sites.

We have a library of over 2,000 books in the house. Most of them

were my step-father's, a Congregational minister who lived here with us while we were young and for the larger part of his fifty years as pastor of the Congregational Church next door. Some of these books on religion are unique and date from the nineteenth century. They are of great value as commentaries on the Scripture. My husband has a collection of old recordings and some songbooks used at the World Peace Jubilee in 1872.

This house and yard (the garden soil is very rich) might be useful to the Congregational Church next door, but, at present, the church's membership in the United Church of Christ which we deplore makes it hard for us to make any kind of permanent arrangement with the church. We are hopeful that before long the members will change their minds and once more take up standards of the true Congregational Churches.

Since Mr. Abbot and I are advancing in years, we are more than hopeful that the house may not fall into the wrong ownership. We await the word as to how we might take initial steps toward obtaining an easement.

Sincerely,

*(Mrs.) Carolyn T. Abbot (Sydney G.)*  
(Mrs). Carolyn T. Abbot

P.S. Our property is approximately 1-1/2 acres and a significant part of central open space belonging in toto to several adjoining property owners, and a cross the street is a small recreation park.

c.t.a.

*P.S. Thank you for your kind aid in the past  
in sending information and advice.  
etc*

*2 encl.*

*Copy to: President and  
Nancy Reagan*

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **SEP 24 1982**

\_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_\_ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

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LOWELL COURIER-CITIZEN, MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 190

## *Northern Middlesex*

THE "SABBA DAY HOUSE" IN BILLERICA  
ONE OF THE OLDEST IN NORTHERN MIDDLESEX



The earliest picture taken of Sabbath Day the original Cape Cod structure. In the background, visible, may be seen a well house, wood shed, barn, and even a stray chicken.

The first entrance was on the west side. Later, when the building was used as a two family house, a door was added on the east, and still later, the front door. In front, even in the oldest picture, are two Persian lilacs and cedar trees which are still there today.

#### Convening On Sundays

The "Sabbath Day House", or "Sabba Day House" as it was often called, was built between the years 1757 and 1768. The will of David Osgood, dated June 15, 1757, gave the land to his wife, Sarah, "to put a house on for her occupance". The executor's deed conveying the land to the widow, Sarah, April 26, 1768, included the following: "Reserving the liberty for John Baldwin, John Patten and others their Sabbath Day House as it now stands under the same restrictions which they were under by their lease of said house". The lease was for fifty years to March 10, 1818 for the purpose of convening families driving from a distance on Sundays. After David Osgood died, Sarah lived on in the house as housekeeper.

#### Cold Sundays and Foot stoves

There seemed to be no alternative in the early days but to attend church on Sundays or else be ostracised as being sacriligious. A man, unless he attended church regularly, could not have the rights of a voter and was detained from the sacraments.

Churches in those days were without heat, doubtless because of the danger from fire, and, as a means of overcoming the difficulty, small foot-stoves were brought into us.

The latter articles were open to improvement but served in a measure to lessen the trials of a two or three hours' stay in church with the mercury hovering around zero. Wood-coals were placed in these foot-stoves and the person using same placed his foot thereon.

#### Used Sunday Noons

It was customary to hold services in the morning and afternoon. Some parishioners had to travel nearly ten miles to attend services, and it was with a view of avoiding the trip home for lunch that suggested the building of a house in which to spend the intervening time between the services.

Accordingly, the Sabbath Day House was built by John Patten, John Baldwin, Reubin Kendall, Jesse Manning, Lt. William Manning, and Thomas Danforth. These family names were found also listed on the "Sitting List" of the Meeting House as of 1736. The date generally accepted for the construction of the building is 1765.

# The Sabbath Day House a functional history

1923  
On August 14 of this year the Sabbath Day House, an historical residence at 20 Andover Road, was entered as a National Historic Place in the Department of the Interior's National Park Service Register (of Historic Places) in Washington, D.C.

The preparation work required for the entering of a site in the National Register is monumental.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Abbot, the residents of the Sabbath Day House, spent many hours tailoring the historical significance and appearance of the edifice.

Following is the report submitted to the National Park Service regarding the Sabbath Day House with supplementary research and writing done by Mrs. Cary Abbot. Her undaunted persistence and parent love for this town makes this an unusual, functional history.



half of the north east room in the Sabbath day house which stands by Sheldon Lane, so called, which room the said Manning and I bought of John Baldwin...of Billerica afore said jointly to hold the same in manner and form and for the same purposes as is mentioned in our (arrangement) with said Baldwin". The paper was dated "July 17, 1772 in the twelfth year of his majesty's reign".

