

FORM B - BUILDING

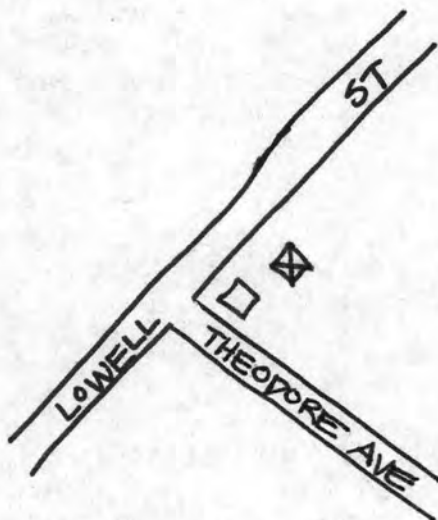
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	300

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.

300: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000  
19/323230/4725800



1. Town ANDOVER  
 Address 88 Lowell Street  
 Name Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House  
 Present use Residential  
 Present owner Wilson, James & Ethel
3. Description:  
 Date ca. 1670-73  
 Source AHS  
 Style First Period  
 Architect ---  
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard  
 Outbuildings (describe) Garage  
 Other features 2 stories; hip roof; rear ell; center chimney, 3bay facade has very small 7/7 windows; pedimented center vestibule  
 Altered Georgian renovation Date 18th c.  
 Moved ----- Date -----
5. Lot size: Map 71, Parcel 2  
 One acre or less        Over one acre X  
 Approximate frontage 195'  
 Approximate distance of building from street 30'
6. Recorded by W. Frontiero  
 Organization Andover Historical Commission  
 Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Daniel and Hannah Chandler Bigsby  
Original use residential  
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal

Conservation

Recreation

The Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House is significant (1) as an excellent example of First Period architecture in Andover, and (2) for its associations with several locally prominent families. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register, and retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting.

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

The Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House is traditionally dated ca. 1674, the year that Hannah Chandler was married to Daniel Bigsby; it was standing at least by 1688, when Thomas Chandler sold his son-in-law a piece of land next to the latter's house. Until the late 19th century the property was an operating farm. Daniel Bigsby died in 1717, leaving the homestead (land and buildings) jointly to his wife and son Joseph. The property passed from Joseph to his daughter Experience, who married William Abbot in 1747. Their son Capt. Jeduthan Abbot inherited the property in 1798, when it included 91 acres of land. Jeduthan, described as a gentleman, is known to have lived with his father, "respectable and respected."<sup>1</sup> Not only respectable but elegant, Jeduthan's wardrobe as described in his inventory included velvet pantaloons, a velvet waistcoat, and a silk waistcoat. Jeduthan Abbot Jr. (back to the characteristic yeoman description) inherited this property in 1810. Although he lived with his father for a time, Jeduthan Jr. moved out of the by-now crowded homestead ca. 1810 and built his own home up the street at No. 31 Lowell St. Remaining at the homestead was his brother, Deacon Amos Abbot, a prominent citizen who built his own house in the Main Street-Locke Street district. Jeduthan Jr.'s son Moody apparently came back to the old homestead to live (ca. 1840), and it remained in his family until its sale to the Ward family in 1879. The Wards lived here until 1944.

Several additions have been made to the original four-room, leanto house, which is one of the oldest standing in Andover. An 18th century ell and hipped roofs have been major alterations, but a southern orientation (perpendicular to the street) and broad facades punctuated by small, narrow windows still suggest the building's great age.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (848/87; 837/44; 733/465; 827/166; 703/560; 665/532; 26/233; 56/106; 56/107; Probate Docket Nos. 195618, 88961, 30875, 64, 152, 2496, 4974; 32/234)

Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899

Andover Vital Records to 1850

Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family, comp. by Abiel and Ephraim Abbot, Boston MA: James Munroe and Co., 1847.

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

"Abbott Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott, "Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House."  
Footnotes 1) Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family, p. 153

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

*NR decision*

11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper *W. Brown* 10-7-82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

12. Abbot, Asa and Sylvester, House  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

13. Andover National Bank *Substantive Review*

Keeper *W. Brown* 6-10-82

Attest *Patrick Andrus* 6/8/82

14. Andover Town Hall  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

15. Arden  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

16. Bailey, Timothy P., House  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

17. Barnard Block  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

~~18. Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House~~  
*Substantive Review*

Keeper *W. Brown* 6-10-82

Attest *Patrick Andrus* 6/8/82

19. Chickering House  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

20. Chandler-Hidden House  
*Entered in the National Register*

Keeper *Selous Byers* 6/10/82

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Town of Andover MRA)

Property: Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 429/82-1283  
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983  
Date 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 - AEC  
Reviewer Patrick Andrus  
Discipline Historian  
Date 6/8/82  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet  
Accept - Brennan 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       unaltered       original site  
 good       ruins       altered       moved      date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair       unexcavated

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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrange name \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 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



Chandler-Bigsby - Abbot 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