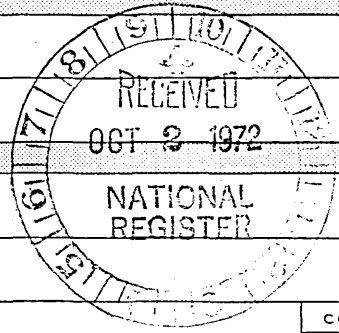


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Burklyn Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Bemis Hill Road (no street number)

CITY OR TOWN:
East Burke

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Caledonia CODE: 005

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 type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 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:
State of Vermont

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 005

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lyndonville Town Clerk East Burke Town Clerk +

STREET AND NUMBER:
(No street number)

CITY OR TOWN: Lyndonville East Burke STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

STATE: Vermont

COUNTY: Caledonia

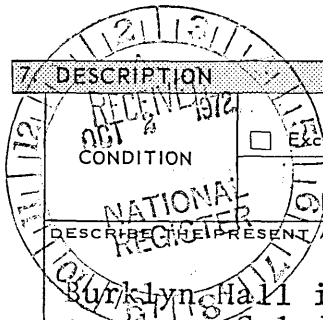
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*Open to the public during specified hours.
+Property is located in two towns.



7. DESCRIPTION

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<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 checked="" 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

Burklyn Hall is located on a hill in the open rolling land of northern Caledonia County in Vermont's "Northeast Kingdom". The property is divided by the town lines of Burke and Lyndon, hence the name Burklyn.

The building is an excellent example of American country-house architecture; three stories high and built of wood with granite foundations. It is basically neo-Georgian in style with its numerous Palladian windows, hipped roof and two-storied portico front topped with a wide pediment that constitutes the gable of the main roof.

The structure has several entrances; the main entrance to the north, with its two-story porch and flanking veranda which extends far down either side, and two side entrances, marking the axes of the house. The main hall connects the side entrances, and a short hall leads from this to the porticoed north entrance. The development of the plan is sensible and logical, and imposing features of the decoration are located at focal points of interest.

The main hallway is paneled in white painted woodwork, with pilasters of mahogany. Its principal features are the mantel-piece and stairway which leads to the second floor. The importance of the hall fireplace is accentuated by two flanking pilasters of mahogany. The overmantel is dominated by the Darling Family Coat of Arms.

Grouped about the main hall are four great rooms, the drawing room, library, sitting room and dining room.

The main dining room has mahogany wainscoting about three sides and a large mantel at the west end.

Another significant architectural space is the music, or drawing room, which is finished in the style of Louis XVI. The walls are paneled with rose-colored satin, and originally had corresponding draperies. The ceiling in this room is very elaborate with its ornamental plaster moldings forming a border around an oval center portion which has a painted design of clouds in light hues of blue, pink and white.

The second floor is more simply treated. The main hall of the floor below is repeated, and the same arrangement of the principal rooms has been followed. There are four large bedrooms, each with its accompanying bath. The four principal rooms are all large, square, provided with extremely ample closet room and lighted by large and numerous windows. Each have fireplaces and are finished in either neo-Colonial or a late French period.

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7. Description (Continuation Sheet)

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The third floor of the house contains numerous rooms for servants, storerooms, etc.

The cellar features include a central vacuum system, an illuminating gas producing machine and a wine cellar which has the original door of the wine cellar of the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

The south wing of the structure principally houses the kitchen and other service functions. Included in this section of the mansion is the private dining room, executed in native red birch paneling and filled with light by a Palladian window. The conservatory is located to the rear of the south wing.

A porte cochere extends out from the west entrance connecting the mansion to the lavishly paneled billiard room.

Also of interest on the site is a complex of barns including the original pony barn and a huge indoor riding rink which was built by a subsequent owner, Earl Brown.¹



Note

1. This physical description is largely based upon a Lyndon College research paper written by Allen D. Hodgdon.

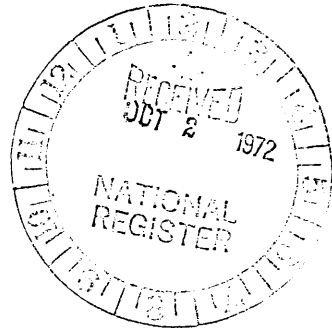
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7. (2) The landscaped grounds immediately surrounding Burklyn Hall are characterized by broad lawns, terraced paths and select plantings of shade trees. An access road laid out in a semi-circle connects the main entrance of the "Hall" with the Bemis Hill Road. The remaining area of the 86 acre estate is comprised of rolling pastureland.



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) 1904-1908

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Burklyn Hall was built by famed hotel executive ^{Elmer} ~~Henry~~ Darling. Darling was originally from East Burke and went on to become a prosperous hotel magnate associated with New York's Fifth Avenue Hotel. The firm of Jardine, Kent & Jardine were the architects of the structure.

The immensity of the house and rich detailing, coupled with the presence of unusual domestic amenities such as elevators and a central vacuum system, reflect how a man who thought in hotel scale viewed residential architecture.

The structure is one of the few large scale mansions representative of the nation's "age of opulence" remaining intact in Vermont.

Burklyn suffered unsympathetic use as a dormitory for Lyndon College and is currently being used as a summer music school. If local efforts to save the structure are successful, the mansion will be stabilized and used as a regional community and cultural center for the "Northeast Kingdom".

