

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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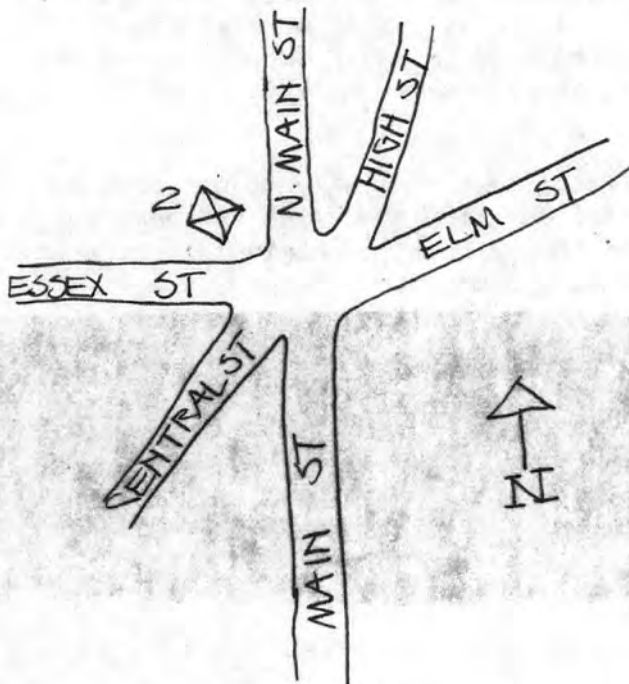
In Area no.

Form no.

169

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.



169: Lawrence Quad, 1:25000
19/ 324480/4724700

1. Town Andover

Address 2 North Main Street

Name Memorial Hall Library

Present use library

Present owner Town of Andover

3. Description:

Date 1873

Source Catalogue of the MHL, 1874

Style Italianate/Colonial Revival

Architect J.F. Eaton

Exterior wall fabric brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof w/ fully pedimented end; domed cupola; center pavilion w/ pedimented portico entrance; segmentally arched windows on 1st fl, roundheaded windows on 2d fl, all w/ granite keystones, hood moldings, string-
Altered 1927 Date roof, courses

Moved 1960s Date side addns.

5. Lot size: Map 55, Parcel 70

One acre or less X Over one acre

Approximate frontage 370'

Approximate distance of building from street
15'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero

Organization AHC

Date 7 Aug. 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Trustees of Memorial Hall Library

Original use library and hall

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 Memorial Hall Library was built in 1873 for the dual purposes of a public library (the first in Andover) and Civil War memorial. The building as designed by J.F. Eaton and built by Abbott & Jenkins had a mansard roof; the present Classical Revival alterations were the work of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbot in 1927.

The idea for a memorial hall began in 1870 with manufacturer John Smith of Smith & Dove, who was also active in the establishment of the Free Christian Church and in the Underground Railway in Andover. With his partners Peter Smith and John Dove, Smith pledged a total of nearly \$40,000, to be matched by public subscription. The building opened on May 1, 1873 with Ballard Holt 2d (of 89 Prospect Rd) as the first librarian. The second floor meeting hall is maintained as a Civil War memorial.

The bold Victorian details of the original building were radically transformed by the simple replacement of the roof, entrance portico and window sash and addition of a cupola. Classical simplicity has replaced the building's original, energetic articulation and dominates the busy Elm Square intersection.

Memorial Hall Library is significant (1) for its cultural role as a Civil War memorial and as the town's first public library; (2) for its associations with three prominent manufacturers who benefited the building's construction; and (3) as an example of a prevailing architectural trend to "colonialize" Victorian architecture; architect for both phases of construction are known. The property retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.

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

Sarah L. Bailey, Historical Sketches of Andover. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1880.
Mary Byers Smith, "The Founding of the Memorial Hall Library." Reprinted from the Essex Institute Collection. Salem, MA: 1943.

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

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

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. Holt Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

32. Holt-Cummings-Davis House

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National Register

Keeper

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33. Jenkins, Benjamin, House

~~Entered in the~~
Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Brabham 6-10-82

Attest

Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

34. Lincolnshire, The

Entered in the
National Register

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Delores Byers 6/10/82

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35. Manning House

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National Register

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36. Memorial Hall Library

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National Register

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37. Musgrove Block

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National Register

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38. Orlando

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Substantive Review

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W.H. Brabham 6-10-82

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Patrick Andrews 6/8/82

39. Osgood Farm

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National Register

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40. Pearson, Abel, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *(Town of Andover MRA)*

Property: Memorial Hall Library
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
Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT
photos ☒
maps ☐

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

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	☐ ruin	☐ 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

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USNT 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



2 North Main St.

OCT 1980

Memorial Hall Library
Town of Andover MA, Ma

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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