

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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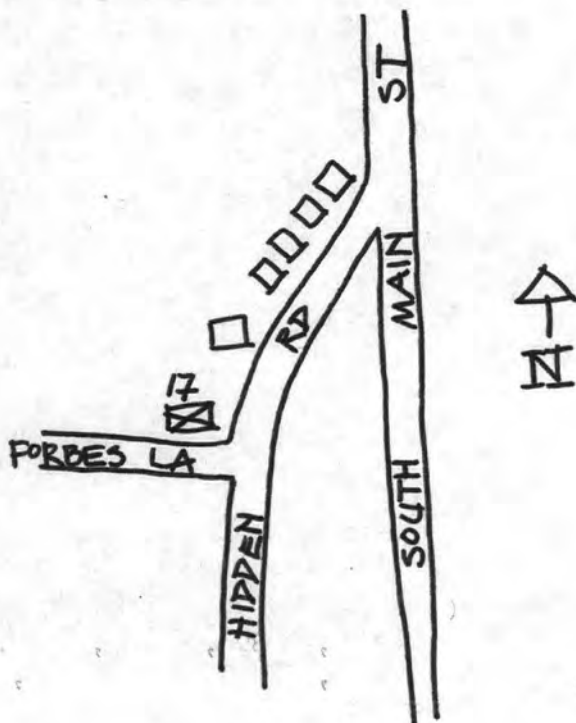
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

232: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/325080/4722950



1. Town ANDOVER
Address 17 Hidden Road
Name Chandler-Hidden House
Present use Residential
Present owner Currier, Charles & Margaret
3. Description:
Date ca. 1811-12
Source Historic Houses in Andover
Style Federal
Architect David Hidden?
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) None
faces south; 2½ stories;
Other features 5 bay facade; side chimneys;
center doorway w/pedimented portico; side-
lights & fanlight; side entry through
vestibule w/classical trim; original rear
ell, corner eaves brackets
brackets mid 19th c.
Altered side addition Date 20th c.
Moved _____ Date _____
5. Lot size: Map 57, Parcel 35
One acre or less X Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 270'
Approximate distance of building from street 15'
6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
Organization Andover Historical Commission
Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Isaac Chandler

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal

Conservation

Recreation

The Chandler-Hidden House is significant (1) for its associations with two locally prominent families; (2) for its connection with and possible design by a noted local builder; and (3) as a good example of vernacular Federal period architecture in Andover. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

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

No. 17 Hidden Rd is said to have been built about 1812 for Isaac Chandler, farmer, by his son-in-law David Hidden, a housewright. Chandler's grandfather originally held this property, which Isaac occupied from his birth in 1754 to his death in 1832. He married first (1780) Abigail Holt and second (1826) Elizabeth Upton. The inventory shows a comfortable estate of \$3230 in land and buildings, \$786 in personal effects, and a detailed list of articles brought to the house by the second Mrs. Chandler at their marriage.

Sources indicate that David Hidden came to Andover from Newburyport with William Bartlet to construct the new buildings at Andover Theological Seminary ca. 1808-10. Hidden married Chandler's daughter Mary in 1816; they lived on the family homestead with her father and brother Isaac. Hidden bought half the dwelling house from his aged father-in-law in 1828, purchasing the other half in 1834 from his sister-in-law Abigail Chandler, the only other heir. David Hidden died in 1861, "highly esteemed and respected as one of the most substantial citizens of the town. He was a kind-hearted and excellent neighbor."¹ The farm was inherited by the Hiddens' two children, Mary (1818-1893) and David I.C. Hidden (1823-1896), neither of whom married. Mary was a graduate of Abbot Academy, "a woman of unusual intelligence and of wide culture in one of her sex."² Her brother was known as "one of the most respected of the old line Andover citizens possessing the sterling New England qualities that have made so many of our best citizens."³ The house passed out of the family in 1897, and in 1919 was bought by neighbor H. Bradford Lewis for the use of his daughter.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence & Salem (754/483; 411/278; 259/138; 259/136; 337/191; 194/363; 155/155; 248/113; Probate Docket Nos. 79817, 73893, 42222, 4934)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Hidden Family," "Chandler Family,"

"Chandler Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

Andover Townsman, "Obituary, David I.C. Hidden," Sept. 25, 1896

Andover Vital Records to 1850

Footnotes

1) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Hidden Family" obituary (1893)

2) Ibid.

3) Andover Townsman, 25 Sept. 1896, "Obituary, David IC Hidden"

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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

NA decision

11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper

Patricia Anderson 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

W. H. Brauman 6-10-82

Attest

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

W. H. Brauman 6-10-82

Attest

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 ServiceEVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *Town of Andover* ^{MRA}

Property: Chandler-Hidden House
 State, County: MA, Essex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/2882-1183
 Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
 Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82
 Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82

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

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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

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

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

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT 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



17 Hidden Rd.

Chandler - Hidden House

Town of Andover NRA, Ma

OCT 1980

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298