

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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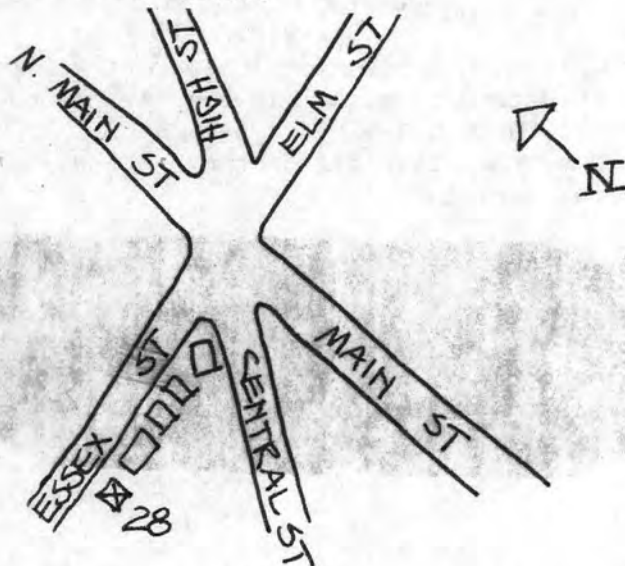
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

192: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324360/4724650



1. Town Andover
Address 28 Essex Street
Name Chickering House
Present use residential

Present owner Walsh, George & Martha

3. Description:

Date ca. 1830-35
Source Alfred Poore
AHS vertical files

Style Federal-Greek Revival

Architect Jacob Chickering

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Garage

Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof;
center chimney; classical center entrance
vestibule w/ sidelights; cornice molding;
5-bay facade; windows have panelled corner
blocks & center block, 6/6 sash; 2-story
gabled rear ell
Altered 1-story side add. Date 20th cent.

Moved - Date -

5. Lot size: Map 55, Parcel 54

One acre or less X Over one acre -

Approximate frontage 90'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization AHC

Date 7 Aug., 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Jacob Chickering

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☐
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
Community development	☐				

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

No. 28 Essex Street was built ca. 1830-35 by Jacob Chickering as his own residence. Chickering (1806-1887) moved from the North Parish to the South Parish at age 12 and apprenticed as a carpenter under Stephen Holt; for a short time he was engaged in business with Capt. Nathaniel Whittier. Chickering was self-employed as a carpenter, housewright, and "artist" until about 1856, when he established a piano manufactory in Andover. The business was only marginally successful and Chickering continued with smaller building projects until a decade before his death in 1887. Chickering is thought to have occupied No. 28 Essex St. until his marriage to Sarah MacMurphy in 1835, when he moved across the street to No. 29 and gave this house to his parents.

The building is an early example of Chickering's unique blend of conservative form and creative detailing. His characteristic attention to detail is best evidenced in the panelled cornerblocks and centerblocks of the windows. The delicate proportions of these features is complemented by the classical doorway, 6/6 sash, and cornice molding, holdovers from the Federal period.

The Chickering House is significant (1) for its design, construction, and occupation by Andover's leading architectural designer of the mid-19th century, Jacob Chickering; and (2) as a strong example of transitional styling, featuring Chickering's noted cornerblock motif. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting; it meets criteria B and C of the National Register.

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

Andover Vital Records to 1850

Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899, 1900 Tax list

Andover Historical Society files; (Chickering)

Chickering, Jacob; Miscellaneous Uncataloged bills, building estimates, receipts, 1834-1878; North Andover Historical Society

Interview with Lillian Conroy, 29 Essex Street.

Andover Advertiser; July 24, 1858

Poore, Dr. Alfred; "A Genealogical-Historical Visitation of Andover in Year 1863" - Essex Institute Historical Collection, July 1913, p. 239-252

Andover Townsman, Sept. 9, 1976

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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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

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11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper

Wm. H. Braham 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

Wm. H. Braham 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

Wm. H. Braham 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
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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Chickering House (Town of Andover MRA) Working No. 4128/82-1283
State, County: MA, Essex Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Federal Agency: _____ Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82
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

omination 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 Surveyshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no7. Description

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

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

Acres 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 _____

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



28 Essex St.

Chickering House

Town of Andover MA, Ma

OCT 1980

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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