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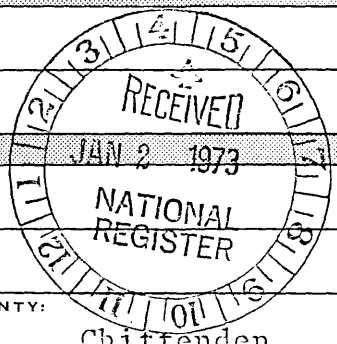
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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:	Chittenden
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE
APR 11 1973	



1. NAME

COMMON: Grassemount

AND/OR HISTORIC: (Thaddeus Tuttle House)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 411 Main Street (U.S. Route 2)

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Chittenden CODE: 007

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Vermont - University of Vermont

STREET AND NUMBER: 411 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk, Burlington City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER: N.W. