

FORM B - BUILDING

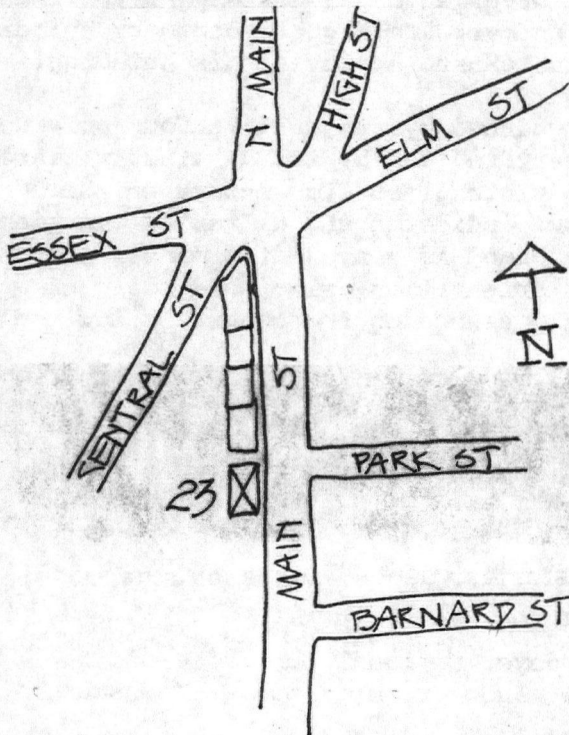
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no. <u>327</u>
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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  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	<u>      </u>	Conservation	<u>      </u>	Recreation	<u>      </u>
Agricultural	<u>      </u>	Education	<u>      </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>  X  </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 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 florr, 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 Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page 2 of 5

Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Town of Andover Multiple Resource Area  
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

*NA decision*

11. Main Street-Locke Street District

Keeper

*Wm. H. Brannan* 10-7-82

Attest

12. Abbot, Asa and Sylvester, House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

13. Andover National Bank

Substantive Review

Keeper

*W. H. Brannan* 6-10-82

Attest

*Patrick Andrus* 6/8/82

14. Andover Town Hall

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

15. Arden

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

16. Bailey, Timothy P., House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

17. Barnard Block

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

18. Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House

Substantive Review

Keeper

*W. H. Brannan* 6-10-82

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*Patrick Andrus* 6/8/82

19. Chickering House

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National Register

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*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

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20. Chandler-Hidden House

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

*Delores Byers* 6/10/82

Attest

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Substantive Review

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET Town of Andover MRA

Property: Andover National Bank  
State, County: MA, Essex  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Working No. 4/28/82-1293  
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 Historic  
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  excellent  good  fair  
 deteriorated  ruins  unexposed  
Check one  unaltered  altered  
Check one  original site  moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Acres 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 National Bank

Town of Andover MA, Ma

0867 1300

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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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MASS. HIST. COMM.

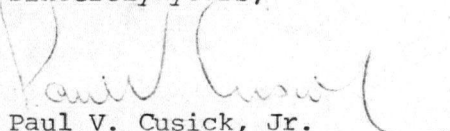
Ms. Patricia L. Weslowski  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
294 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02108

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

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In Favor  
23 Main St