

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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  HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

AND/OR COMMON

TILTON-NORTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Park Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Northfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

New Hampshire

VICINITY OF  
CODE

33

COUNTY

Merrimack

CODE

013

### 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Library

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Tilton

Town of Northfield

STREET & NUMBER

Town Offices

Town Offices

CITY, TOWN

Tilton, NH 03276

VICINITY OF Northfield, NH 03276

STATE

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Merrimack County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Concord

STATE

New Hampshire 03301

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hall Memorial Library: Northfield, NH

This outstanding Romanesque structure rests on a cut stone foundation and has brick wall surfaces and slate roofing. The main block has a composite roof mass which is gable on its northern extent and hip on the south side. An off-center gable-front projection dominates the front (west) elevation. It features a tri-partite stained glass window with round-arched openings and rock-faced radiating voussoir lintels supported by engaged columns. Additional details include corner buttresses, patterned brickwork in the peak, and, on the projection's south side, double-leaf door in a segmentally arched surround. The north corner of the front (west) elevation has a gable wall dormer whose round-headed window surround consists of rock-faced ashlar stone and radiating voussoirs. To the right of this is a decorative terra cotta panel and brick chimney with corbelled cap. The southern end of the main block features stone stairs and large round-arched openings with cut stone surrounds on front and side elevations. Rock-faced stone coping and sill course as well as copper cresting add to the library's detail.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      Opened October 26, 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown; possibly RTP Wait and AF Cutting

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1887, the Hall Memorial Library is an exceptional example of late 19th century Romanesque styling. Although not as massive as Richardson's designs, it clearly reflects the overwhelming influence of his work. Once Richardson's reputation was established with the completion of Trinity Church in Boston, the style he had developed was imitated and applied all over America. The Hall Memorial Library exemplifies adaptations of the Richardsonian idiom by local architects throughout New England.

The use of masonry elements, particularly rock-faced sandstone and terra cotta detail, typifies the style. Single and compound round-headed windows with patterned glass and cut stone surrounds also contribute to the Richardsonian character of the design. The Hall Memorial Library remains in an unaltered condition.

The Hall Memorial Library is an almost exact copy of Banister Memorial Hall in Brookfield, Massachusetts. Dedicated January 31, 1884, Banister Memorial Hall was designed by Robert T. P. Wait and Amos F. Cutting. The overwhelming similarity between these structures suggests that the Northfield building was probably constructed from Wait and Cutting's plans.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lucy R. H. Cross, History of Northfield, (Rumford Printing Company, 1905).  
Boston Journal, August 6, 1887.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ QUADRANGLE SCALE \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 9	2, 9, 0, 1, 2, 5	4, 8, 1, 2, 9, 2, 5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ronald P. Mills, Sr., Trustee

ORGANIZATION

Hall Memorial Library

DATE

September 28, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

One Park Street

TELEPHONE

286-8971

CITY OR TOWN

Tilton, New Hampshire 03276

STATE

# 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

TITLE Commissioner, NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Dev.  
 NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE December 16, 1977

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

DATE 10/4/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE Sept 26, 1978

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION