

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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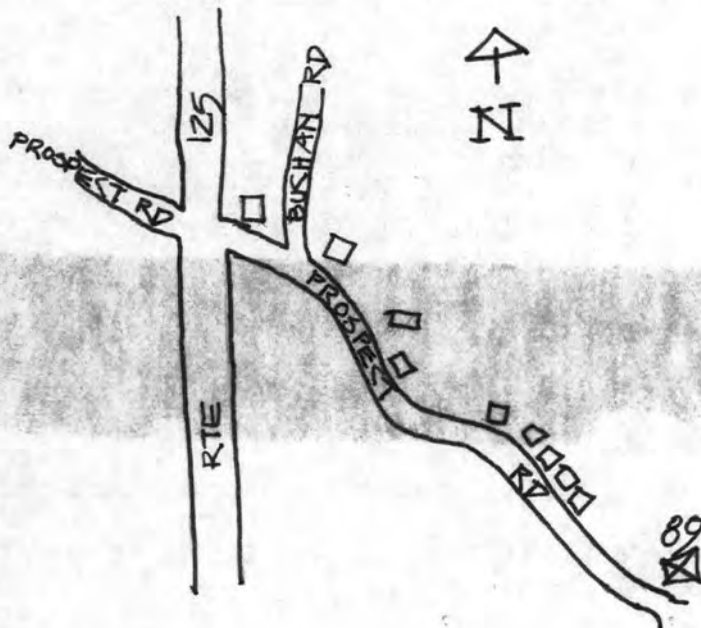
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

450: South Groveland Quad, 1:25000
19/327050/4722570



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 89 Prospect Road

Name Holt Farm

Present use Residential

Present owner Kimball, John

3. Description:

Date ca. 1715

Source Historic Houses in Andover

Style Georgian

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Wood shingle

Outbuildings (describe) Converted barn

Other features 2½ stories; gable roof w/
integral lean-to; center chimney; 5-bay
facade w/small / windows; glazed center
entry porch; faces south

Altered window sash Date 18th C.
porch, shingles Date 20th C.

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

5. Lot size: Map 9, Parcel 2

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

Approximate frontage 496'

Approximate distance of building from street
250'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Nicholas Holt III

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)

The Holt farmhouse was built ca. 1708-1715 by Nicholas Holt III (1683-1756). Nicholas, grandson of one of the town's original proprietors, farmed a homestead of 30 acres plus other scattered sites. Eventually the estate was one of the largest landholdings in Andover, having a radius of one mile from the house. According to record and tradition, the Holts always kept two yoke of oxen on the farm.

Nicholas III was married first (1708) to Mary Manning, and second (1717) to Dorcas Abbott. Described at his death as a gentleman, Nicholas's estate then included an impressive array of clothing and furnishings. The land was farmed by seven generations of the locally prominent Holt family, who continued to live here until the 1880s. The present owner is, appropriately enough, a Holt descendant himself.

The integral leanto house is the focal point of Holt's Hill and faces southward with a view of Boston on clear days. (It is said that a crowd of townspeople gathered here to observe the smoke and cannon explosions of the Battle of Bunker Hill.) Aside from its remote setting and its form, the building is distinguished by its great central chimney, original framework, and early interiors.

The Holt Farm is significant (1) for its long associations with the Holt family, farmers prominent in the development of eastern Andover, and (2) as an important example of the evolution of a 17th century farmhouse. 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 (43/400; 48/125; 66/41; 71/103; 116/4; Probate Docket Nos. 42584, 42589, 13699, 13680)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Holt Family,"

Andover Vital Records to 1850

The First Three Generations of Holts in America, The Holt Ass'n of America. The Moore Printing Co., Newburgh NY: no date.

EXP. 12/31/84

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Holt Farm

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National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

32. Holt-Cummings-Davis House

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National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

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33. Jenkins, Benjamin, House

~~Entered in the~~
Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Brabham 6-10-82

Attest

Patricia Andrews 6/8/82

34. Lincolnshire, The

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National Register

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35. Manning House

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National Register

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36. Memorial Hall Library

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National Register

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37. Musgrove Block

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38. Orlando

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39. Osgood Farm

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40. Pearson, Abel, House

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

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

Working No. 4/29/82-1283
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

Entered in the
National Register
photos ☒
maps _____

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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. 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 date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	☐ altered

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 _____

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



89 Prospect Rd

Helt Farm

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