

FORM B - BUILDING

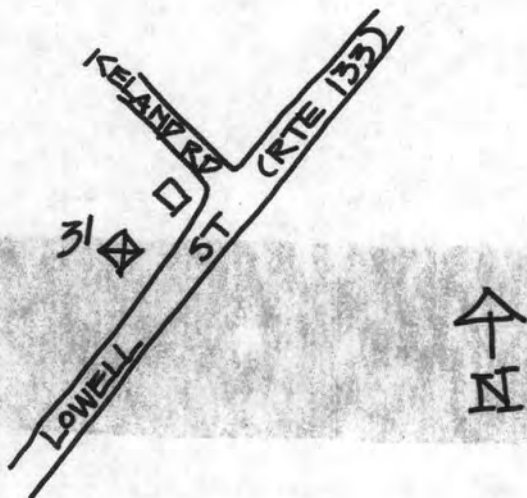
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	293

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.

293: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/323465/4726350



1. Town ANDOVER
Address 31 Lowell Street
Name Abbot-Battles House
Present use Residential

Present owner Frost, Norman & Leslie

3. Description:
Date ca. 1810
Source Deeds
Style Federal
Architect ---
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) Garage
Other features 2 stories; hip roof; 5 bay facade w/ 12/12 windows; center doorway w/leaded glass sidelights; portico has Ionic columns; entablature w/triglyphs; roof balustrade w/urns
Altered Doorway Date 1870's
Moved ----- Date _____

5. Lot size: Map 52, Parcel 82
One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 183'
Approximate distance of building from street
40'

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

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jeduthan Abbot Jr.
 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. 31 Lowell St was built ca. 1809 for Jeduthan Abbot Jr., a farmer. In that year Abbot bought from his father 40 acres of mowing, tillage, and woodland at this location. Jeduthan married Betsy Bridges in 1805 and is known to have lived with his father for some time on the family homestead (now No. 88 Lowell St). No. 31 was apparently built to house Jeduthan Jr.'s own family, which by 1809 also included two sons. In 1838 Jeduthan sold the homestead to his second son, Moody Bridges Abbot, who was also a farmer. Moody sold the property in 1839 to a pair of investors who promptly re-sold to Winslow Battles. Battles is described as a machinist with Faulkner, Richardson & Smith; portraits of Winslow and his wife Charlotte hang today in the Andover Historical Society's museum. At his death in 1845, Winslow owned a 20-acre farm worth \$2500 and furnishings worth \$152. The property was inherited by Winslow's two children, Otis Battles and Helen Fuller and afterwards passed to Otis' two daughters-- one of whom married William Trow, an early president of the Andover Historical Society. The house remained in possession of Battles descendants until 1950.

The elegantly detailed building is modestly scaded, as is expected for a farmhouse. The five-bay facade is highlighted by an entrance portico with a graceful balustrade and urn finials and a commodious (Victorian) doorway. Excellent preservation and a pristine setting are also remarkable features.

The Abbot-Battles House is significant (1) for its revelations of economic change in the mid-19th century, when the house passed from farmers to a machinist, and (2) as a good example of the Federal style in Andover. 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.)

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1210/254; 1210/253; 1169/339; 766/580; 744/525; 657/269; 5451/537; 451/536; 164/408; 150/380; 315/3; 314/26; 303/211; 186/155; Probate Docket No. 32431)

Andover Historical Society, "Portrait Biographies of Andover Historical Society" by Hilton Preble (1979); Vertical Files, "Abbott Family", "Battles Family"

Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1891, 1900 Tax List

Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family, comp. by Abiel and Ephraim Abbot, Boston: James Munroe & Co., 1847.

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

dnr-11

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Lower Shawsheen Railroad Bridge

Keeper

Determined eligible
W.H. Brorham 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

2. Upper Shawsheen Railroad Bridge

Keeper

Determined eligible
William H. Brorham 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6/8/82 Patrick Andrus

3. Andover Village Industrial District (92)
Substantive Review

Keeper

Anna [unclear] 10.7.82

Attest

NR decision 4. Bradlee School

Keeper

William H. Brorham 6.10.82

~~Attest~~

5. Abbot Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

NR decision 6. Central Street District

Keeper

Anna [unclear] 10/7/82

Attest

7. Abbot, J. T., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

8. Ballardvale District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Anna [unclear] 10.7.82

Attest

9. Abbot-Baker House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

10. Abbot-Battles House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Town of Andover MRA)

Property: Abbot-Battles House
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 1/28/83-1283
Fed. Reg. Date: FFR 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"/> 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

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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 _____

USFT 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 _____

Site _____ 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



31 Lowell St.

Abbot - Battles House

Town of Andover MA, 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