

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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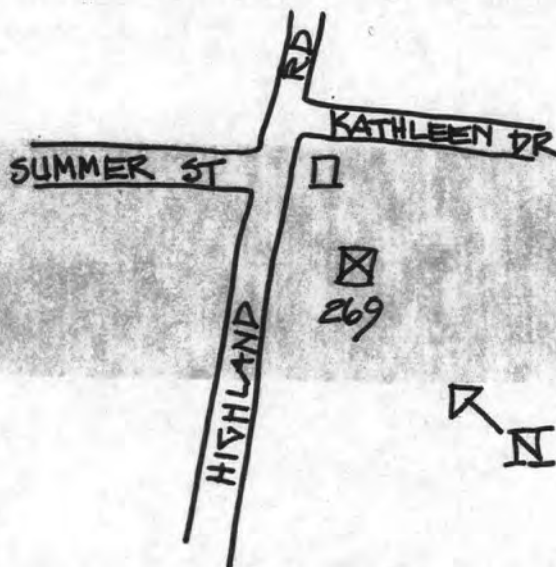
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

270: South Groveland Quad, 1:25000
19/326290/4724990



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 269 Highland Road

Name Rogers-Downing House

Present use Residential

Present owner Ferance, George & Annemarie

3. Description:

Date 1850-52

Source Deeds, maps

Style Gothic Revival

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) None

"H" shape w/1½ story cross-
Other features piece; 2½ story end wings;
6/6 windows; offset doorway w/sidelights
on cross piece; end wings connected by
open porch w/elaborate roof balustrade;
cross wings & 2 small cross gables have
scroll; sawn barge boards

Altered ----- Date -----

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

5. Lot size: Map 5, Parcel 30

One acre or less ----- Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 180'

Approximate distance of building from street
60'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historial Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Benjamin Rogers
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. 269 Highland Rd was built between 1848 and 1852 as the country home of Boston businessman Benjamin Rogers. Rogers sold the estate in 1870. After a series of speculative ownerships the "Roger's place" was bought by John J. Downing of Boston and converted into a well-known dairy and orchard. The Downing family retained ownership of the property until 1968, although in the interim some of the land was sold for modern subdivisions.

The building is at once handsome and austere simple. The bare architectural forms are very quietly ornamented by the lengthy porch with its rhythmic balustrade and cresting, by two small cross-gables, and by fanciful bargeboards. The spaciousness of the unusual H-plan, combined with the hill-top setting, give the house a most distinguished aspect.

The Rogers-Downing House is significant (1) for its original role as a country home for a Boston businessman; (2) as a well-known farm; and (3) for its unusual plan and elaborate Gothic Revival detailing. 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 & Salem (1287/712; 1118/283; 1118/284; 18/209; 12/11; 8/417; 8/375; 8/246; 401/241; Probate Docket Nos. 271921, 162151, 37967
Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Downing Family"
Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899, 1900 Tax List

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. Bralman 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

Substantive Review

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *(Town of Andover MRA)*

Property: Rogers-Downing House
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 1/28/82-1285

Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983

Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82

Entered in the ☐ RETURN

National 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

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	☐ unaltered	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ 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



269 Highland Rd

Rogers - Downing House

Town of Andover MA, 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