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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

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Kittredge Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

same

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

56 Academy Road

CITY, TOWN

North Andover

VICINITY OF

5th

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Essex

CODE

009

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

## PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Francis B. Kittredge

STREET &amp; NUMBER

56 Academy Road

CITY, TOWN

No. Andover

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

01845

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Essex County Registry of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

32 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

Salem,

STATE

Massachusetts 01970

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1974

\_\_\_FEDERAL ☒ STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kittredge Mansion, built in 1784, is a handsome Federal style residence. Its scale, detail and proportions are clearly influenced by the contemporary Federal houses of nearby Salem; however, the interior is Georgian in character. The house is situated on forty-five acres of farmland, with the front yard delineated by a Federal style, urn and post, fence.

The original house is a rectangular, three story structure of wood frame construction. Its symmetrical facade is composed of five bays with a centrally located doorway; the side elevations, whose fenestration is skewed, are made up of three bays. The windows of the first and second stories are six over six sash, with projecting cornices and operable shutters. Those of the third story are shuttered half windows, with no cornices. The house is covered with four inch clapboard and painted white. Massive tapered Doric pilasters frame its corners and define the irregular corners of the overhanging roofline. A gently sloped hipped roof, with a rectangular balustrade, adorns the house.

The interior rooms of the original house are symmetrically grouped around the central hall. Two large chimneys rise between the walls of the hallway and the flanking parlors, providing fireplaces for all the rooms. The fireplace in the southwest parlor is decorated with elegant Georgian floral motifs and beautiful tiles. Wainscoting, with classical detail and painted white, lines the walls of the parlors on the first floor and the hallways. Handsome Georgian mouldings surround the windows and doors.

The ell at the rear of the house, built in 1848, is offset about ten feet to the east. It is a wood frame, two story structure, with a gable-ended roof and centrally located chimney. Its facade is of five bays and is asymmetrical. From the rear of the ell, extends a one and one-half story carriage house, also built in 1848. The front of the carriage house is dominated by two tongue and groove panelled carriage doors. Located in the center of the roof are two pedimented dormers, connected by a shed dormer which is punctured by three fixed lights, originally pigeon coves. To the rear of the ell and carriage house is a one and one-half story, wood frame cottage, built in the late nineteenth century.

Northeast of the main house stands a large wood framed haybarn built in about 1850. The foundation of the barn is fieldstone and mortar; the walls are weathered shingle on the north and west, board and batten on the east and flushboarded on the south. The south facade of the barn is painted white, with a large centrally located wagon door painted green. There are transom lights above the central door and, in the gable above, a Gothic style window with fine traceried muntins. On each side of the window are small vents shaped as squared crosses. Below these are narrow windows with exaggerated Gothic style drip caps and, at each side, double swing doors treated similarly.

Behind and to the east of the haybarn are several 20th century barns and sheds.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD                                        | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |                                                 |                                                 |                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE  | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>Medical |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |                                                 |                                                                |

SPECIFIC DATES 1784

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

North Andover Historical Society Files.

Kittredge, Mabel, The Kittredge Family in America, Tuttle Publishing Company, Rutland, VT, 1936

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 45 acres

### UTM REFERENCES

A 19 327140 4728510  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C 19 326680 4728130  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B 19 326730 4728080  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D 19 326600 4728680  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at the southeast corner of the property on Academy Road, the boundary line runs northeast to Stevens Street, thence northwest along Stevens Street to the intersection of Pleasant Street. Midway along Pleasant Street the boundary turns southeast, running along the rear boundary lines of the properties on Pleasant Street, then south along the rear boundary lines of the properties on Court Street, jogging west midway along Court Street to include a small lot that faces directly onto Court Street. The boundary continues south to Academy Road, then turns east

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Andrea M. Gilmore

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

DATE

July 1976

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE X

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elizabeth Reed Amadon

TITLE Executive Director Massachusetts Historical Commission DATE 8/5/76

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DATE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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and returns to the southeast corner of the property.

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PROPERTY LINE -  
KITREDGE MANSION  
NORTH ANDOVER, MA

↑ NORTH

PROPERTY BOUNDARIES  
MAP NOT TO SCALE

Property Kittredge Mansion

State Mass.

Working Number 8.12.76.3942

Essey

## TECHNICAL

Photos 8  
Maps 1, sketch

Needs adequate justification for entire property.  
Lousy verbal boundary.  
See phone report.

