

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic SEWALL, (~~SOWEL~~), EDWARD, GARRISON

and/or common SEWALL'S GARRISON

2. Location

street & number 16 Epping Road ___ not for publication

city, town Exeter ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state New Hampshire 03833 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 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" 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 Charles F. and Jean C. Tucker

street & number 16 Epping Road

city, town Exeter ___ vicinity of state New Hampshire 03833

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rockingham County Registry of Deeds
Rockingham County Courthouse

street & number Hampton Road

city, town Exeter state New Hampshire 03833

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Park Street Common
Historic District Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Exeter Historic District Commission, Town Office Building

city, town Exeter state New Hampshire 03833

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

Today this clapboarded structure consists of a four-bay main block measuring 40' x 22' and two rear additions. The block includes off-center door, gable roof, and two interior chimneys in the end position. It is flanked by porches on either side.

The northern portion of the main block is the original 1676 garrison, which measured 32' by 22'. It is framed with gunstock posts and has walls of 2" vertical plank, partly lined with 3" plank; old accounts state that the walls were also infilled with brick for added protection. Evidence of small window openings exist in the wall sheathing. The original north chimney was replaced with the present one early this century.

The southern portion of the main block was added circa 1730-1751. It retains a chimney serving four fireplaces, structural members, and casings of posts and beams.

The 1½-story rear addition was constructed circa 1810 and retains its interior wainscot and trim and more modern fireplace with beehive oven built inside the original fireplace. The larger addition was built around 1880 and includes a porch with stickwork detailing.

Central heat was added in the 1911 modernization, which also included the addition of trim over earlier fabric. Over the years plumbing, heating, and wiring have been modernized, as have sash, doors, and hardware. More recently, however, later additions have been removed to expose older features.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

Specific dates 1676, c. 1730, c. 1810 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) ^{c. 1880}

In the later half of the 17th century "safe" houses were found in many areas of New Hampshire. These dwellings were fortified to repel attack and when this defense function was no longer necessary, the structures were modified into more conventional residential types and altered according to changing tastes and technology.

The Sewall Garrison is one of the few remaining "safe" houses in the state which is still on its original site. Most of its structural members and some interior fittings remain intact. It is a good illustration of the way in which these early structures have been modified to fit varying needs and conditions over the years. In this way it constitutes a cumulative record of building during the last three hundred years. Additionally, the Sewall Garrison occupies a site on the Park Street Common and is important to the historical, architectural, and visual composition of the area,

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Folsom, Elizabeth, The Colonial Garrisons of NH, NH Soc. of Colonial Dames, Newsletter Press, Exeter, NH: 1937, p. 29.
- Whitefield, Edwin, The Homes of Our Forefathers, Published by Edwin Whitefield, Reading, MA, 1886.
- Garvin, James, and Nancy Merrill, "Exeter: Its Architectural Heritage," NH Profiles, June, 1971, Portsmouth, NH., p. 41. (See continuation sheet #1)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1.8 acres

Quadrangle name Exeter, NH - Mass.

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Town of Exeter, Tax Map # 08-12, Block 04, Parcel 033.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles F. Tucker

organization

date September 25, 1977

street & number 16 Epping Road

telephone

city or town Exeter

state New Hampshire 03833

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Commissioner, Department of Resources & Economic Development

title NH State Historic Preservation Officer

date October 9, 1979

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

 Coral O'Shea
Keeper of the National Register

date 1-11-80

Attest: Thomas M. Dwyer
Chief of Registration

date 1/8/80

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BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES (cont)

The Folsom and Garvin pieces can be found at the Exeter Historical Society,
27 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire; Whitefield at the Exeter Public Library,
Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire.