

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Windsor
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ENTRY DATE	JUN 13 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:	Jeffrey House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Jabez Sargent, Jr. House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North Street, Chester Depot			
CITY OR TOWN: Chester		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Vt. District	
STATE Vermont	CODE 50	COUNTY: Windsor	CODE 027

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: George Wright	STATE: Vermont
STREET AND NUMBER: North Street, Chester Depot	
CITY OR TOWN: Chester	CODE: 50

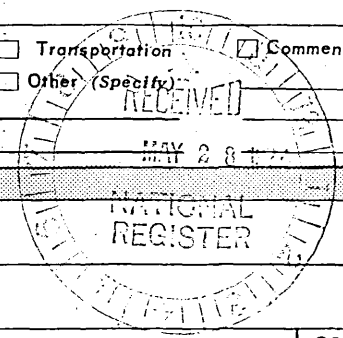
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Office of the Town Clerk	STATE: Vermont
STREET AND NUMBER: Depot Street, Chester Depot	
CITY OR TOWN: Chester	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites and Structures Survey	DATE OF SURVEY: 1973	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites					
STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building	CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jeffrey House is oriented to the west, southwest and to the road, Vt. Rte. 103, with the front (west) elevation of the house fronting on the road. The building is set back approximately 200 feet from the road into the side of a shallow hill. Essentially rectangular in shape, measuring 44 by 40 feet, the building is two stories in height with a full cellar story and an expansive hip roof and is of wood frame, braced post-and-beam construction. The wood frame structure sits on a partially rubblestone, partially brick foundation, is sided with naturally weathered wood shingles, and is roofed with cut slate. Because the building is set back into the side of a shallow hill, the foundation on the front (west) elevation is exposed the full height of the cellar. Paired, square, brick chimney stacks symmetrically crown the building's hip roof near either end of the ridge.

The front (west) elevation is five bays across and three stories in height, including the exposed cellar story, and is articulated by a large center door with attached side windows on the cellar story and two "palladian" windows directly above the door on the first and second stories. The exposed wall of the cellar story is of brick, load bearing construction laid in common bond. The side elevations (north and south) and the rear elevation (east) are four, five, and five bays across respectively. The south and east elevations each have a center door on the first story reached by stone steps. The eaves of the hip roof overhang beyond the wall surface and are detailed by a simple wood cornice.

The building has a Georgian first floor plan: e.g., two rooms flanking each side of a center stair hall with two chimney stacks symmetrically positioned on either side of the center hall between the flanking rooms. The second floor plan is identical to the first floor plan except that a ballroom runs the full length of the building across the front (west) elevation. The ballroom has been divided into three rooms corresponding to the two front corner rooms and center hall on the first floor directly below. The floor plan of the cellar is also identical to the first floor plan. The cellar floors in the two front rooms and center hall are paved with large flat stones, and the interior walls are of rubblestone construction identical to the construction of the foundation. The wall surfaces of the first and second floors are covered with split lathe and horsehair plaster. The architectural detailing is limited to simple door and window architraves, and simple fireplace mantels. The most distinguishing interior architectural detail is the elliptically arched cloister vaulted ceiling in the ballroom.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1797

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

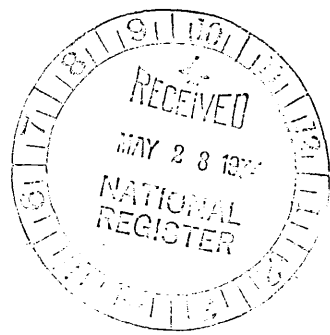
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jeffrey House is significant as an excellently preserved example of a vernacular, Georgian style house with the scale and pretention of a house in the high Georgian style but lacking most of the high style interior and exterior architectural details. Equally significant, examples of Georgian architecture are rare in Vermont due to the waning popularity of the Georgian style at the time of Vermont's settlement and early development.

Built in 1797 by Jabez Sargent, Jr., a local farmer, the Jeffrey House was built as a hotel and originally fronted directly on the road not far from the north corner of the now vanished North Chester Village common. The house boasted a ballroom, measuring 44 by 18 feet, on the second floor and a tavern in the cellar. The road, since relocated approximately 200 feet away from the house to the southwest, was one of the principle late eighteenth, early nineteenth century highways between Montreal and Boston.

The Jeffrey House has historic associations with Jabez Sargent, Sr., and with Thomas Chandler and the Cumberland County jail and courthouse. Jabez Sargent, Sr., the father of Jabez Sargent, Jr., in 1763 was the first permanent settler in the Town of New Flamsted, the present Town of Chester. Thomas Chandler was responsible for the organization and establishment of the Town of New Flamsted, and in 1766 had New Flamsted designated the county seat of Cumberland County, part of which is the present Windsor County, by erecting a jail and courthouse. Oral tradition states that the Jeffrey House sits on the site of Thomas Chandler's jail and courthouse.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Child, Hamilton, Gazetteer and Business Directory of Windsor County, Vermont, Syracuse, New York: 1884.
 Lawton, Alice M. "History of Chester", unpublished paper, Chester, Vermont: October 28, 1930.
 Chester Bicentennial Edition, "The Connecticut Valley Times-Reporter", Springfield, Vermont: July 12, 1966.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

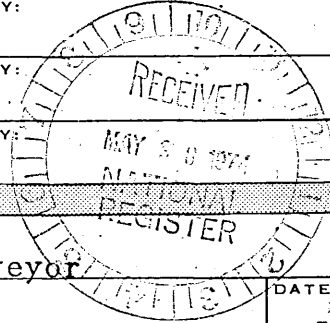
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SW	0		"	0		"						

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Courtney Fisher, Historic Sites Surveyor
 ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: 5/22/74
 STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Pringle</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Historic Preservation</u> <u>Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>5/23/74</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest A. Connolly</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR Professional Services</p> <p>Date <u>JUN 13 1974</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles A. Bennett</u> Acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>6-12-74</u></p>
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