

FORM B - BUILDING

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

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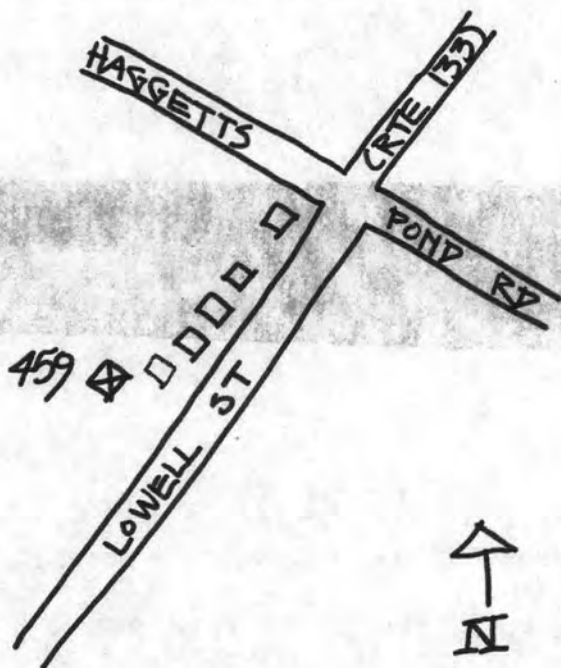
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322

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.

322: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/318860/4723370



1. Town ANDOVER

Address 459 Lowell Street

Name Follansbee House

Present use Residential

Present owner Clower, Penn & Linda

3. Description:

Date ca. 1835

Source Deeds and maps

Style Greek Revival

Architect ---

Exterior wall fabric Clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) brick stables

2 stories; hip roof; entablature; corner pilasters, 3 bay facade has pilastered bays; center entrance w/columned portico; 6/9 and 6/6 windows have pedimented lintels on 1st floor

Altered side addition Date 20th C.

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size: Map 196, Parcel 3

One acre or less _____ Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 215'

Approximate distance of building from street

200'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization Andover Historical Commission

Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Paul B. Follansbee

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	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. 459 Lowell St was built ca. 1835 for Paul Bailey Follansbee, then described as a farmer. Follansbee (1811-1900) had moved to Andover from West Newbury and married Eliza Chase in 1834. In the late 19th century, Follansbee was described as a florist and nurseryman, planting rare trees, shrubs, and vines, as his interest in cultivation apparently became more specialized. Follansbee was also an amateur geologist and archeologist, exhibiting his Indian relics at the town's 250th anniversary celebration in 1896.

Perhaps the origins of this locally unique design are in Follansbee's native West Newbury; there are certainly no precedents for this high-style building anywhere in Andover. The cubical building has a low hip roof, wide flat pilasters (four across the facade) and entablature, and a center portico with Ionic columns. The near-original setting with its extensive sloping lawn also contributes to the significance of this imposing property.

The Follansbee House is primarily significant for its impressive and unique Greek Revival design. The building retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting; it meets Criterion 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 (1323/618; 1090/227; 947/307; 841/457; 836/200; 777/577; 683/259; 502/89; 415/58; 395/280; 381/541; 381/542; 285/179; Probate Docket Nos. 86455, 87770)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Follansbee Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott, "Follansbee-Harnais-Bredbury-Gaunt House" comp. by M.A.D. 1951

Andover Town Directories, 1891, 1897, 1899, 1900 Tax List

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Follansbee Family"

EXP. 12/31/84

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

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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

21. Cochran, Jehiel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/10/82

22. Dascomb House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/10/82

23. West Parish Center District

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

W.D. Brackman 10/7/82

24. Academy Hill Historic District

Keeper

Attest

W.D. Brackman 10/7/82

25. Flint Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

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26. Follansbee House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/10/82

27. Frye, Nathan, House

Entered in the
National Register

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28. Gray, David, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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W.D. Brackman 6-10-82

29. Harding, Sarah H., House

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National Register

Keeper

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Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

30. Harnden Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Attest

Delores Byers 6/10/82

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Fullansbee House (Town of Andover MRA)
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

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

Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT
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. Name2. Location3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property5. Location of Legal Description6. 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT 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



459 Lowell St.

Fullansbee House

Town of Andover MRA, Ma

OCT 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