

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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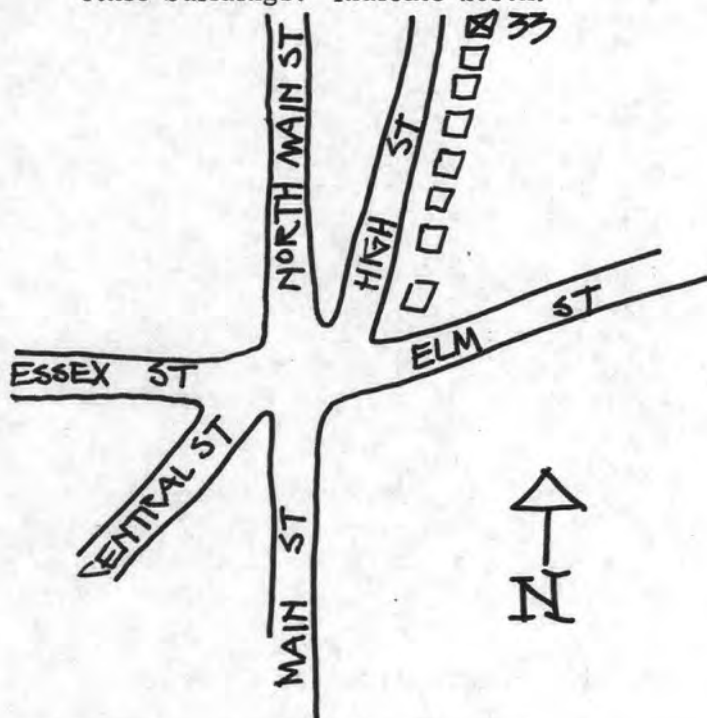
In Area no.

Form no.

243

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.



243: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324500/4725070

1. Town ANDOVER

Address 33 High Street

Name Abiel Pearson House

Present use Residential

Present owner King, Paul & Edith

3. Description:

Date ca. 1807

Source Deeds

Style Federal

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Small barn

2 stories; hip roof w/simpl
Other features sawn balustrade; 5 bay facade
has 6/6 windows; pedimented center vestibule
w/classical trim has blind arched windows
on sides; 2 story rear ell; side chimneys

Altered ----- Date -----

Moved Yes Date ca. 1845

5. Lot size: Map 38, Parcel 109

One acre or less x Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 140'

Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Dr. Abiel Pearson

Original use residential, plus medical office

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates residential

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

The Abiel Pearson House is significant (1) as the home of an early 19th century physician; (2) for its associations with the physical development of downtown Andover; and (3) as a fine example of Federal period architecture in the town. The property meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register, retaining integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting.

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

No. 33 High St was built ca. 1807 for Abiel Pearson, physician, who began a practice in South Parish in 1787. Pearson (1756-1827) was born in Byfield MA and Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1779. "He was esteemed as a physician and respected as a good citizen."¹ Abiel was also uncle to Eliphalet Pearson, the first principal (1778-86) of Phillips Academy. Pearson's first wife Mary died with the birth of her fourth child in 1800; he married second Deborah Sparhawk of New Hampshire, in 1816.

Pearson's home was aptly described as a mansion house in its sale to Benjamin Punchard in 1829. Two years earlier, at Pearson's death, the homestead was valued at \$3000, the furnishings at \$986. At this time the property also included a wood house, chaise house, barn, and medical shop. A room-by-room inventory provides a fascinating portrait of a well-to-do life in the early 19th century.

The house was occupied by Benjamin Punchard, merchant and manufacturer, from 1829 to 1846, when it was moved from its original location at the junction of Main and High Streets to the present site. Converted into a duplex, the building was rented to a Mrs. Dolloff and Mr. James Frye. After Punchard's death the house was sold to trader John Harding (brother of Sarah Harding at 6-8 Harding St) in 1852. Harding lived here at least until 1879, when he placed the property in trust for his daughter, Hannah Flint. Flint heirs owned the property until 1935.

The elegant Federal-style design of this building is most distinguished by its prominent roof balustrade, which conceals an almost flat hip roof. The plain, boxy form is graced by a well-proportioned facade and an impressive classical doorway--unexpectedly traditional without the fanlight.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1248/140; 1101/147; 697/325; 596/585; 596/584; 58/540; 467/15; 353/189; Probate Docket No. 20934, 51059; 196/251)

Andover Vital Records to 1850

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Punchard Family," "Pearson Family," "Punchard Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

Footnotes

1) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Pearson Family"

EXP. 12/31/84

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Holt Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

32. Holt-Cummings-Davis House

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National Register

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33. Jenkins, Benjamin, House

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Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Braham 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

34. Lincolnshire, The

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National Register

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Delores Byers 6/10/82

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35. Manning House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 6/10/82

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36. Memorial Hall Library

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National Register

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37. Musgrove Block

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National Register

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38. Orlando

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Substantive Review

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W.H. Braham 6-10-82

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Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

39. Osgood Farm

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National Register

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40. Pearson, Abel, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (TOWN of Andover MRA)

Property: Pearson, Abiel, House
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 sheetNomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below1. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

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

Average 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



33 High St.

Pearson, Abiel, House

Town of Andover NRA, 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