

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Isaac Hall House

AND/OR COMMON

same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

43 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Medford

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7th

STATE

Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CODE

025

COUNTY

Middlesex

CODE

017

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

funeral home

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David Gaffey

STREET & NUMBER

43 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Medford

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02155

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Middlesex County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

208 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth (HABS)

DATE

1974

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Isaac Hall House, located at the corner of High Street and Bradlee Road, is a three story Federal house, (c. 1720, altered c. 1790) with a two story rear ell, and a modern one story addition fronting on Bradlee Road. All parts of the building were covered with gray aluminum siding in the 1960's with the exception of a small part of the first floor rear wall of the main house which retains its clapboards. The house rests on a foundation of stone and brick and has a low hip roof covered with slate and a central chimney with added flue to the rear. The facade is symmetrical, five bays across, with exterior shutters and plain trim surrounding 6/4 windows on the first two floors, and 6/6 windows on the top floor. The entrance is framed by fluted pilasters with moulded capitals, an entablature, and a triangular pediment; beneath the entablature is a five light transom with bull's eye glass. The front door is not original, the original one having been replaced in the nineteenth century. The irregular fenestration of the side and back walls, the presence of a visible timber frame in the front rooms of the house and some of the rear rooms suggest that in its earliest form the house may have resembled a three story central chimney "salt box." The entry, which is nearly identical to that of the Rev. David Osgood House (1785) at 141 High Street, the corner quoins which were eliminated by the siding, the hip roof, and the interior detailing of the west front parlor indicated that the house was heavily altered in the 1780's or 1790's to bring it up to date with then current taste.

Attached to the north wall of the main house is a two story rectangular plan ell set on a stone and brick foundation with a low pitched roof now covered in asphalt sheets. A small chimney projects at the ridge of the roof at a point near the center of the plan. The scale and relationship of this wing to the house indicate that it may date from either the late eighteenth or early nineteenth centuries and may originally have served as a kitchen wing.

Extending the entire length of the structure's east side is a modern one story addition set on a foundation of brick with a flat roof of tar and gravel. The windows of this wing duplicate in height, scale, trim and shutters, the windows of the first floor of the main house. The addition's cornice has a plain parapet bearing the name of the business. Facing the corner of High Street and Bradlee Road at a forty-five degree angle to the walls of the new wing is a double door, framed by two engaged Doric columns which support an entablature and triangular pediment. Each door has six lights in the upper half, and the doorway is surmounted by a seven light transom. The plan of this addition is irregular with varying setbacks from Bradlee Road. The front half was constructed in 1960-61, the rear half during the 1930's.

The building is set back approximately five feet from the High Street sidewalk and is separated from the walk by a white wooden picket fence. Between the fence and the house is a stone bearing a plaque in commemoration of Paul Revere's stop at the house and Isaac Hall's activities in the Revolutionary War.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☒ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☒ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1720

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located near Medford Square, the Isaac Hall House is the last surviving eighteenth century house visible from the square which had formed the core of the eighteenth century settlement of Medford. As such it presents the last example of the area's past development and scale. Constructed by Andrew Hall around the time of his marriage to Abigail Walker (c. 1720) this house was the first of five houses built next to each other by Andrew Hall and his sons and is the only one still standing. (Of the five houses, the Andrew/Isaac Hall House, Ebenezer Hall House, and the Benjamin Hall Jr. House were recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey). Andrew Hall was born in 1698, the son of John Hall Jr. of Medford. He became involved in real estate dealings as early as 1721 and eventually became the owner of much of the former estate of Major Jonathan Wade including the brick house built by Wade. In 1735 Andrew purchased the rum distillery of his brother (John Hall III) and later became involved with barrel making, and shipping on the Mystic River, and bought a slaughter house. At Andrew's death in 1750 his business interests came under the control of his son, Benjamin Hall. The house at 43 High Street was occupied by his widow until her death in 1785, and by his son Isaac Hall. Isaac continued to live in the house after his marriage in 1761 to Abigail Cutter and apparently took the responsibility for the care of his mother, for which he was reimbursed by her estate. In early 1775 Isaac was made a partner in the family business ventures.

The building's major historical association derives from the stop made there by Paul Revere on the night of his ride to Lexington on April 18-19, 1775, to alert Isaac Hall who was the captain of the Medford Minutemen. As a result, Hall led the company to Lexington where they participated in the battle along with the companies from other neighboring towns. Later in 1775 Hall resigned this post to organize a new company of soldiers which he took to Dorchester Heights in March of 1776. Of the members of the Hall family living in the immediate vicinity of the house, three of Isaac's brothers, two nephews, and several cousins were active in financial and political support of the Revolution rather than by participation in combat. Although it had been thought that Isaac Hall died in 1789, it now appears that he merely sold his property in Medford to set up business in Boston as a distiller and to extend his family's business there. Records indicate that Hall died in his Boston home in 1805. The houses on High Street continued to be occupied by the Hall family well into the nineteenth century and the family retained much of their prominence until the end of the century. The Isaac Hall House was owned by the Lawrence family of Medford for a number of years on the nineteenth century. In 1913 the house was sold to the Gaffey family who have operated a funeral parlor since that year.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Medford Historical Society, Medford Historical Register, Vol 3,7,8,19,43.
Historic American Buildings Survey, Massachusetts Catalogue, Boston, 1965
History of the Town of Medford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Charles Brooks
and James Usher, Boston, 1886

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre *UTM OK CO*

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9
ZONE	

3	2	6	2	9	0
EASTING					

4	6	9	8	2	1	0
NORTHING						

B

ZONE	

EASTING			

NORTHING			

C

ZONE	

EASTING			

NORTHING			

D

ZONE	

EASTING			

NORTHING			

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christine Boulding, Assistant Survey Director, and Brian Pfeiffer

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

40 Beacon Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts 02108

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Elizabeth R. Amador

TITLE

Mass. State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/24/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/16/75

ATTEST:

DATE

APR 14 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property Hall, Isaac, House

Middlesex

State Massachusetts Working Number 3.31.75.500

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK PL
3.31.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
w.R. Luce
4/4/75

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

**MODERN COMMERCIAL ADDITION AND
METAL SIDING DISTRACT, BUT AT LEAST
DO NOT ENDANGER ORIGINAL FABRIC**

**ACCEPT
LEBOVICH
4-1-75**

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4.11.75

BRANCH CHIEF

Wm. D.
4.11.75

KEEPER

Wm.

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 6-3-75

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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HISTORIC

Isaac Hall House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Medford

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Middlesex

STATE MA

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Brian Pfeiffer

DATE OF PHOTO 1974

NEGATIVE FILED AT Medford Historical Commission

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 1

south facade, east elevation

#1081

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

#1081

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

1 NAME

HISTORIC Isaac Hall House

AND/OR COMMON
same

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Medford

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Middlesex

STATE MA

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey, Boston north, Mass., quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000

DATE 1971

4 REQUIREMENTS

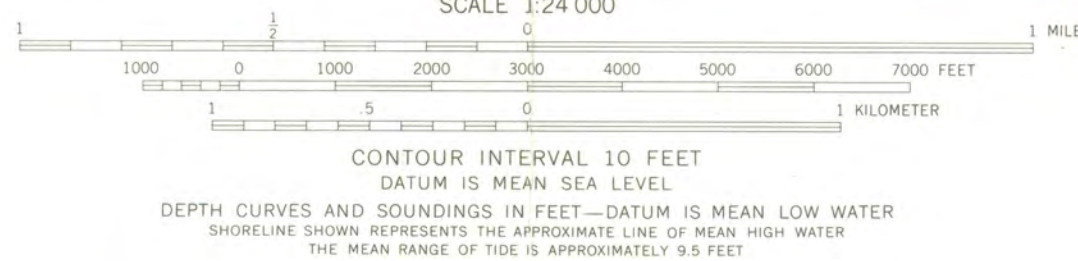
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Medford
Isaac Hall House
UTM reference:
19/326290/4698210

