

Notables - 5 Argilla Road in Andover

*Dates are approximate

“The Abbot-Baker House is significant for its early and continued associations with the Abbot family, farmers prominent in the founding and development of Andover, for its association with a turn-of-the 19th century physician, and as an excellent example of First Period architecture in Andover.

The property retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting, and meets Criteria A,B, and C of the National Register.”

“The building is distinguished by its very simplicity. A broad façade with small unornamented windows and doorway, center chimney, and integral leanto comprise the major architectural features. A still large estate and southward orientation complete the near-perfect setting.”

- ◆ Features include: wainscoting, “Indian wall”, fieldstone foundation, five original fireplaces, H&L hinges, hand hewn beams, gunstocks in corners.
- ◆ Early room (kitchen) is older than any in the Abbot house - dating from 1671
- ◆ Central chimney of First period architecture, built on a large rock of hand-made brick
- ◆ Some of the walls were insulated with birch-bark and one room has a brick exterior wall, protection against Indian attack

- ◆ Gable roof with integral leanto (Long Room)
- ◆ Long room has an added bay window
- ◆ 6/6 windows
- ◆ Small gabled center vestibule
- ◆ Floors are random width pine or oak. Some boards 20-22” in width are put together with pegs or hand made nails.
- ◆ Wainscoting throughout the entire house.
- ◆ Fireplaces with ovens and cranes

- ◆ Antique stone walls
- ◆ Well house
- ◆ Root cellar
- ◆ Large Barn came after the 1932 fire that destroyed the previous barn.
- ◆ Apple and peach orchard
- ◆ Blueberry and raspberry bushes
- ◆ Vegetable garden

- ◆ 15 zone irrigation system in front and sides
- ◆ 2 zone irrigation system in back
- ◆ Attic has some hand hewn beams, fireplaces were rebuilt with cinder blocks
- ◆ Kitchen addition (2001-2002)
 - ◆ Custom Woodmode cherry cabinets
 - ◆ Granite counters



- ◆ Commercial Wolf gas range
- ◆ Thermador commercial vent
- ◆ Copper on backsplash



- ◆ Family Room:
 - ◆ Cathedral ceiling with fan
 - ◆ Oak plank floors
 - ◆ Atrium door leading to granite steps and an extensive patio for total outdoor enjoyment

- ◆ Custom built ins with media component cabinet



- ◆ Lower Level:
 - ◆ Poured concrete foundation (refrigerator remains as gift)

- ◆ Barn:
 - ◆ 2x6 construction
 - ◆ Seed starting room in tack room

- ◆ Driveway: Aggregate hot top
- ◆ Dog Kennel



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