

FORM B - BUILDING

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

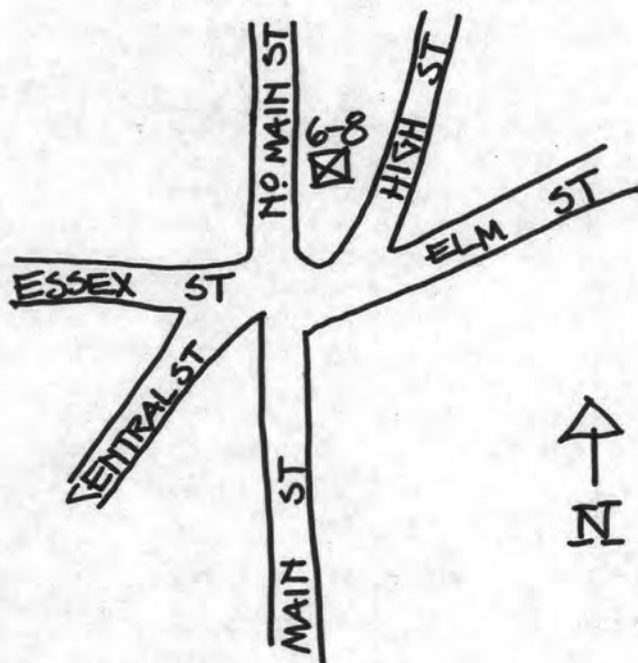
In Area no.

Form no.

237

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.



237: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324485/4724770

1. Town ANDOVER

Address 8 High Street

Name Benjamin Punchard House

Present use Residential

Present owner 6 - Norris, Walter & Mabel
8 - Bumford, Stephen & Mary

3. Description:

Date 1846

Source Andover Historical Society
vertical files

Style Italianate

Architect B. H. Punchard

Exterior wall fabric Aluminum siding

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 2 1/2 stories w/gable roofs;
paired eaves brackets; center gabled pavilion
has pilastered bay window on 1st floor; pedi-
mented tripartite window on 2nd floor; pavilion
flanked by 1 story porches w/sawn posts and
fascia trim; 6/6 windows

Altered siding Date 20th C.

Moved ----- Date _____

5. Lot size: Map 38, Parcel 53

One acre or less X Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 200'

Approximate distance of building from street
20'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Benjamin H. Punchard

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

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

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

No. 6-8 High St was built in 1846 for Benjamin Punchard, businessman, manufacturer, and philanthropist. Punchard was born in Salem MA in 1799. At 15 he began work as a clerk in a brokers office and later in a West India store, becoming a partner in the latter by the age of 20. Broken health from overwork led Punchard to Andover in 1827. He soon became a large stockholder in the new Andover Bank and formed a mercantile partnership (in dry goods) with brother-in-law John Derby. In 1829 Punchard married Martha Marland, daughter of Abraham Marland, with whom he joined in 1834 to incorporate Marland Manufacturing Company. Punchard became one of the original stockholders (with his father-in-law) in the new Episcopal Church in 1836, and remained one of its strongest supporters. A relative described the accomplished man thusly: "Perhaps no one characteristic is more prominent in my recollections of him, than the habit of doing everything, which he undertook, remarkably well. Neatness, order, and exactness, were early and abiding traits of character, which were always conspicuous."¹

The first home in Andover which Punchard owned was a Federal-style mansion which was located on the present site. After 15 years in the house, a second breakdown in health, and a trip to England, Punchard moved the existing building (now 33 High St) and built the present house according to his own designs. Fortunately "he also had an eye to architectural proportions and beauty."² This still "commodious and elegant house"³ was valued at \$12,000 at Punchard's death in 1850 and contained \$5000 worth of furniture and furnishings. The personal estate totalled over \$150,000 and was generously dispersed. Most significantly, Punchard left \$50,000 to the Town of Andover for the establishment of its first free high school, which bore his name.

After Mrs. Punchard's death in 1871, the house was sold to a series of relatively short-term owners until its sale to the Barnard family in 1891, where it remained for more than 50 years. Jacob Barnard, the original purchaser, was a prominent local

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (985/126; 887/340-345; 671/415; 111/191; 68/344; 25/160; 21/169; 12/584; 253/7; Probate Docket No. 51059)

Andover Vital Records to 1850

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

6-8 High Street

9. Historical Significance, continued

businessman (in shoe manufacturing) and gave the property the name of Barnard Elms.

The T-shape building at 6-8 High Street is an effective background for a variety of architectural motifs. Punchard's role in the design has resulted in an interesting vernacular composition-- more fanciful than forceful-- unlike many of his peers' architect-designed homes. The building has a picturesque form, its central pavilion flanked by one-story porches; simple sawn eaves brackets and decorative window trim are other notable features of this prominently located building.

The Benjamin Punchard House is significant (1) for its associations with the physical development of downtown Andover; (2) for its connection with two leading businessmen in town; and (3) as an early and interesting example of the Italianate style in Andover. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

Footnotes

- 1) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Punchard Family," Memoir (1857), p.39
- 2) Ibid., p.9
- 3) Ibid, pp.15-16

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Perrin, William, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

42. Pillsbury-French House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

43. Punchard, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

N.H. Brannen 6.10.82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

44. Rogers-Downing House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

45. Russell House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

46. Third Railroad Station

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

47. Ward, Richard, House

Entered in the
National Register

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48. Woodbridge House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

(Town of Andover MPA)

Property: Punchard Benjamin, House
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/23/82-1283
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1
Date Due: 5/27/82 1983/12/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

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

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☒ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria accept B & C
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 6/8/82
☐ 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
☐ 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 _____ 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

not justified under criteria "A"

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



6-8 High St.

Purchard, Benjamin, Heise
Town of Andover MRA, 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