**Sabbath Lease Expires**

When the fifty years' lease was up, and there was no longer a need for the Sabbath Day House, one of the proprietors, Theophilus Manning, became the first private owner. The quit claim on this occasion of April 10, 1818 stated: "Know all men by these presents,



**Sabbath Day Houses**

There is a record of two contemporary Sunday noon houses in the **History of Mason, New Hampshire**. That town voted in 1773 "that Stevens Lawrence or any other man may have the liberty of building houses and horse stables in the school lot for their own use on Sabbath Days." Two such buildings, called "Sabbath Noon Houses", in this case owned by the town of Mason, were built on the west side of the Meeting House Hill Road. Neither building is presently standing.

From the Mason records and from what may be gleaned from an old article published in the Lowell Courier Citizen, December 9, 1907, one may sense the glowing warmth of the Sabbath Day House fires and the relief of those parishioners who, after the morning service, repaired to the Sabbath Day House to warm their chilled bodies with heat and the food brought from home. There was cider in the

cellar, and "Flip" was made by putting a red hot iron in a mug of cider, - a favorite drink.

**The Social Event**

Gathered here, the women, always mindful that it was the Sabbath, chatted together about receipts and quilt patterns while the men talked of the momentous events of those pre-revolutionary times and of trade, hunting, or fishing. No doubt another frequent subject of discussion was the rather grim Calvinistic doctrine, an interpretation which was causing growing concern. After the noon hour was over, all would return to the Meeting House for another service.

There is an old paper among the records of the Manning family written by John Carleton of "Billerica in the Province of Massachusetts Bay." Carleton had been paid six shillings by William Manning...the receipt whereof I do acknowledge hath remised, relaxed, and forever quit claim...unto the said William Manning the one

that, whereas a certain house w built by John Baldwin and other near the Billerica meeting hou for the purpose of convening the families on Sundays, it being set land leased for the term of fi years, and the lease now being c we, the subscribers, proprietors said house, in consideration of just proportion according heirship of fifty-five dollars pa by Theophilus Manning, a p rior in the same house, h reminded all our right. In witn whereof, we, the proprietors said house, have hereunto set hands." signed Joel Baldw Joseph Kidder, Jesse Mann Adm. William Manning, Sa Danforth, Hannah Robinson, M cy Danforth, Josiah Crosby, and Henry Bridge.

**Succession To Present**

Theophilus married in success three of the daughters of Asa ten. His daughter, Sarah, bec the wife of Ambrose Page of Billerica, and they lived in house with their daughter, An teacher at the Old Howe Sch Anne married Lemuel Hall, they moved to Lowell. Sabbath House was then used as a family dwelling until Mrs. H neice, Katharine Tyler, a wi came there to live with two s daughters, one of whom Carolyn Abbot who lives in house today with her husband, ney.

In 1924, Mrs. Tyler marrie Rev. Dr. John Harold Dale w long pastorate in the First gregational Church next doo for fifty years from 1903 - 195 was not only the beloved pas the Church, but, also, the frie all the townspeople. At that two wings were added to the h the architect was Mr. Cla Chelmsford, an expert in r additions to old places with cealing the original. Sabbath House was a wedding gift Dales from Mrs. Dale's aunt



Mrs. Carolyn T. Abbot  
Sabbath Day House  
20 Andover Road  
Billerica, Massachusetts 01821

OCT 5 1982

*Folgh  
10/5*

Dear Mrs. Abbot:

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 1982, expressing interest in a preservation easement for the permanent protection of your Sabbath Day Home, 20 Andover Road, Billerica, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 17, 1973.

The procedures for protecting this historic house through an easement are explained in the enclosed article, "How to Qualify Historic Properties Under the New Federal Law Affecting Easements." You will note that the property owner donates or contributes the easement to a local government unit or to a non-profit historic preservation or conservation group. Such an easement spells out the conditions under which the property must be used and gives the easement holder authority to enforce the easement terms.

The preservation organizations in Massachusetts that accept easements are listed on page 16 of the enclosed booklet, "Directory of Historic Preservation Easement Organizations."

Thank you for your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service. Please let us know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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