

FORM B - BUILDING

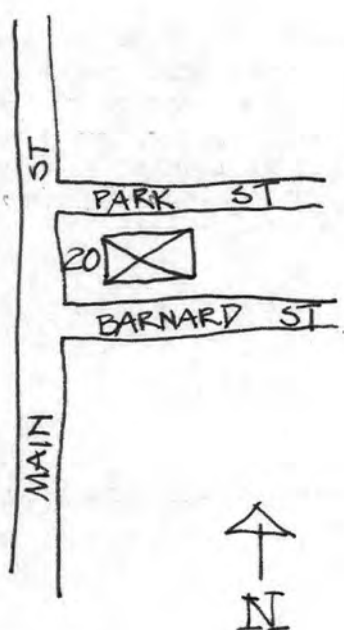
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	326

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.

326: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324580/4724610



1. Town Andover
Address 20 Main Street
Name Andover Town Hall
Present use governmental offices
Present owner Town of Andover

3. Description:
Date 1858
Source Andover Advertiser
Style Romanesque Revival
Architect Theodore Voelkers
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings (describe) none
Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof; arched corbel table; 2-story recessed relieving arches; segmentally arched windows on 1st floor have hoodmolding; roundheaded windows on 2d floor have key-stone; tripartite, roundhdd gable window; Altered - - Date - -
*recessed, arched center entrance
Moved - - Date - -

5. Lot size: Map 39 Parcel 1
One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 380'
Approximate distance of building from street 25'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
Organization AHC
Date 7 Aug. 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Andover

Original use town hall

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Town Hall is significant (1) as a symbol of the political division and incorporation of the Town of Andover; (2) for its important civic role throughout later town history; and (3) as a good example of the early Romanesque Revival style as built by a noted industrial architect. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting; it meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

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

Andover's first town meetings after its legal separation from North Andover in 1855 were held in the furniture warerooms of Henry F. Barnard. The building of Town Hall was proposed in 1856, and the structure was completed in 1858. On March 7, 1859, the first town meeting was held in the new hall.

The building committee which supervised construction contained some of Andover's most prominent citizens, two of whom were professional builders: manufacturers Peter Smith and John Dove, Nathaniel Swift, and builders Jacob Chickering and William S. Jenkins. Theodore Voelkers of Boston was the architect; Abbott & Clement of Andover, the builders. Total cost for the land and building was about \$14,500. The building committee was commended for the "substantial, beautiful, and commodious Town House... an honor to themselves and the town."

This relatively modest hall bears a striking similarity to mill architecture of the period. Town Hall visually emphasizes the great prosperity of Andover's factories at this period, and perhaps not coincidentally given the make-up of the building committee, the architect was well-known for his mill designs. The simple mass with its gable roof and flat planes is unpretentious, but it is also an excellent period piece. A dynamic pattern of arched motifs in doorway, windows, relieving arches, and corbeling forms the dominant architectural interest.

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

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Town Hall"

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

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

NR decision

11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper

William Brannan 10-7-82

Attest

12. Abbot, Asa and Sylvester, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

13. Andover National Bank

Substantive Review

Keeper

William Brannan 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

14. Andover Town Hall

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

15. Arden

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

16. Bailey, Timothy P., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

17. Barnard Block

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

18. Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House

Substantive Review

Keeper

William Brannan 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

19. Chickering House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

20. Chandler-Hidden 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: Andover Town Hall
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/29/82-1283
FEB 1 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Action: ACCEPT 6/10/82
Entered in the _____ RETURN _____
National Register _____ REJECT _____
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

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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 _____

USIT Reference _____

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



20 Main St.

Andover Town Hall

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