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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Stannard Schoolhouse
AND/OR COMMON
Stannard Town Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Stannard VICINITY OF Vermont
STATE Vermont CODE 50 COUNTY Caledonia CODE 005
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Town of Stannard
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Stannard VICINITY OF Vermont STATE Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the Town Clerk of Stannard
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Stannard STATE Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Vermont State Register of Historic Places
DATE 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Vermont Division for Historic Preservation
CITY, TOWN Montpelier STATE Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stannard is a small mountain village located in Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom". The village center is approached by a dirt road, and consists of two public buildings, the Stannard Town Hall, and the Methodist-Episcopal Church. Two small houses have recently been built nearby, but the church and school building predominate.

The Stannard School House is a wood-frame, 2-story, gable-roofed building set on a granite foundation. The style of the building may be described as vernacular greek-revival, with a plan and massing commonly found on Vermont schoolhouses of the nineteenth century.

On the main elevation, granite steps lead to double doors, recently installed to replace the original panelled double doors which are in need of repair. Front (south) facade consists of three bays, the 6/6 windows framed by simple wooden trim and a projecting wooden cornice, Simple doric pilasters frame the corners of the building, and are painted green to provide a contrast with the white-painted clapboards. A box cornice in the gable-end contains a series of overlapping boards, which simulate the lower part of a classical entablature, a five-point applied star decorates the center of the gable between the first and second stories a sign reading "Stannard", surrounded by two stars identifies the building as a municipal structure.

Later additions to the building have altered the remaining elevations, which include a wood-shed on the west elevation and a rear (north) ell, added circa 1910. The east elevation at that time has a 3-part 8/8, 3 window added, a feature found on most Vermont schoolhouses built prior to 1900. Smaller-size clapboards than that on the main building covers the 1910 additions.

The interior of the building has been considerably altered, although some semblance of a schoolroom has been preserved on the east side of the building, the schoolroom used until 1964, when the State closed the building due to lack of plumbing, the building was successfully functioned as a town hall since the school closing.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to a history of the Town of Stannard, "The first meetinghouse, first public house, first grist mill, first physician, and first lawyer are among the things that never were."¹ It is significant to the educational intentions of the founders of Stannard that there was a first school, organized in the fall of 1812, with the first schoolhouse built in 1823. The present building, dating after mid-century is significant as a vernacular statement of greek revival architecture in a rural Vermont town. According to local history, "the first school was kept by Barilla Morse in Rueben Crosby's barn in 1812. Mrs. Andrew Blair sent her girl to the first school, and paid the tuition with a pink handkerchief."² While the date of the erection of the present schoolhouse is unknown, it would presumably date after 1846, the year of reform in Vermont schoolhouse construction. In that year, the "First Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools" was published, the following observation made about early schoolhouses in the State: "In the construction of the schoolhouse - embracing its material, style of architecture, and finish - as little care and taste are exhibited, as might be expected from the indifference manifested in regard to its location and surrounding circumstances."³

The Superintendent's report was included in "School Architecture" by Henry Barnard, in which proposals for reform were made. The Town of Stannard schoolhouse was built in accordance with Barnard's principles, which were concerned with location, style, size, and plan.

The schoolhouse first appears on the Caledonia County map of 1875.

The school was an active school until 1964, when the State closed the building due to a lack of adequate plumbing facilities. Presently, the building serves as the Town Clerk's Office and Town Meeting Hall.

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3. Barnard, Henry. School Architecture; or, Contributions to the Improvement of Schoolhouses in the United States . . . New York, A.S. Barnes & Co., Cincinnati. H.W. Derby & Co. p. 45.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Child, Hamilton. Gazetteer of Caledonia & Essex Counties, VT, 1764-1887. Syracuse, 1887.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 + acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	8	7	2	1	2	9	0	4	9	3	5	7	2	5
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary is co-extensive with the property lines of the Stannard Town Hall.

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 / TITLE

Richard C. Cote, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

VT Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William B. Pinney

TITLE William B. Pinney, Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-15-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Charles A. ...

DATE

12/12/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-8-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER