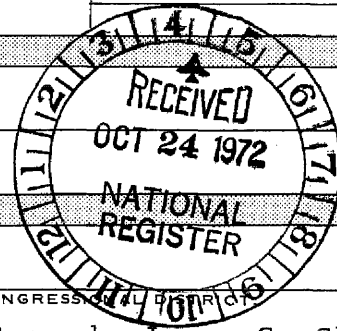


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
New Hampshire
COUNTY:
Cheshire
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ENTRY DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Wyman Tavern
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
339 Main Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Keene
STATE:
New Hampshire
CONGRESS:
Second, James C. Cleveland
CODE:
33
COUNTY:
Cheshire
CODE:
005

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Keene, Inc.
STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 323
CITY OR TOWN:
Keene
STATE:
New Hampshire
CODE:
33

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cheshire County Registry of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER:
Cheshire County Courthouse
12 Court Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Keene
STATE:
New Hampshire
CODE:
33

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New Hampshire State Plan for Historic Preservation
DATE OF SURVEY: December, 1970
 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Resources and Economic Development
STREET AND NUMBER:
P.O. Box 856 State House Annex
CITY OR TOWN:
Concord
STATE:
New Hampshire
CODE:
33

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wyman Tavern is a large 18th century colonial two and one-half story frame dwelling house with pitch roof and central chimney, containing nine rooms, attic and partial basement. To the north and south of its central portion one-story ells were added in 1822. In the rear are carriage sheds. A few interior changes have been made since its erection in 1762 and some careful restorations were undertaken about 1925, but the structure has been judged in an exceptional state of preservation and of significant architectural value. It contains hand-hewn timbers, an early triple run staircase, good Federal period paneling and seven fireplaces. Its shuttered windows are capped by pediments and the columned entry is of early Greek revival design. It stands on its original site, once the center of the town, and is among the oldest houses in the City of Keene and its most historic.

The property's frontage on Main Street is 105.5 feet, only 26.5 feet less than its original layout by Massachusetts authorities in 1733; its southerly line is 318.5 feet; the rear line is 110.5 feet and the northerly line 320.5 feet.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

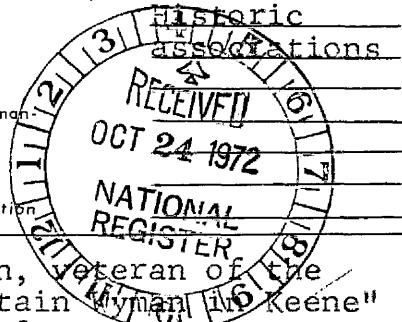
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1762, 1770, 1775

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1762 by Capt. Iasse Wyman, veteran of the Indian Wars, "Ye excellent Inne of Captain Wyman in Keene" was an important local institution for 30 years.

Dartmouth College trustees under Pres. Eleazar Wheelock held their first meeting in the northeast parlor on October 22, 1770.

Captain Wyman, on April 22, 1775 led 29 minute-men on their march to Lexington from the front yard of his tavern.

John Prentiss, principal printer and publisher in Keene for 74 years, boarded here upon his arrival in 1799 to establish the New Hampshire Sentinel, the ninth oldest newspaper in America to operate continuously under its original name.

Rev. Zedekiah Smith Barstow, Yale 1813, last minister settled by the town, made his home here for 55 years, from 1818. A champion of all good works, Rev. Barstow served on the school committee for 50 years, led in the formation of Keene's first co-educational secondary school, "Keene Academy," in 1836, and established the region's leading theological library of some 700 volumes in 1830. The minister also taught a private school, and the most celebrated scholar educated in the building was Salmon Portland Chase, Governor of Ohio, Senator, Secretary of the Treasury in Lincoln's cabinet and Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Special celebrations honoring the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Barstow and the golden wedding of the pastor and his wife were held in this house, in 1868.

In 1897 the Ashuelot Chapter of the D.A.R. dedicated their first local historical marker here to honor Keene's minute-men.

The Cheshire County Dartmouth Alumni Association in 1935 unveiled a marker commemorating the birth of Dartmouth College's administrative history here, and recognizing Rev. Z.S. Barstow who was a college trustee for 37 years.

In 1968 a group of citizens formed the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Keene, Inc., acquired the "Tavern," and leased the property to the Historical Society of Cheshire County, Inc., to be maintained as a "period house and museum."

On October 22, 1970 Dartmouth College trustees held an anniversary meeting in the same room as their first gathering (contd.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Simon G. Griffin, A History of the Town of Keene From 1732 when the Township was Granted by Massachusetts, to 1874 when it Became a City (Keene, N.H.: 1904), 155-156; 669.

Keene History Committee, Upper Ashuelot, a History of Keene, New Hampshire (Keene, N.H.: 1968), 352.
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One

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:
David Proper, Historian

ORGANIZATION: The Historical Society of Cheshire County, Inc. DATE: June 27, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
339 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Keene STATE: New Hampshire 03431 CODE: 33

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name: George Gilman
Title: Commissioner
Department of Resources and Economic Development
Date: October 19, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert Van Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/3/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/27/73

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200 years before, a unique event in American collegiate history and the climax of Dartmouth's bicentennial celebration.

9. (contd.)

Marjorie Whalen Smith, Historic Homes of Cheshire County, (Keene, N.H.: 1968), 37-38.

