

7. Original owner (if known) Joel Russell
 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. 28 Rocky Hill Rd was built ca. 1805 for Deacon Joel Russell (1787-1871; m. 1805 Sallie Curtis). Russell built on the large homestead originated by his great-great-grandfather Robert Russell, after whose homeland the Scotland (school) District was named. Joel Russell is described as "a good neighbor and a useful townsman, noted for his high character."¹ Unfortunately Joel appears to have become insolvent in his later age, for he was forced to sell the house as a duplex in 1856 to farmers John Chandler and Ammon Russell. The property changed hands frequently until 1949, when it was purchased by the present owners.

The almost square house is impressively sited on a rise, and its broad elevations give a solid, satisfying aspect to this elegant building. Classical doorways on three sides and original window sashes are particularly noteworthy details.

The Russell House is important (1) for its long associations with one of Andover's founding families, who were prominent especially in developing the southern section of town, and (2) as an impressive example of the vernacular architecture of Andover's Federal period. The building retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1294/111; 723/117; 659/122; 653/573; 171/454; 170/528; 152/195; 152/197; 120/240; 14/264; 43/50; 34/418; 34/34; 536/165; 536/166; 725/58; Probate Docket Nos. 24434, 24429)
 Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Russell Family"
Genealogical and Personal Memoirs Relating to the Families of the State of Massachusetts,
 Vol. IV, 1910.

¹ Genealogical and Personal Memoirs..., p. 2181.

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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

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National Register

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Attest

42. Pillsbury-French House

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National Register

Keeper

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Attest

43. Punchard, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

N.H. Bralman 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

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. Bralman 6-10-82

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Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

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Attest

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Russell House (Town of Andover MRA)
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
 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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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

Acres 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



28 Rocky Hill Rd.

Russell House

Town of Andover MA, Ma

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OCT 1980

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

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