

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.

Form no.

23

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.



23: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/322680/4721830

1. Town ANDOVER

Address 147 Andover Street

Name Bradlee School

Present use Vacant

Present owner Town of Andover

3. Description:

Date 1889

Source Plaque on building

Style Queen Anne/Romanesque

Architect George G. Adams

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features irregular mass w/high

hipped roofs; decorative chimney; gabled pavilion
has decorative corbelling; arched gable window;
brick belt courses w/terra cotta Ornament; round-
headed windows on 1st floor; rectangular on 2nd
floor; deco. brick entablature; granite sills;*

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

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

5. Lot size: Map 137, Parcels 23 & 24

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

Approximate frontage 120'

Approximate distance of building from street

100'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

* con't.

(over)

arched entries; facade entrance has decorative
brick spandrel panels & granite trim

7. Original owner (if known) Town of Andover

Original use school

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u>X</u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u>X</u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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

The Bradlee School was built during 1889 and 1890 from the designs of George G. Adams, a Lawrence architect (see also 22 Hidden Rd); the cost of construction was \$14,350. The report of the school committee in 1890 notes that the building "is a credit to the place, and marks a new era in the educational affairs of that part of our town." At the time of its construction the building was the only school supplied with town water, a much admired accomplishment. In 1894 the school--previously known as the Ballard Vale School-- was officially named for Joseiah Putnam Bradlee, proprietor of the Ballardvale Mills, Boston businessman, and liberal benefactor of the Ballardvale community. Before construction of the Bradlee School, classes had been held in the building now known as the Ballardvale Community Center (see 179 Andover St, Ballardvale District).

The structure is a handsome and restrained example of the late Victorian period, representative of public buildings in Andover at this time. Eclectic Queen Anne elements-- an asymmetrical pavilion, decorative brickwork, and delicate glazing, among others-- enrich the refined shapes of the mass and its fenestration; the extremely steep hipped roof is uncommonly striking. An imposing hill-top setting emphasizes the grand effect.

Bradlee School is significant (1) for its associations with the development of the Ballardvale community, and (2) as an excellent example of civic architecture of the period. 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.)

Report of the School Committee, 1890 Bradlee School File, in possession of
Mrs. Ruth Sharpe, Andover

Andover Historical Society files-schools; also families-Bradlee, Josiah P. obituary
Andover Townsman; Oct. 15, 1964; Mar. 14, 1946

Superintendent's Office; Andover School system

Lawrence Eagle Tribune; Oct. 22, 1964

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

Page 1 of 5

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. Brachman 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

Patrick Andrus 6/8/82

2. Upper Shawsheen Railroad Bridge

Keeper

Determined eligible
William H. Brachman 6.10.82

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Attest

6/8/82 Patrick Andrus

3. Andover Village Industrial District (92)
Substantive Review

Keeper

Thomas H. Byers 10.7.82

Attest

4. Bradlee School

Keeper

William H. Brachman 6.10.82

~~Attest~~

5. Abbot Tavern

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

6. Central Street District

Keeper

Thomas H. Byers 10/7/82

Attest

7. Abbot, J. T., House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

8. Ballardvale District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Thomas H. Byers 10.7.82

Attest

9. Abbot-Baker House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

10. Abbot-Battles House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
CR 5/18/82

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Bradlee School (Town of Andover)
State, County: MA Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4-28-82
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 6/3/82 - 6/12/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 6/10/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT

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

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☒ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria Accept
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 6/8/82
☐ see continuation sheet
Marham 6-10-82

omination 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	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ 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

They have not given us enough info. on the role that this building played in the development of local education to justify its significance under criteria "A" however, it is eligible under "C".

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT 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



147 Andover St
School house

Bradlee school

Town of Andover MRA, Ma

OCT 1980

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298

February 5, 1982

RECEIVED

FEB - 9 1982

Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

MASS. HIST. COMM.

Gentlemen:

I am the sole owner of the Bradlee School, which is in the area considered by you for the Ballardvale Historic District.

I object to having the school considered within any historic district.

Francis P. Reilly

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, SS.

February 8, 1982

Then personally appeared before me, Francis P. Reilly, and made oath that the foregoing statement signed by him, is true, before me,

Joseph L. Webb
Notary Public

My commission expires: July 20, 1984

Objection
147 Andover Street
(Bradlee School)

OBJECTION

Francis P. Reilly
84 Dascomb Road
Andover, Mass. 01810

Ms. Carol Shull
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

RE: Andover Multiple Resources National Register

Dear Ms. Shull:

In an earlier communication, I stated that I did not want the Bradlee School, in Andover, to be considered as within the National Register District. I wish to withdraw that statement.

Since the statement was issued, the property has been conveyed by me, to myself and Augustine P. Sheehy, as tenants in common.

I now wish that the Bradlee School, in the Ballardvale section of Andover, be considered within the National Register District. Mr. Sheehy, by signing this letter, indicates that he has the same desire.

Very truly yours,

Francis P. Reilly
Augustine P. Sheehy

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, SS.

May 3, 1982

Then personally appeared before me, Francis P. Reilly and Augustine P. Sheehy, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed for the purposes therein stated.

Before me,

Fredrick Sobner

Notary Public

My commission expires: 11-26-82

Francis P. Kelly
24 Beacon Road
Andover, Mass. 01810

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Very truly yours

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

REPLY, 25.

Then personally appeared before me Francis P. Kelly and Augustine P. Sheehy and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed for the purposes and intent therein expressed.

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES	
DATE REC'D	MAY 11 1982
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)	
INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT	
TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)	
DATE ACTION TAKEN	
INITIALS	