## CONTROL

OK 8.19.76

## HISTORIAN

~~OK~~ - ACCEPT  
LW Engber  
29 Oct 76

## ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Call them Accept  
Needs justification for coverage  
Mg Hurzy  
10-28-76

## ARCHEOLOGIST

## OTHER

## HAER

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

## REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

## BRANCH CHIEF

accept  
cole  
11/12/76

## KEEPER

Wm  
12/6/76

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entered DEC 12 1976

Federal Register Entry 2-1-77

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

INT:2106-74



Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

*Essex Co.*

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
Facade and east side of mansion  
Photo #1 of 8

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DEC 12 1976

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Photograph By  
Gayton Osgood  
139 Osgood Street  
North Andover, Mass. 01845



Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA *Essey Co.*  
Gayton Osgood  
1976  
139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
West side of mansion  
Photo #2 *of 8*

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North Andover, Mass. 01845



Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

*Gayton Co*

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
Rear view of the mansion and adjoining ell  
Photo #3 *af8*

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA *Essex Co.*  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, Ma 01845  
Fireplace and mantle in the southwest parlor  
Photo #4 *of 8*

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, Ma  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

*Osgood w.*

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
Second floor hallway and staircase  
Photo #5 *afg*

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA *Essex Co*  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
Nineteenth century cottage at the rear of  
the mansion.

Photo #6 *of 8*

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA *Essay Co.*  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA  
Facade of the haybarn showing  
Gothic details.

Photo #7 *af8*

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA *Essey Co.*  
Gayton Osgood  
1976

139 Osgood St., N. Andover, MA 01845  
East elevation of the barn with appended  
modern sheds.

Photo #8 *of 8*

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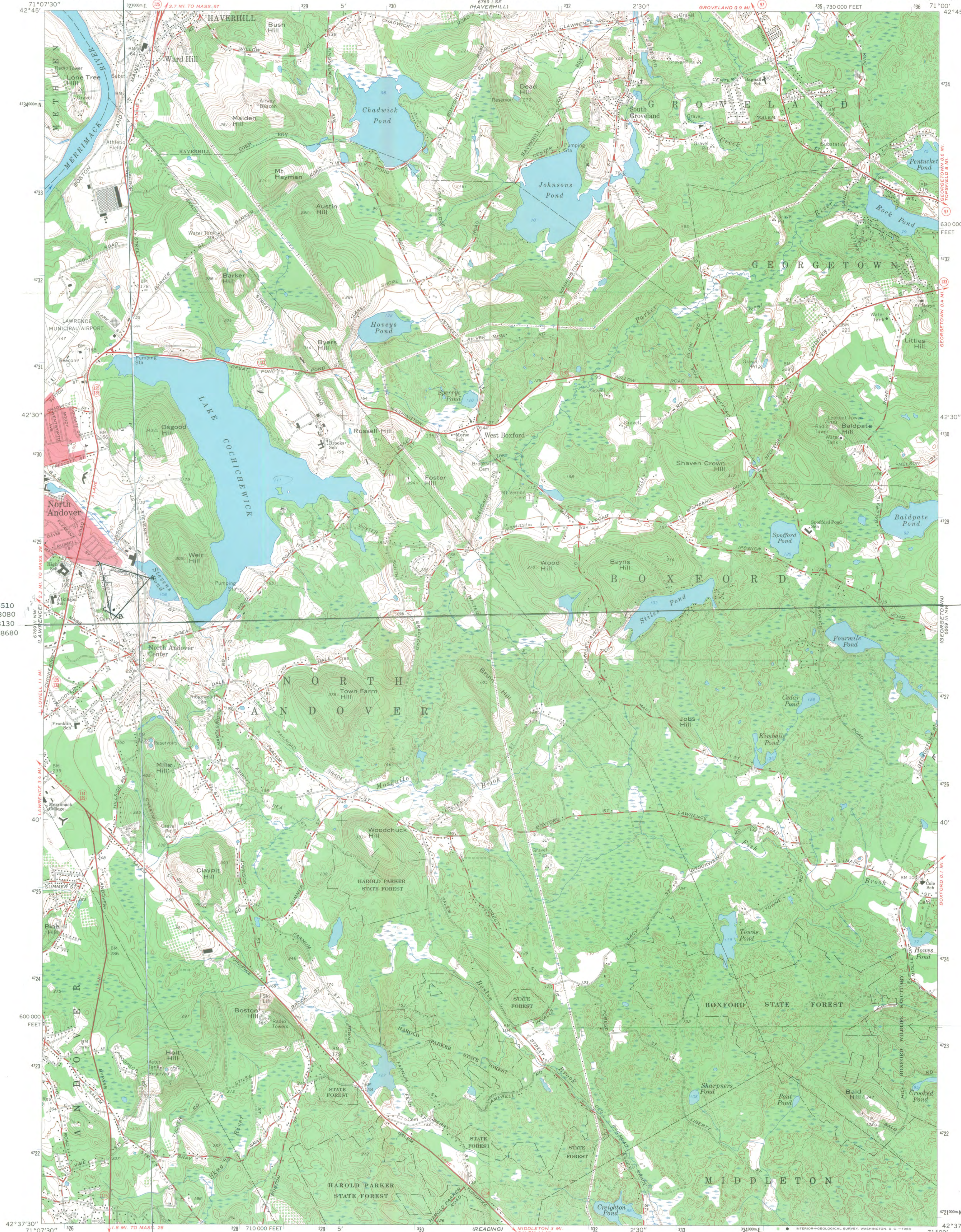
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North Andover, Mass. 01845

