

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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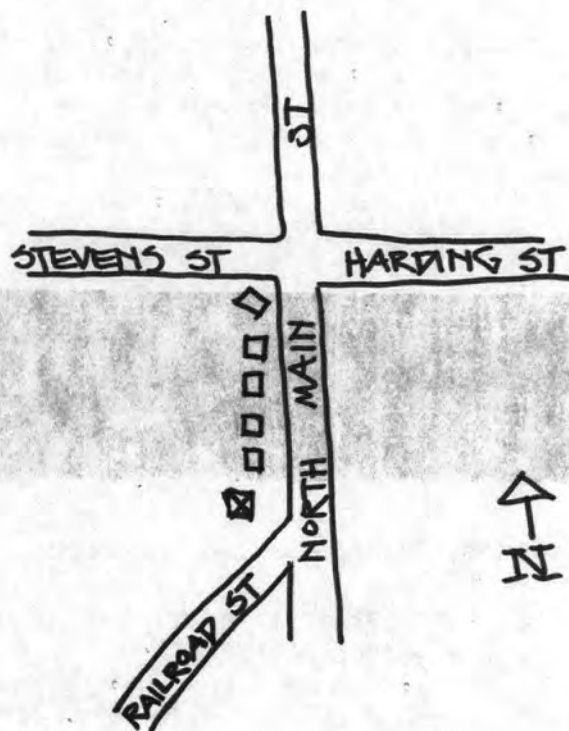
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

394: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324200/4725250



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 166 North Main Street

Name Nathan Frye House

Present use Commercial

Present owner Denapoli, Jorge and Hoffman, Joseph

3. Description:

Date 1851-52

Source Deeds & maps

Style Italianate

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Carriage house

Other features 2 1/2 stories; T-shape; gable roof; pedimented gable ends; corner quoins; tall windows w/bracketed sills & cornices; corner porch w/ionic columns; 1 & 2 story gabled wings

commercial renovation, including
Altered 1-story porch on w. wing Date late 20th C.

Moved ----- Date -----

5. Lot size: Map 54, Parcel 6

One acre or less ----- Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street 80'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Nathan Frye

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial/office, ca. 1970s

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. 166 North Main St was built ca. 1851-52 for Nathan Frye, manufacturer. Frye (1808-1894) was a manager at the Marland Manufacturing Co. and became its president upon the death of founder Abraham Marland in 1849. Frye ran the company for nearly 30 years, "maintaining a name for probity and energy."¹ After making "a snug fortune"² from the business in the Civil War, he sold the Marland Mills to Moses T. Stevens in 1879. In addition to his business pursuits, Frye was a stock subscriber (1835) in the Episcopal Church of Andover. Frye was married in 1833 to Amanda Gleason and had two children. As an example of the interrelationships among the manufacturing families, Amanda's orphaned niece, Sarah Elizabeth Gleason, was adopted by Benjamin Punchard, treasurer of the Marland Mills.

This mansion house, built shortly after his succession to the presidency, reflects Nathan Frye's newly enhanced status. Grandly Italianate, the building features pedimented gables, eaves brackets, corner quoins, boldly detailed windows with high cornices and bracketed sills, and a small, Ionic-columned porch. The design has suffered extensive additions in recent years but retains much of its original, impressive style. Conveniently located adjacent to the Marland Mills, the estate once included several acres of land on part of what had been known as the Paper Mill lot.

The Nathan Frye House is significant (1) for its original occupant, leader of one of Andover's major mills, and (2) as a well-executive example of early Italianate design in the town. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and 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.)

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1234/27; 1234/26; 1010/407; 879/79; 325/568; 88/148; 60/540; 471/223; 488/84; Probate Docket No. 61191)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Frye Family," "Gleason Family," "Stevens Family," Stevens Genealogy and Gleason Genealogy comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott,

Andover Vital Records to 1850

Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899

Footnotes

- 1) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Frye Family" Nathan Frye, 1808-94
- 2) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Gleason Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott, p.7

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Cochran, Jehiel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

22. Dascomb House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

23. West Parish Center District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Robert M. Boyd 10/7/82

Attest

24. Academy Hill Historic District

Keeper

Robert M. Boyd 10/7/82

Attest

25. Flint Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

26. Follansbee House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

27. Frye, Nathan, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

28. Gray, David, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Bralman 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

29. Harding, Sarah H., House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

30. Harnden Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Frye, Nathan, House (Town of Andover MPA)
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/29/82-1283Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82Entered in the RETURNNational Register REJECT

photos _____

maps _____

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

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	☐ 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

Acreage 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



166 North Main St.

Frye, Nathan, House

Town of Andover MRA, 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