

FORM B - BUILDING

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

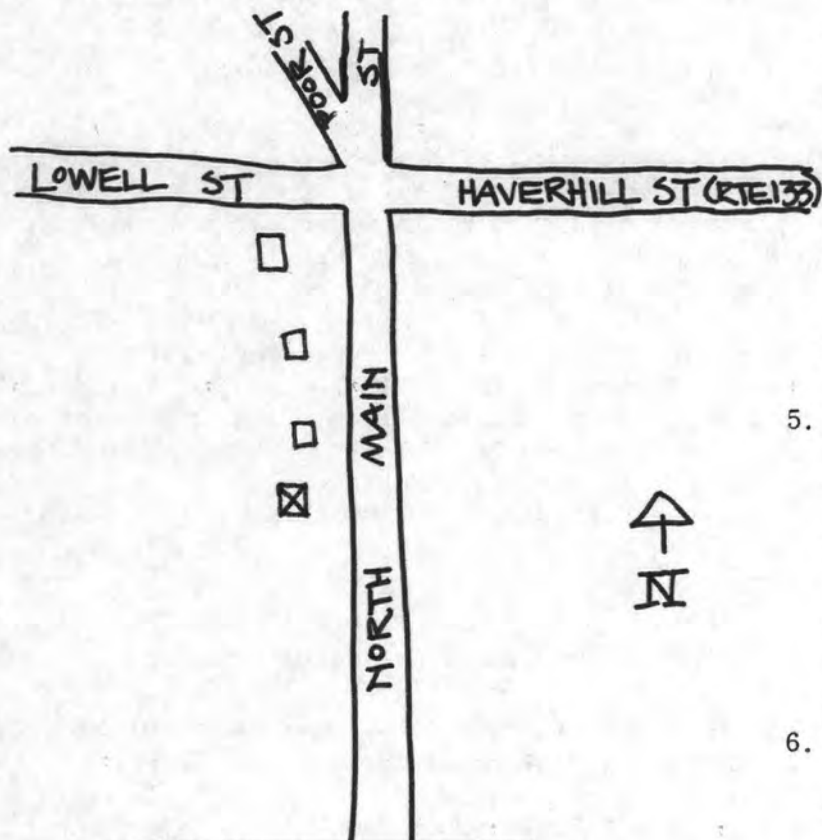
In Area no.

Form no.

400

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.



400: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/323870/4725980

1. Town ANDOVER
Address 276 North Main Street
Name Arden
Present use Residential
Present owner Wood, Muriel
3. Description:
Date 1847
MVTM, J. Chickering papers
Source Deeds
Style Gothic Revival
~~Architect: Theodore Voelkers?~~
~~Builder~~
~~Architect~~ Jacob Chickering
Exterior wall fabric Flushboard
greenhouse, barn,
Outbuildings (describe) garage, caretaker's house
Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof w/ center cross gable; gabled dormers; polygonal cupola; exterior chimney on facade; bay windows; drip molding; lancet gable windows; lacy sawn bargeboards w/finials; columned veranda & porte cochere
Altered ----- Date -----
Moved ----- Date -----
5. Lot size: Map 53, Parcel 4
One acre or less ----- Over one acre X
Approximate frontage 535'
Approximate distance of building from street 30'
6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
Organization Andover Historical Commission
Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John Dove
 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. 276 North Main St was built ca. 1845-47 for manufacturer John Dove (1805-76). A machinist by trade, John Dove emigrated from Scotland in 1833. In 1834 he arrived in Andover, where he engaged in flax manufacturing with Peter and John Smith. Dove's business specialty was the machinery-- "His knowledge of that department contributed to the steady, firmly grounded success of the firm."¹ Dove was known for his "general activity of mind"² and for his interest in science, religion, education, and benevolent movements of the day. Dove was an early member of the Free Congregational Church in Andover and made generous gifts to the Andover Theological Seminary, Phillips Academy, and Memorial Hall Library. At his death Dove left a fortune valued between \$800,000 and \$1 million. Dove was married to Ellen McLaggan and had five daughters and one son.

Arden was inherited by Dove's two unmarried daughters, Isabella and Helen, who also received \$50,000 in trust for the maintenance of the homestead. Helen died in 1884, Isabella in 1887. Son George owned his own home at what is now 250 North Main St, and so the house was sold in 1891 to William and Ellen Ayer Wood. The property's stature and proximity to Frye Village made it eminently desirable to Wood and his dreamed Shawsheen Village, which replaced Dove's early mill complex.

William Wood (1858-1926) was founder of the American Woolen Company and the carefully planned Shawsheen Village, a model community of mill, housing, commercial, and recreational facilities. This second generation of textile manufacturers left his own substantial mark-- including a 57-mill empire (which in 1926 was called "the greatest achievement any man has made in the woolen industry"³) and a personal estate of over \$4 million. The Wood family still owns and occupies Arden.

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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (60/402; 113/412; 41/41; 770/109; 729/173; 394/102; 380/165; 374/66; 359/8; 359/7; Probate Docket Nos. 37910, 65504, 61638, 154137, 143545, 234829)
 Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Dove Family, "Wood Family"

276 North Main Street
Andover

9. Historical Significance, continued

Arden was built by local craftsman Jacob Chickering. The architect may have been Theodore Voelckers of Boston, as a bill submitted by Chickering for extra work here included a payment to a T. Voelckers. Chickering's "extra work" included installing marble, extra finishing on doors (perhaps graining?), and inside shutters-- an indication of the grand furnishings of this estate. The exterior design of this mansion stands out in Andover not only as a high-style period piece but also as a magnificent example of architectural inspiration in any style. Dripping bargeboards, flushboarding, label moldings, a cupola, and an elaborate porch and porte cochere are the most outstanding architectural features. The original setting of the house includes a Gothic greenhouse and barn.

Arden is an extremely prominent property in Andover's cultural history-- (1) for its association with the Dove and Wood families, manufacturers whose prominence was established in the mid-19th century and continues through the present; (2) as a major example of a Gothic Revival estate with its outbuildings and landscaped setting intact; and (3) for its associations with the well-known architect Theodore Voelckers and local builder Jacob Chickering. The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

Footnotes

- 1) Andover Advertiser, 24 Nov. 1876, "Obituary, John Dove, of Andover"
- 2) Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Dove Family", "A Sermon in Memory of John Dove" by Rev. George F. Wright (1876)
- 3) Boston Evening Transcript, 3 Feb. 1926, "The Amazing Rise of the Immigrant's Son", p. 4

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

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

N/A
denumer 11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper *W. H. Brauman* 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. H. 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. H. Brauman* 6-10-82

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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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Arden Town of Andover MPA
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 4/29/82-1283
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
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
____ 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 _____ Area 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 _____

USGS 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



Arden

Town of Andover MRA, Ma

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000298