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Kittredge Mansion  
North Andover, MA  
A.) 19/327140/4728510  
B.) 19/326730/4728080  
C.) 19/326680/4728130  
D.) 19/326600/4728680



Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey  
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1939. Topography by planimetric surveys 1942. Revised 1966  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
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

UTM GRID AND 1966 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000  
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
State Route

SOUTH GROVELAND, MASS.  
N4237.5—W7100/7.5

1966  
AMS 6769 II NE—SERIES V814



DATE 8 N 76

## TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM  
PM1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Joe Orphant

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Mass.

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

K. Hedges Mansion

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

The entire 45 acres is still a working farm, having been associated with the property since settlement.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

TITLE

OFFICE

Livesgood

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered DEC 12 1976

Name

Location

Kittredge Mansion

North Andover  
Essex County

Royalston Common Historic District

Royalston  
Worcester County

Coolidge, Calvin, House

Northampton  
Hampshire County

Train, Samuel, House

Weston  
Middlesex County

Rocks Village Historic District

Haverhill vicinity  
Essex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy

Hon. Edward W. Brooke

Hon. Paul Tsongas

Hon. Edward P. Boland

Hon. Silvio O. Conte

Hon. Robert F. Drinan

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon  
Executive Director, Massachusetts  
Historical Commission  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Hon. Michael J. Harrington

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region

12/16/76

Mott

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# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 28 Dec 76  
Reviewer: MJL

INITIALS: MJL

NR

DOE

DEC 12 1976

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Kittredge Mansion

OTHER NAMES:

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

56 Academy Rd.

CITY, TOWN

North Andover

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

STATE

Massachusetts

VICINITY OF 025

COUNTY Essex

code 009

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

## FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS  
☒ Substantially intact-1 ☒ Substantially intact-2 ☒ Substantially intact-3  
☐ unknown - 4 ☐ unknown - 5 ☐ unknown - 6  
☐ not applicable - 7 ☐ not applicable - 8 ☐ Not applicable-9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - ☒ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED ☒ UNALTERED ☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS ☐ ALTERED ☐ MOVED  
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED ☐ Reconstructed ☐ Unknown  
☐ Unexcavated ☐ Excavated

ACCESS - ☒ Yes-restricted ☐ Yes-unrestricted ☐ No access ☐ Unknown

historic district? YES ☒ NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES ☒ NO  
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES ☒ NO  
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES ☒ NO Saved? YES ☒ NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then-house

now-house

## SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment  
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health  
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE recreation  
 ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING MILITARY SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN settlement  
 ART EXPLORATION MUSIC socio/cultural  
 COMMERCE INDUSTRY PHILOSOPHY urban & commun  
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning  
 - Medical

## Claims

"first" YES ☒ NO "oldest" YES ☒ NO "only" YES ☒ NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Georgian Federal with Georgian elements

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role  
&  
appropriate date)

personal

Dr. Thomas Kittredge - one of N. Andover's first and most prominent doctors, Rev. War surgeon, builder of house

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1784

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 1848 rear 2-story ell added, carriage house added

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1850 haybarn built

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

45

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

✓ Frame, clapboarding, 2 1/2 stories, L-shaped, hipped roof with, balustraded deck, interior chimneys, ~~projecting~~ front center gabled entrance vestibule, <sup>architrave</sup> ~~entrance over each window~~, <sup>window</sup> ~~1st and 2nd story windows~~, ~~small attic windows~~, decorative corner pilasters; rear 2-story ~~gabled~~ ell and carriage house added, 1848; haybarn constructed, 1850; excellent interior Georgian elements.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Excellent example of Federal/Georgian dwelling illustrating the influence of the ~~inland~~ inland towns' architectural trends ~~on~~ on coastal construction; ~~this is~~ historically important for its association with the prominent Kittredge medical family.

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ANDOVER TOWNSMAN  
ANDOVER, MA.  
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## Mansion In National Register

Kittredge Mansion, 56 Academy Road, North Andover, nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has been accepted, State Secretary Paul Guzzi, chairman of the commission, has been informed by Gary Everhardt, Director of the National Park Service in the United States Department of the Interior.

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