

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

500

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.

508: South Groveland Quad, 1:25000
19/326900/4722020



1. Town ANDOVER
Address 293 Salem Street
Name Woodbridge House
Present use Residential

Present owner Churchill, E. Thomas & Eileer
3. Description:
Date ca. 1847-52
Source Deeds and maps
Style Greek Revival
Architect William S. Jenkins?
Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) Garage

Other features 1½ stories; gable roof; pedimented gable end; entablature & corner pilasters; recessed offset door w/sidelight classical trim; 6/6 windows; 1 story side ell

Altered dormers, gable windows Date 20th C.
Moved ----- Date -----
5. Lot size: Map 11, Parcel 9
One acre or less X Over one acre -----
Approximate frontage 1298'
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) George B. Woodbridge

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. 293 Salem St was built between 1847 and 1852 for George B. Woodbridge, cordwainer. Woodbridge, born in 1820, married Eliza Harnden in 1849. They had two children. In 1847 George bought the undeveloped piece of land here from Jesse Harnden, whose farm was just down the road (now No. 261 Salem St). Possibly Woodbridge had overextended himself with this investment, for the land was soon under mortgage for \$300 to neighbor and builder (and perhaps the designer of this house?) William S. Jenkins, and in 1853 the homestead was sold to Charles E. Abbott, a farmer. Abbot lived here for seven years before selling to two speculators, who were followed by two more short-term owners. These were succeeded by Henry C. Harnden, Jesse's son, who owned the house from 1863 to 1887. The Wright family owned the property for the longest period in the 20th century, from 1905 to 1962.

Although small and compact, this cottage is a remarkable stylistic statement. The wide corner pilasters and fully pedimented gable end are uncommon features in Andover, well-balancing the classical recessed doorway. Such bold detailing on the modest home of a craftsman best distinguishes this rural home.

The Woodbridge House is significant as a uniquely bold example of a Greek Revival cottage, especially remarkable for its rural location and modest occupants. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (962/258; 407/585; 223/379; 208/516; 200/527; 179/599; 127/102; 92/255; 657/77; 651/59; 616/18; 604/16; 487/81; 384/12)
Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Jenkins Family," Woodbridge Genealogy comp.
by Charlotte Helen Abbott

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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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

W.H. Bralman 6-10-82

Attest

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

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

48. Woodbridge House

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Bralman 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/10/82

Keeper

Attest

Keeper

Attest

Substantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Woodbridge House (Town of Andover MRA)
 State, County: MA, Essex
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 428/82-1283Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

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 - C
 Reviewer Patrick Andrus
 Discipline Historian
 Date 6/8/82

____ see continuation sheet

accept - Graham 6.10.82

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	____ original site
____ good	____ ruins	____ moved
____ fair	____ unaltered	____ date
	____ altered	
	____ 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 - *not justified under criteria "A"*

☒ 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 _____

USIT 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



293 Salem St.

Woodbridge House

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