

FORM B - BUILDING

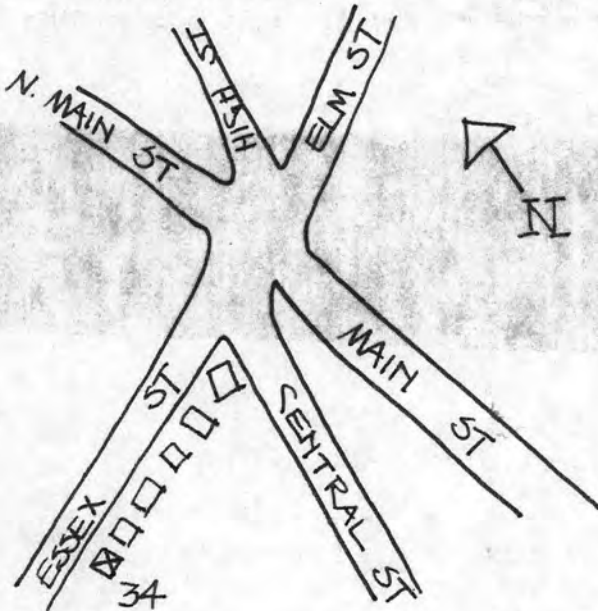
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	194

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.

194: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000  
19/324310/4724660



1. Town Andover  
Address 34 Essex Street  
Name J.T. Abbot House  
Present use residential

Present owner Sullivan, Augustine & Mary

3. Description:

Date ca. 1844-50  
Source MVTM, Jacob Chickering papers  
Lillian Conroy (29 Essex St.)

Style Gothic Revival

Architect Jacob Chickering

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features 1½ stories; gable roof w/  
3 cross gables on side; scroll-sawn barge-  
boards on main & cross gables; lancet  
gable window; drip moldings on 6/6 windows  
offset doorway has small portico w/ column  
& clustered pilasters, wooden cresting; \*

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size: Map 55, Parcel 55

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization AHC

Date 7 Aug., 1980

(over)

\*small polygonal bay window on facade w/  
wooden cresting; 1½ story rear ell w/  
cross gables

7. Original owner (if known) J.T. Abbot  
 Original use residential  
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>X</u>	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. 34 Essex Street was built between 1844 and 1850 for Joseph Thompson Abbot by Jacob Chickering. Abbot was the son of Benjamin (Jr.) and Mary Abbot, born in 1809. In 1832 he married Betsey Kershaw, who kept the house in the family until her death in 1900. Jacob Chickering was both builder and developer, buying the undeveloped property in 1844 and selling it with a dwelling house by 1850.

The charming Gothic cottage contains some of Andover's most lively ornamentation in the style. Although disproportionately scaled relative to the overall composition, the architectural motifs are highly developed on the individual level. Fanciful bargeboards and miniature wooden cresting, sharp cross-gables, and a delicate, academic portico-- unrepeated in Andover-- are the the most outstanding features of this house.

The J.T. Abbot House is notable (1) for its design and construction by Jacob Chickering, Andover's leading architectural designer of the mid-19th century, and (2) as an excellent example of Andover's Gothic Revival architecture. 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.)

- Andover Vital Records to 1850
- Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899, 1900 Tax List
- Andover Historical Society files
- Lillian Conroy, interview, 29 Essex Street.
- Jacob Chickering papers- No. Andover Historical Society Merrimack Valley Textile Museum
- Andover Townsman, Sept. 9, 1976

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Lower Shawsheen Railroad Bridge

Keeper

*Determined eligible*  
W.H. Graham 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

2. Upper Shawsheen Railroad Bridge

Keeper

*Determined eligible*  
William H. Graham 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6/8/82 Patrick Andrus

3. Andover Village Industrial District (92)

Keeper

Thomas H. Day 10.7.82

Substantive Review

Attest

4. Bradlee School

Keeper

William H. Graham 6.10.82

~~Attest~~

5. Abbot Tavern

Keeper

Selma Byers 6/10/82

Entered in the  
National Register

Attest

6. Central Street District

Keeper

Thomas H. Day 10/7/82

Attest

7. Abbot, J. T., House

Keeper

Selma Byers 6/10/82

Entered in the  
National Register

Attest

8. Ballardvale District

Keeper

Thomas H. Day 10.7.82

Substantive Review

Attest

9. Abbot-Baker House

Keeper

Selma Byers 6/10/82

Entered in the  
National Register

Attest

10. Abbot-Battles House

Keeper

Selma Byers 6/10/82

Entered in the  
National Register

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Abbot, J. T. House (Town of Andover, MA)  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 4/28/82-1283  
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983  
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/12/82

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

Action:  ACCEPT 6/10/82  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
 photos \_\_\_\_\_  
 maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Average of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USMT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

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



34 Essex St.

Abbot, J. T. 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