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. Hodgdon, Allen D. "Burklyn Hall". (research paper prepared for Lyndon State College, December 17, 1970).
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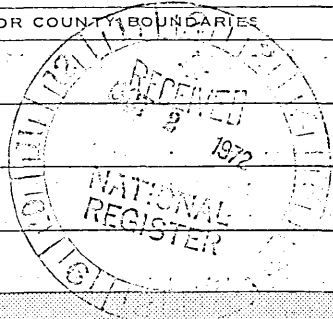
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44° 35' 14"	71° 57' 55"				
NE	44° 35' 14"	71° 57' 38"				
SE	44° 34' 55"	71° 57' 38"				
SW	44° 34' 55"	71° 57' 55"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 86 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: 9/25/72

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Pavilion Building

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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 William B. Timney

Title Director, Vermont Division of Historic Sites

Date September 25, 1972

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

Robert W. Utsey
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/7/73

ATTEST:
W.D. Secretary
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 2 73

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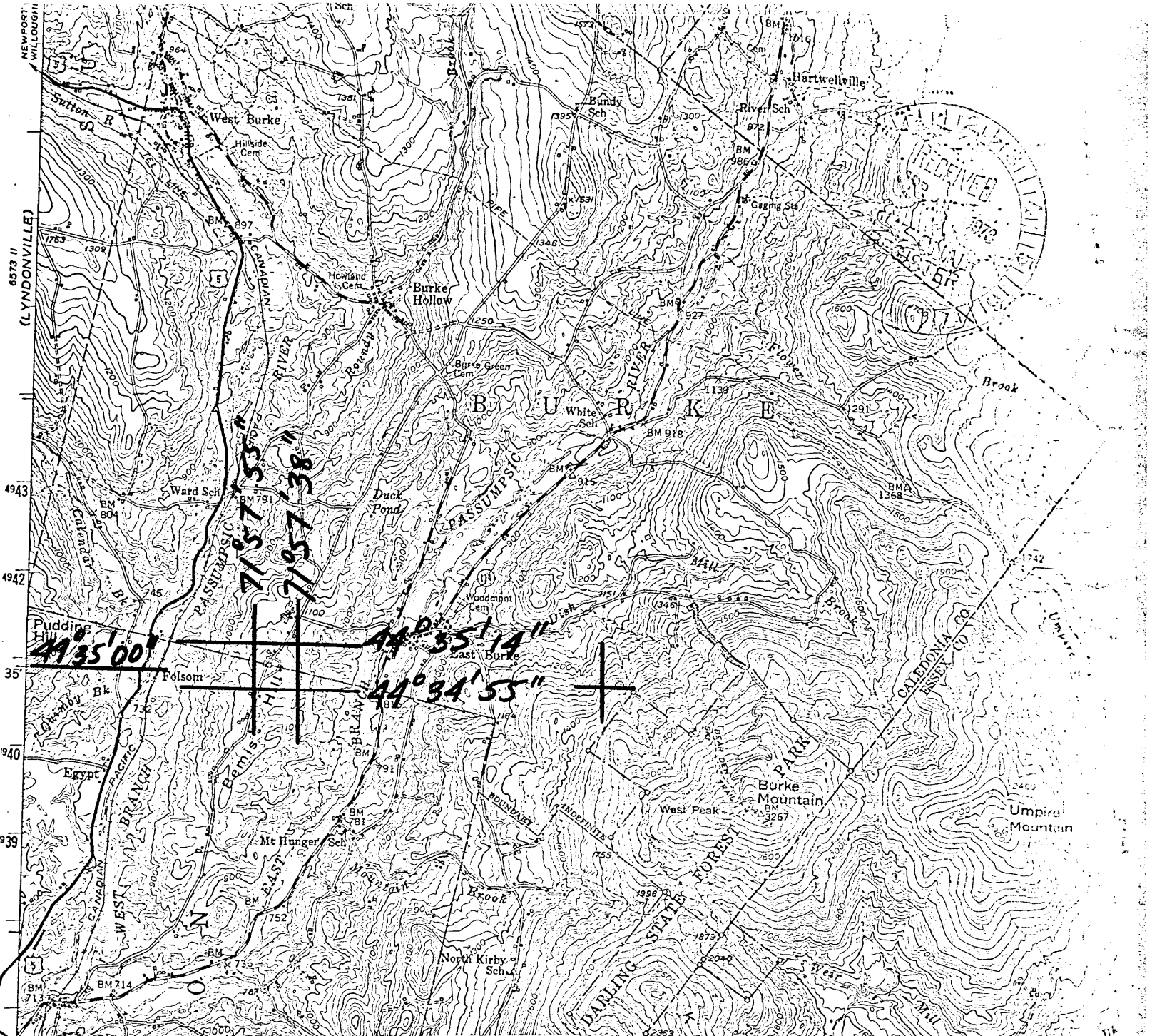
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8. The estate, consisting of 86 acres, which constitutes the original environment of Burklyn Hall, has been included in the nomination because it is an integral part of the original design concept and is essential to the preservation of the historical context of the mansion. Various outbuildings, including the riding rink, are all built in a style compatible with the mansion and help in interpreting the continuity of use of the site.





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NAME OF SITE: Burklyn Hall

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NW	44	35	14	71	57	55
NE	44	35	14	71	57	38
SE	44	34	55	71	57	38
SW	44	34	55	71	57	55

TITLE OF MAP: Burke, Vermont

DATE: 1951

71°55'00"