

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no. 509
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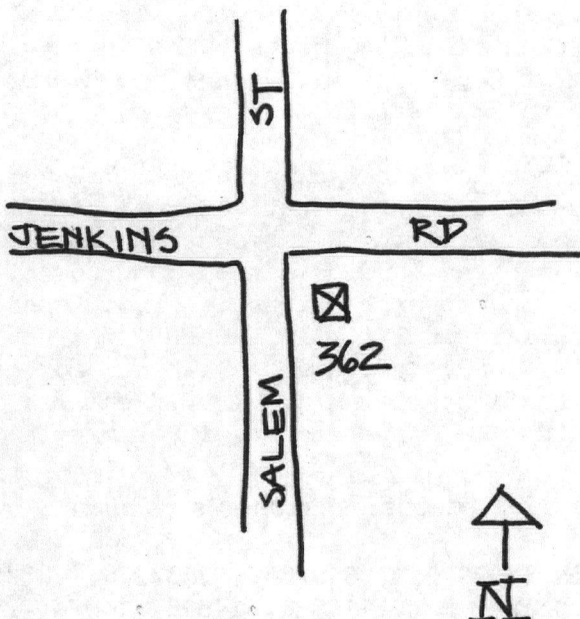
1. Town ANDOVER
 Address 362 Salem Street
 Name Benjamin Jenkins House
 Present use Residential
 Present owner Gillespie, Teresa

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

3. Description:
 Date ca. 1807
 Source Historic Houses in Andover
 Style Federal
 Architect ---
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) Attached garage

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

509; Reading Quad, 1:25000
 19/328265/4720890



Other features 2 stories; hip roof w/center chimney; 1 & 2 story gabled ells; 5 bay facade; center entrance w/attenuated pilasters & entablature; small 8/12 windows

Altered rear ell Date ca. 1850
 Moved --- Date _____

5. Lot size: Map 13, Parcel 6
 One acre or less x Over one acre _____
 Approximate frontage 411'
 Approximate distance of building from street
25'

6. Recorded by W. Frontiero
 Organization Andover Historical Commission
 Date August 7, 1980

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Col. Benjamin Jenkins

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates stagecoach stop (early 19th century)

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

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

No. 362 Salem St is thought to have been built ca. 1807 by Col. Benjamin Jenkins on family property. Jenkins (1756-1834), a gentleman farmer, married first (1779) Peggy Flint-- with whom he had four children-- and second (1805) Sally Thompson. In its early days the house was a stagecoach stop for entertaining passengers on the way to and from Salem. The building is also notable as the first to be insured by the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in Policy No. 1 dated April 9, 1828. After Benjamin's death Sally moved to Gloucester and the major part of this farmstead was inherited by sons Benjamin, Samuel, and William Jenkins. Capt. Benjamin Jenkins Jr. (1786-1835) was married twice like his father, first (1808) to Naomi Carter and second (1821) to Elizabeth Berry. Benjamin Jr. bequeathed to his family a substantial estate worth \$7036 in land and buildings and \$1765 in personal property. The latter was highlighted by a library (\$6), several carpets, silver spoons, and a looking glass. The 1845 description of the widow's allowance indicates the presence of a carriage house, barn, shed, corn barn, and a shop in addition to the dwelling house.

Benjamin Jr.'s son William S. Jenkins-- carpenter and later a builder/contractor (1824-1900) lived here until 1853, building a substantial ell at the rear of this house in 1849. After moving to his own house on Main St, the homestead was left to brother John B. Jenkins (1829-1913), who was born and died here. John fought in the Civil War and served the town as selectman, special commissioner of Essex Co., and justice of the peace-- known for his "peculiarly helpful influence"¹ in the community. Jenkins and his wife Ellen Holt (m. 1853) were also well-known for their friendly hospitality, continuing the tradition of entertainment here: "Jenkins Corner (the intersection of Salem St and Jenkins Rd) was a magnet... For many a year they reigned in the Holt District."²

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1277/329; 819/335; 783/270; 783/269; 543/335; 476/67; 450/121; 589/225; Probate Docket Nos. 116829, 14825, 14824; 279/84)
Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Jenkins Family", "Jenkins Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

¹ Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Jenkins Family." "A Sermon in Optimism"

² Ibid.

BENJAMIN JENKINS HOUSE
362 Salem Street, Andover

9. Historical Significance, continued

The house is strategically located at a major intersection, which affords a nice display of its imposing design. The substantial four-square structure is highlighted by a traditional center chimney, elegantly attenuated center doorway, and small original windows. It is an ambitious and obviously early Federal-style house, excellently preserved.

The Benjamin Jenkins House is significant (1) for its early use as a stagecoach stop; (2) for its associations with the Jenkins family, whose occupants here included a noted local builder; and (3) as a substantial design in the Federal style. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name 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

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

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33. Jenkins, Benjamin, House

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Braham 6-10-82

Attest

Patricia Andrews 6/8/82

34. Lincolnshire, The

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

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35. Manning House

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National Register

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Delores Byers 6/10/82

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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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38. Orlando

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39. Osgood Farm

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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

Substantive Review

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Town of Andover MRA)

Property: Jenkins Benjamin House
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 - A&C
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 6/8/82
see continuation sheet
accept - Graham 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Average of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UMIT 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



362 Salem St.

Jenkins, Benjamin, 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