

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	HIN.54
Historic Name:	Cobb, Andrew House
Common Name:	
Address:	18 Cottage St
City/Town:	Hingham
Village/Neighborhood:	Hingham;
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	1871
Architectural Style(s):	Victorian Eclectic;
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House;
Significance:	Architecture;
Area(s):	HIN.G, HIN.L
Designation(s):	Local Historic District (08/01/1989); Nat'l Register District (01/07/1991);
Building Materials:	Roof: Asphalt Shingle; Wall: Wood; Wood Clapboard;
Demolished	No



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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BOSTON, MA 02116

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AREA

FORM NO.

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LHD-8/1/89
NRD15-117191

Hingham

18 Cottage Street

Historic Name Andrew Cobb House

Present Single residence

Original Single residence

DESCRIPTION

1871

Source Julian C. Loring records

Style Traditional

Architect

Exterior Wall Fabric Clapboards

Outbuildings None

Major Alterations (with dates) 1889 -
addition of "covered piazza" and integrated
angular tower. 20th century, large and small
additions to rear.
Condition Good

Moved No Date

Acreage 20,297 sq. ft.

Setting Situated on the south side of
Cottage Street, in the center of the block.
This section of Cottage Street was extended
eastward in 1868.

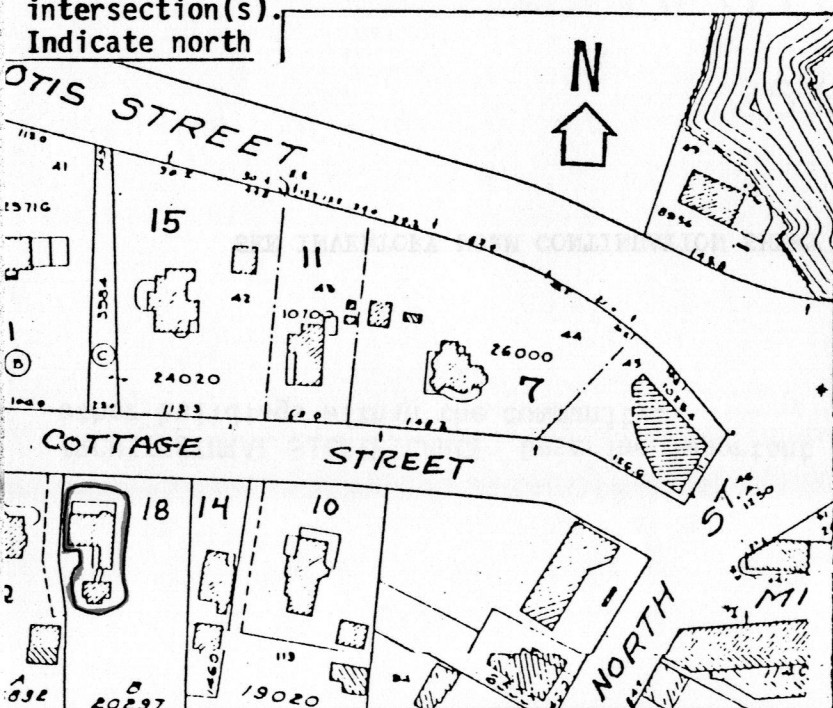
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Organization Hingham Historical Commission

Date January 21, 1991



Sketch Map: Draw map showing property's location
in relation to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate all buildings
between inventoried property and nearest
intersection(s). Indicate north



UTM REFERENCE

USGS QUADRANGLE

SCALE

H1N154

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.

The new house at 18 Cottage Street, built by Andrew Cobb in 1871, was one of the first homes on the newly completed extension of Cottage Street. The first part of Cottage Street, from the "way leading from the Union House to the homestead of the late Moses L. Humphrey," (Hingham Journal, Feb. 12, 1847) was laid out in 1847. The extension, connecting Cottage Street to North Street at Hingham Harbor, was finished in 1868. As Andrew Cobb does not appear in any of the Hingham Directories, he probably was a Boston resident who built this home as a summer retreat. A popular location, near Hingham Harbor and Hingham Square, 18 Cottage Street was subsequently rented "in the season" throughout its history, the cyclic comings and goings of the Boston families chronicled in The Hingham Journal.

Joseph Dean Swift (b. 1847), a "surveyor of lumber," bought 18 Cottage Street from Andrew Cobb in 1877, the year of his marriage to Nettie T. Beal (b. 1856), daughter of well-known master mariner Leavitt B. Beal (1824-1892). He sold the property to his father-in-law in 1884 who lived there until his death in 1892.

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Julian C. Loring Records

Resident and Business Directory of Hingham and Cohasset, Massachusetts, 1912-1913.

John P. Richardson Archival Collection

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Office of the Secretary, Boston

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

18 COTTAGE STREET ANDREW COBB HOUSE

A descendant of John Beal (d. 1688), who arrived in Hingham in 1638, Leavitt B. Beal had a long and illustrious career, both as a mariner and as a fisherman. At age eleven, Leavitt B. shipped with Captain Caleb Wilder in the schooner "Chrysanthemum." His first experience at the helm was with the Scituate-built schooner "Anterious," and he later skippered the "Bee," "Keokuk," "Climax," "Chameleon," "Oolong," "Orinaskee," "Mist," and "Flying Dragon." Leavitt B. had previously built 34 North Street in the 1850s. He later used this property as a retail fish store while residing on Cottage Street.

Reverend John W. Day, pastor of the First Parish Church, made his home at 18 Cottage Street during the 1890-1899 period, renting first from the Beals and later, in 1895, from East Weymouth shoe manufacturer Alfred L. Lincoln, who had purchased the property in that year. Alfred L.'s wife, Edith W. Lincoln, kept the home until 1928. The George C. MacIlwain family were the next owners, selling the property in 1935 to Herbert W., a salesman, and Anne R. Barker. 18 Cottage Street was in the possession of the Barker family until 1959. MJF

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE 18 Cottage Street
Andrew Cobb House

The 1871 Andrew Cobb House was one of the first two houses built (the other is the Hickey/Bouvé House, 7 Cottage Street) when Cottage Street was extended from Ship Street to North Street. It was then a gable-end clapboarded residence with a side wing, a typical residential vernacular arrangement of the 3rd quarter of the 19th century. The irregular fenestration consisting of two-over-two sash windows is simply enframed under slightly projecting lintels. Holdovers from the previous Greek Revival Style include the returns at the front gable, the side hall plan, and the narrow cornice board at the side elevations. In 1889, the property "was much improved by the addition of a covered piazza" (Hingham Journal, August 8, 1889) which is a columnar, balustraded porch under a hip roof, a fine Colonial Revival treatment. Previous to this enlargement was the addition of an integrated angular tower with a conical roof onto the side wing. This Queen Anne architectural element popular in the 1880s was probably built at the same time as the one added to the Hickey/Bouvé House, 7 Cottage Street, in 1884. To the rear, are a series of wings and ells. The exterior chimney on the west elevation is also a later addition. The Andrew Cobb House is a pleasing component in the Lincoln National Register Historic District.

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