

FORM B - BUILDING

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

In Area no.	Form no.
	506

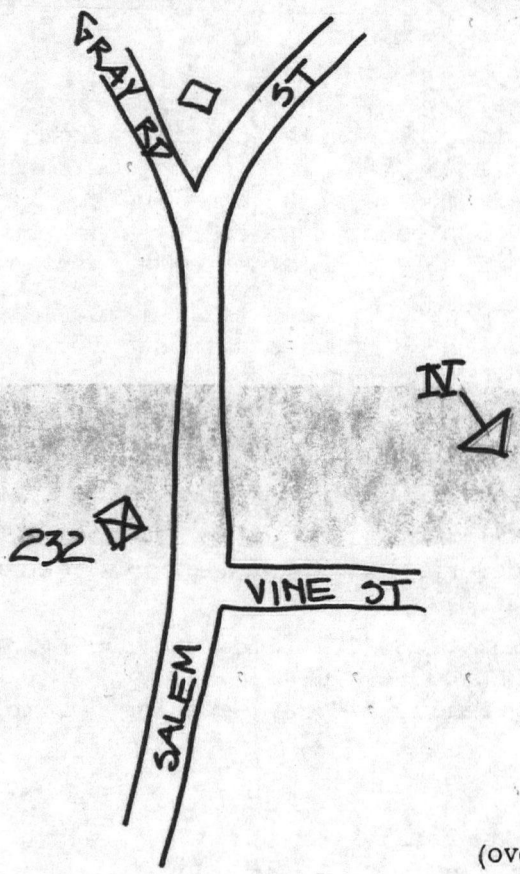
1. Town ANDOVER
 Address 232 Salem Street
 Name David Gray House
 Present use Residential
 Present owner Taft, Frederick & Emily

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

3. Description:
 Date ca. 1812
 Source Historic Houses in Andover
 Style Georgian-Federal
 Architect ---
 Exterior wall fabric Clapboard
 Outbuildings (describe) Barn
 Other features 2 1/2 stories; gable roof; center chimney; pedimented center entry vestibule w/fluted pilasters; large 12/12 and 8/12 windows; side wing w/pedimented doorway
 Altered ----- Date _____
 Moved ----- Date _____

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

506: South Groveland Quad, 1:25000
 19/327390/4721300



5. Lot size: Map 27, Parcel 7
 One acre or less Over one acre x
 Approximate frontage 1692'
 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) David Gray

Original use residential

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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

No. 232 Salem St is thought to have been built in 1812 by David Gray, a farmer (1762-1844). Gray was married first to Sarah Cummings (in 1788) and second to Rebecca Jenkins (1797). The Gray farm dates from 1699, when Robert Gray bought land from his father-in-law, Nicholas Holt. In the 18th century the farm was noted for its blacksmith shop (still said to be standing, a small structure across the street from the dwelling house) and a grist mill. The builder's father, also named David, unexplicably committed suicide by hanging in 1767 and became the subject of a reproachful sermon published by the Rev. Phillips, who would not allow a Christian burial. David the son left his uninventoried but extensive estate to his children with careful instructions for negotiating its division. Perhaps his father's untimely death influenced this unusual measure, explained by his "having experienced many disappointments in settling estates."¹

Youngest son Henry Jenkins Gray (m. Lydia Sawyer, 1851) inherited most of the farm and soon added a cider mill (the "first power mill for miles around"²) and a saw mill. Henry was praised in his day as a "man of resource, well read, generous and trustworthy, was a neighbor indeed, and loyal to home and town (:) he is a model of what our farms should continue to produce in these days of new opportunity."³ The farm remained in the Gray family until the 1930s.

The solidly proportioned building sits comfortably on a still-large estate, oriented to the south. The large windows, center chimney, and substantial pedimented entrance carefully anchor and distinguish the house.

The David Gray House is significant (1) for its ancient associations with the Gray family, and (2) for its role in the agricultural economy of Andover. The property meets Criteria A and C of the National Register; it retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting.

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

Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence and Salem (1086/124; 1085/228; 562/593; 287/40; 287/42; 562/593; Probate Docket Nos. 106888, 40854, 40840, 11592)

Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Gray Family," "Gray Genealogy" comp. by Charlotte Helen Abbott

¹ David Gray, Probate Docket No. 40840.

² Andover Historical Society Vertical Files, "Gray Family"

³ Andover Townsman, 29 December 1899, "Historical Andover No. 98" by Charlotte Abbott

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

21. Cochran, Jehiel, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

22. Dascomb House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Delores Byers 6/10/82

Attest

23. West Parish Center District

Substantive Review

Keeper

W.H. Brathan 10/7/82

Attest

MR Area
24. Academy Hill Historic District

Keeper

W.H. Brathan 10/7/82

Attest

25. Flint Farm

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

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26. Follansbee House

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National Register

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27. Frye, Nathan, House

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28. Gray, David, House

Substantive Review

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W.H. Brathan 6-10-82

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Patrick Anderson 6/8/82

29. Harding, Sarah H., House

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30. Harnden Farm

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Gray, David, House (Town of Andover MRA)
State, County: MA, Essex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 12862-1283
Fed. Reg. Date: FEB 1 1983
Date Due: 5/27/82 - 6/2/82
Action: ACCEPT 6/10/82
 RETURN
 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 Accept-C
Reviewer Patrick Andrus
Discipline Historian
Date 6/8/82
see continuation sheet
Accept. Program 6.10.82

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

- 1. Name
- 2. Location
- 3. Classification
- 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 deteriorated good fair
- 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

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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 *they have not justified this bld. under criteria "A"*
- 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



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Town of Andover MRA, 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