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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 Nichols House

AND/OR COMMON

Nichols-Larson House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SW of East Barre R.R. #2

CITY, TOWN

East Barre

STATE

Vermont

VICINITY OF

CODE

50

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Linwood and Karen Larson

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. #2

CITY, TOWN

Barre

VICINITY OF

Vermont

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Town Clerk (of Barre Town)

STREET & NUMBER

Municipal Building

CITY, TOWN

Websterville

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

7-DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on a dirt road in rural East Barre, the Nichols House is a 1-1/2 story, clapboarded rectangular plan structure of post and beam construction. The gable roof is covered with wooden shingles. The central brick chimney has been rebuilt.

On the main (south) elevation, a simple granite block step leads to a central doorway with a multi-paned rectangular transom. Elevations are three bays across, the front door and windows framed by simple wooden surrounds. On the west elevation is a large projecting bay, circa 1879.

The 1/1 windows are painted to imitate 12/12 windows. From the east elevation, there projects a one-story frame ell, added circa 1880. Its gable roof, sheathed with asphalt shingles, projects to form a shallow porch across the front. A small brick chimney breaks the ridge line.

The Nichols House interior floor plan consists of two front rooms, flanking a small front-central hall (the staircase removed) with a large room and a small room at the rear. The second floor plan consists of two large rooms connected by a rear hall, entry to the second floor provided by a back staircase, starting from the east ell.

The fireplace wood trim on the second floor is original, while the first floor trim has been extensively altered. There is a large beehive oven in the southeast first floor room.

Typical of the Vermont pre-Greek Revival cape, the interior door and window frames are stylistically undistinguishable, although original throughout most of the house. Evidence exists of a cellar fireplace or cooking area.

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			

SPECIFIC DATES 1799-1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nichols House is an excellent example of the classic "cape-cod" house, as the form was disseminated into Vermont at the time of its early settlement. It represents a house type that was to become extremely popular by the time of the Greek Revival, when vernacular examples began to dominate the Vermont landscape.

Among the first settlers of Barre, Vermont, the Thomas Nichols family migrated from Worcester, Massachusetts in 1799, the date of the birth of their second son and erection of their house in East Barre. Thomas died in 1800, leaving a 17-year-old son, John, to head the Nichols family.

The house remained in the Nichols family until about 1900, the County Gazetteer reporting that the grandson, Thomas B. Nichols, maintained a farm in the 1880's, consisting of 130 acres, 18 head of cattle and 1000 sugar trees. The house is one of the few remaining dwellings built by a first settler family in the Barre-Montpelier area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Two acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	7,0,3	2,5,0	4,8	9,1	4,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING	
C					D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

co-extensive with Nichols-Larson property lines

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

Richard C. Cote, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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

William B. Pinney

TITLE William B. Pinney
Director / State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

8-29-77

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

Wm. Pinney

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 6-31-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST

Charles H. ...

DATE

1-25-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER