

FORM B - BUILDING

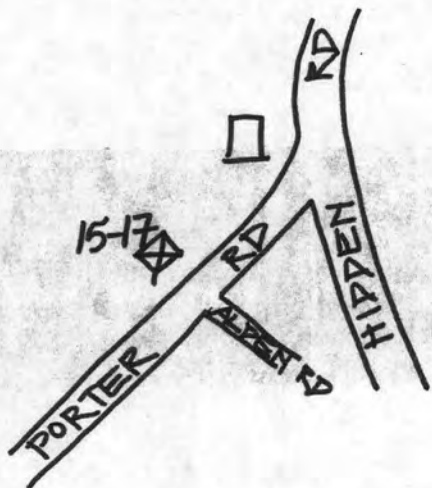
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	441

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.

441: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324910/4722760



1. Town ANDOVER
Address 15-17 Porter Road
Name Asa and Sylvester Abbott House
Present use residential
15- Crowther, Gwynn & Donna
Present owner 17- Loring, Stephen & Hilary

3. Description:
Date ca. 1830-40
Source Deeds and maps
Style Greek Revival
Architect ---
Exterior wall fabric clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) garage
Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof; 2 centered chimneys; duplex w/ recessed classical doorways (w/ sidelights); 6-bay facade; windows have plain cornerblocks; 1 and 1 1/2 story original ells
Altered --- Date _____
Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size: Map 57, Parcel 8 and 9
One acre or less _____ Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 375'
Approximate distance of building from street
30'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
Organization Andover Historical Commission
Date 7 August 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Asa Abbott
 Original use residential
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

No. 15-17 Porter Rd was built ca. 1830-40 by farmer Asa Abbott (1770-1851). Asa was the fifth generation of "useful and respected"¹ Abbotts on this farm site; he was also prominent in such town affairs as the building of the Scotland District schoolhouse. Asa was married in 1798 to Judith Jaquith, and was the "Honored Father" of seven children. He is known to have lived with his father on the site, but probably built this new house to mark a new beginning after the death of his father, Lieut. Timothy Abbott, in 1826. Asa left the east part of this duplex to his son Asa Albert Abbott and the west part of the house to his son Sylvester Abbott. The brothers continued to farm the land, which remained in the family until the turn of this century.

The house is significant for its unusual duplex design and the delicate articulation of its fenestration. Two recessed doorways at opposite ends of the house and the distinctively Andover cornerblocks on the windows highlight the facade.

The Asa and Sylvester Abbott House is notable (1) as an uncommon, rural example of the duplex house type, with an attractive Greek Revival design, and (2) for its associations with the agricultural history of southern Andover. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting; it 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 (1278/758; 1254/136; 1278/775; 179/223 and 225; 198/578; 188/475; Probate Docket Nos. 30817, 30900)
 Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Abbott Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott, "Abbott Family."
Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family, comp. by Abiel and Ephraim Abbot, Boston MA: James Munroe and Co., 1847.
 Andover Vital Records to 1850.

Footnotes 1) A Genealogical Register of the Abbot Family, p. 80

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only

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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. Brauman *6.10.82*

Attest

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. Brauman *6.10.82*

Attest

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

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Abbot ASA and Sylvester, House (Town of Andover MA)

Property: _____
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. W2882-1283
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:

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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS 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 _____

Site _____

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



15-17 Porter Rd.

Abbot, Asa + Sylvester, House
Town of Andover MA Ma

OCT 29 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