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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

STONE SCHOOL

AND/OR COMMON

Newmarket Stone School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Granite Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Newmarket

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

New Hampshire

VICINITY OF
CODE

33

COUNTY

Rockingham

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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

New Market Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Granite Street

CITY, TOWN

Newmarket

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Hampshire

03857

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rockingham County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Exeter Road

CITY, TOWN

Exeter

STATE

New Hampshire

03853

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historical Survey, publication pending, by Strafford Regional Planning Commission. (Historical Survey of Region.)

DATE

ca. 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Strafford-Rockingham Regional Council

CITY, TOWN

99 Water Street -- Exeter, New Hampshire 03853

Clearinghouse for Federal, Scientific & Technical information

Springfield, Virginia 22151

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stone School is a rectangular structure approximately 35' x 70' built into the side of Zion's Hill, so that the rear of the building is essentially three stories, and the sides and front, two stories. The walls are random rubble (some granite, and some shale) with granite quoins. A continuous granite belt course at ground level forms the lintels for the opening on the basement level at the rear of the building. Windows on the other floors have granite lintels, except in the case of a double window in the (front) gable end over the entrance where there is a semi-circular stone relieving arch. The windows are six panes over six, with some of the original glass remaining. There is a two-stage corbelled cornice with corner returns; the gable ends of the roof are defined by a simple rake extension. There are two chimneys.

The two interior floors are of wood construction. The walls are plastered, and there are metal sidings and ceilings. Iron beam ties have been used.

The great granite steps have been worn by generations of school children. Other changes which have taken place are the addition of a small wooden vestibule at the front, a side door on the south side, a fire escape on the north side, and the asphalt roof.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1841-42; 1966

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Construction of the Stone School began in 1841 and was completed in time for its opening on May 1, 1842. Probably most of the exterior work was done in 1841. When it was turned over to the New Market Historical Society in 1966, it was quite possibly the oldest school in New Hampshire used continuously since its construction.

The stone work, which is unusual, was done by William and Robert Channel of Newmarket. Their farm was on what is now called Bay Road, formerly known as Lubberland Road, in the section of Newmarket near the head of Newmarket Neck. The Channels quarried the stone on Durham Point, or perhaps in that part of Durham Point which became, in 1870, a part of Newmarket. The brick work and plastering were done by Augustus Bradford.

The contract for the seats, desks and blackboards was given to Jewett Tasker of Newmarket. It specified that the furniture was to be made of the same wood and of "like workmanship as the pews in the Methodist meeting house." Some of the old blackboards which remain may be original ones.

Newmarket has other fine examples of stone architecture--the Universalist Meeting House (Stone Church), also on Zion's Hill; and of course, the unexcelled old granite mills by the falls of the Lamprey River. The Stone School is an important part of this architectural heritage in our little mill town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- "Old Newmarket, New Hampshire, Historical Sketches" by Nellie Palmer George.
 Exeter, N.H., News-Letter Press, 1932. p. 108-109.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 9	3 4 2 2 0 0	4 7 7 1 1 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

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

STATE	NA	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	NA	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sylvia Fitts Getchell (Mrs. L. Forbes Getchell)

Sept. 25, 1975

ORGANIZATION

DATE

New Market Historical Society

659-3652

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

51 North Main Street

STATE

CITY OR TOWN

Newmarket

New Hampshire 03857

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

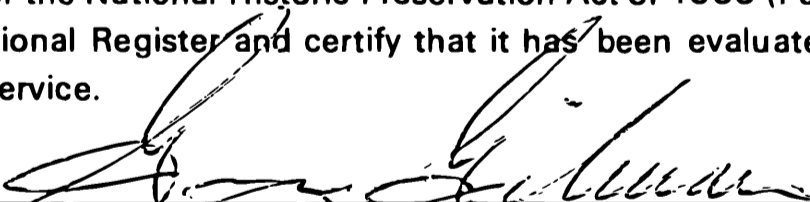
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

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. Resources & Economic Development
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE JUL 7 1976

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

W. M. ...
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/2/78

DATE 6-29-78