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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Vermont
COUNTY:	Windsor
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
NOV 15 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON:
Black River Academy

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street (No street number.)

CITY OR TOWN:
Ludlow

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Windsor CODE: 027

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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unoccupied</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Black River Historical Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street (No street number.)

CITY OR TOWN: Ludlow STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Building (No street number.)

CITY OR TOWN: Ludlow 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 (No street number.)

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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*Property will be opened to the public starting this summer during specified hours.

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input 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

Number of Stories: The building consists of three stories, a basement, and a four story tower.

Shape of Plan: The structure is built on a "Greek Cross" plan with a rectangular central pavilion flanked by two shallow wings. A small rectangular wooden addition is located off the south wing of the building.

Foundation: The foundation is constructed of stone.

Wall Construction: The walls are constructed of brick laid up in modified common bond. They are articulated by square and arched recesses and by horizontal bands of cut stone.

Structural System: Load-bearing masonry.

Roof: The building has a combination gable-hip roof sheathed with slate.

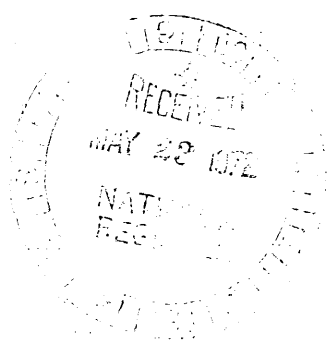
Chimneys: The structure has one end exterior and one interior chimney, both constructed of brick with corbeled caps.

Cornice: The cornice is constructed of corbeled brick with a bracketed motif.

Dormers: Each wing has a gabled dormer at the third story level.

Significant Exterior Features: Of especial interest is the recessed entranceway framed by a brick round arch springing from two massive carved stone columns.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Black River Academy was established in Ludlow, Vermont in 1835. The school played an important role in the education of President Calvin Coolidge. The President graduated from the Academy in 1890. Other notable graduates included Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, John Garibaldi Sargent, United States Attorney General and a Vermont Governor, William Stickney. The historical significance of the site is enhanced by its proximity to the Plymouth Historic District, President Coolidge's birthplace.

The present Black River Academy building, built in 1888, was a symbol of pride for the townspeople and for the many former graduates who contributed to its construction. The structure was built by Clinton Smith of Middlebury. The building is one of Ludlow's outstanding architectural landmarks and dominates the architectural scape of the eastern end of town. It is one of the outstanding "Richardsonian-style" school buildings remaining in Vermont.

The school moved to other facilities in 1938. The Black River Academy building has recently been purchased by the Black River Historical Society which plans to have the structure open to the public by the summer of 1972.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Black River Historical Society "Some Interesting Historical Facts" 1972.
2. Harris, Joseph N. History of Ludlow, Vermont. Charlestown, N.H.: Harris & Harding, 1949.

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	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		43	23	47
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		72	41	45
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

NO
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Chester Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **5/5/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

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. Pinney

Title Director, Vermont Division of Historic Sites

Date 5/11/72

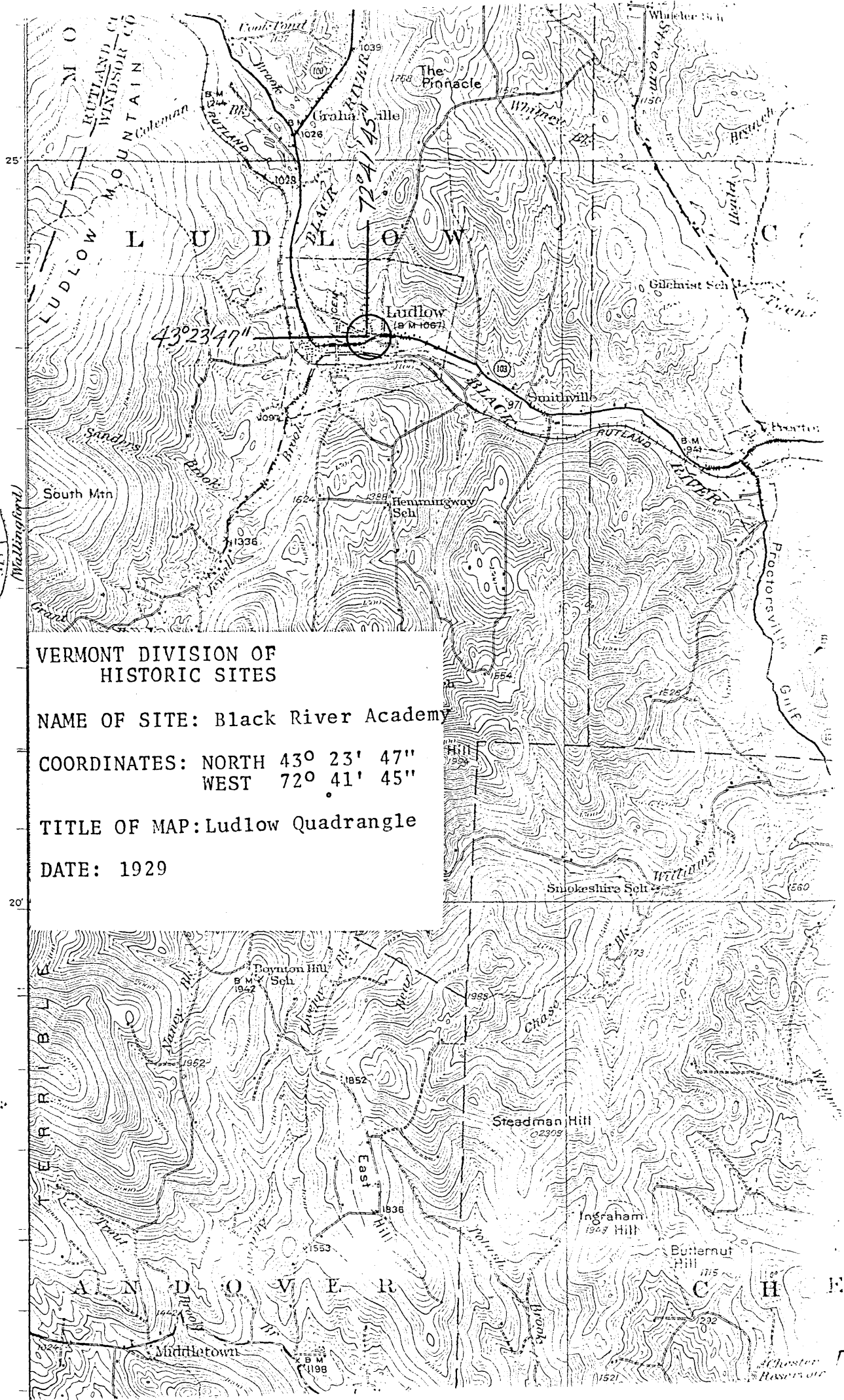
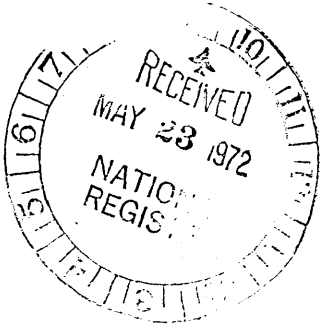
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Tuttle
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/15/72

ATTEST:
William B. Pinney
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-14-76



VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Black River Academy

COORDINATES: NORTH 43° 23' 47"
WEST 72° 41' 45"

TITLE OF MAP: Ludlow Quadrangle

DATE: 1929