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1943. Revised from
aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1971
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 248 (1971)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Boundaries in tidalwater areas from information supplied
by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road

BOSTON NORTH, MASS.
N4222.5-W7100/7.5
1971
AMS 6768 1 NE-SERIES V814





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

Paul Guzzi

40 Beacon Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Secretary of the Commonwealth

727-8470

March 25, 1975

Mr. Charles Herrington, Chief
Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240



CERTIFIED MAIL
APPORTIONMENT WARRANT
NOMINATION

Dear Charles:

Enclosed please find four National Register submissions for the following properties:

1. Boston, St. Stephen's Church, Suffolk County
2. Boston, Symphony District, Suffolk County
3. Medford, Paul Curtis House, Middlesex County
4. Medford, Isaac Hall House, Middlesex County

These properties have been voted eligible for submission by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the State Review Board) and have been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth R. Amadon.

Please note that the properties covered by these submissions plan to apply for FY '76 grants-in-aid. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us.

Sincerely yours,

Pat (cb)

Patricia L. Weslowski
Survey Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission

PLW:CB:nb
Encl.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MASSACHUSETTS

Date Entered APR 16 1989

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Cabot, Captain John, House	Beverly Essex County
Day, Josiah, House	West Springfield Hampden County
Hall, Isaac, House	Medford Middlesex County

Also Notified

Hon. Edward M. Kennedy	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Edward W. Brooke	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon, Executive Director
Hon. Michael J. Harrington	Massachusetts Historical Commission
Hon. Silvio O. Conte	40 Beacon Street
Hon. Torbert H. MacDonald	Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Regional Director, North Atlantic

Region

PR

MMott/cha

4-21-75

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/22/77
 Reviewer INITIALS: [Signature]
 NR DOE April 16, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Hall, Isaac, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 43 High Street

CITY, TOWN Medford

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7th

COUNTY Middlesex code 017.

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable - 9

Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
 IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- private residence
 now- funeral home

HABS. - PR.

SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE RELIGION entertainment
 ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC ECONOMICS LAW/Gov't/politics SCIENCE health
 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION LITERATURE recreation
 ARCHITECTURE - 4 ENGINEERING SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN settlement
 ART - 6 EXPLORATION MUSIC socio/cultural
 COMMERCE - 6 INDUSTRY - 13 PHILOSOPHY urban & commun
 COMMUNICATIONS INVENTION POLITICS/GOVERNMENT OTHER (SPECIFY) planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: FEDERAL

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

events

(1) Andrew Hall - early land DEVELOPER and
Speculator.

(2) Paul Revere - stopped here on side, April 18-19, 1775

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

✓ 1720

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

1790, 1960's

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

April 18-19, 1775 Paul Revere stopped to
alert re: British
invasion.

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

✓ ALUMINUM siding;
FRAME, CLAPBOARDING; 3 STORIES,

IRREGULAR SHAPE, LOW HIPPED ROOF, INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR CHIMNEYS,

FRONT CENTER ^{pedimented} FRONTISPIECE ENTRANCE WITH paneled door and TRAN-

SOM; SIDE WING ^{GLAZED DOUBLE-DOOR} ENTRANCE WITH TRANSOM AND ARCHITRAVE; ^{pedimented} INTERIOR ~~AND~~

~~ALTERED~~ ALTERATIONS, c. 1790; ~~2-STORY~~ REAR ELL, LATE 18TH C. - EARLY 19TH

C.; ^{AND ALUMINUM SIDING} 1-STORY SIDE ADDITION, 20TH C. FEDERAL. LAST SURVIVING 18TH

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

C. HOUSE VISIBLE FROM THE SQUARE; BUILT

FOR ⁽²⁾ ANDREW HALL, EARLY LAND ^{holder} AND DEVELOPER; ^{side} stopping point

for Paul Revere's ^{side} April ~~18-19~~, 1775 to alert Isaac Hall,

captain of Medford Minutemen.