

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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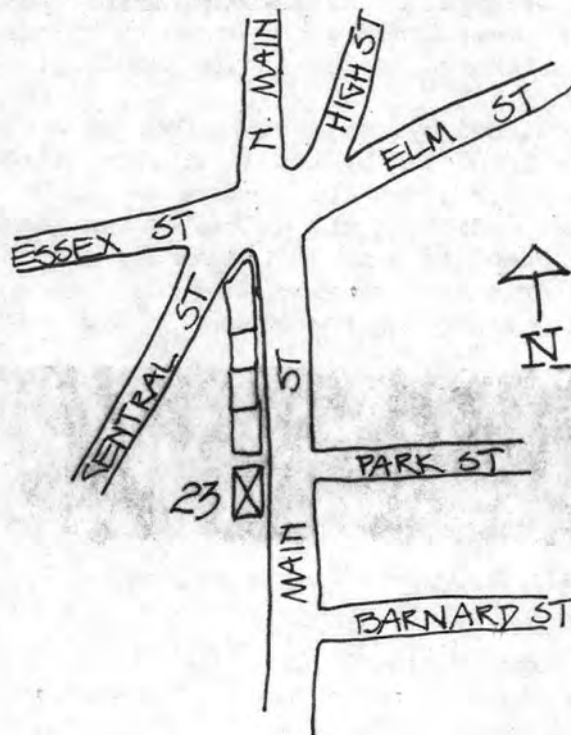
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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

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

327: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/324540/4724590



1. Town Andover
Address 23 Main Street
Name Andover National Bank
Present use commercial
Present owner Andover National Bank

3. Description:

- Date 1890
Source Andover Townsman, AHS vertical files
Style commercial Romanesque Revival
Architect Hartwell & Richardson
Exterior wall fabric brick
Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 3 stories; flat roof; 1st floor storefronts; 2d floor paired rectangular windows w/ gauged brick lintels; 3d fl. roundheaded windows are tripartite, basket-weave pattern of decorative brickwork above center entrance

Altered storefronts Date 20th cent.

Moved --- Date ---

5. Lot size: Map 55, Parcel 98

One acre or less X Over one acre ---

Approximate frontage 80'

Approximate distance of building from street 0'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
Organization AHC
Date 7 Aug. 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Andover National Bank

Original use commercial

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	<u>X</u>	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>X</u>				

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

The Andover National Bank building at 23 Main Street was completed in 1890. The local contracting firm of Hardy & Cole followed the designs of Hartwell & Richardson of Boston, who also created Abbott Academy's Draper Hall and the second Episcopal Church on Central Street. At its opening the building was occupied by the Andover National Bank and Andover Savings Bank on the first floor, the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company and several professional offices on the second floor, and the St. Matthews Masonic Lodge on the third floor.

The Andover National Bank was founded in 1826 with Samuel Farrar president and Amos Blanchard cashier. From 1826 to 1889 the bank occupied a three-story, brick Federal-style building-- very similar to the original Andover Theological Seminary buildings-- on the same site. The Andover Savings Bank also shared space in this building.

The plain boxy shape of the building is distinguished by its multifarious brickwork patterns (surface only, no three-dimensional texture) and by its distinctly tiered fenestration. The change in window types from plate glass storefronts to paired rectangular windows to tripartite arched windows indicates the differing functions within as well as an architectural order, in a grand if abbreviated manner that echoes larger urban skyscrapers. The vertical orientation, size, and scale of this solid brick building give it a commanding presence on the generally low and linear streetscape.

The Andover National Bank is significant (1) as an example of the larger scale commercial development occurring in Andover during the late 19th century, and (2) as a fine illustration of period architecture by the noted Boston firm of Hartwell & Richardson. 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 Historical Society vertical files, "Andover National Bank."

Andover Townsman, Business History of Andover. Andover, MA: Andover Townsman, 1896.

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

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper W. H. Brauman 10-7-82

Attest

12. Abbot, Asa and Sylvester, House
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

13. Andover National Bank Substantive Review

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15. Arden
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16. Bailey, Timothy P., House
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17. Barnard Block
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18. Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House
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20. Chandler-Hidden House
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *Town of Andover MRA*

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Property: Andover National Bank
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
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 - AEC
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 6/8/82
see continuation sheet
accept. Branson 6.10.82

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
☐ 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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



23 Main St.

Andover Natural Bank

Town of Andover MA, Ma

0867 130

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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

BayBank Merrimack Valley, N. A.
23 Main Street
Andover, MA 01810
(617) 475-3620

Paul V. Cusick, Jr.
Senior Vice President
and Controller

BayBank
Merrimack Valley

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March 8, 1982

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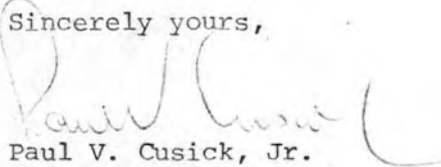
Ms. Patricia L. Weslowski
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
State Historic Preservation Officer
294 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Weslowski:

We were quite pleased to hear that the "Andover National Bank, 23 Main Street, Andover" will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Nearly a year ago we embarked on a project to provide our customers and employees with a modernized environment to bank and work. We had many alternatives to choose from, and the one we chose was that which would retain the architectural integrity of the original bank building and continue its rhythm to a modest addition.

Since we did decide to retain the original building, we wholeheartedly concur with your nomination to place the property on the National Register. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Paul V. Cusick, Jr.
Senior Vice President
and Controller

PVC/brh

In Favor
23 Main St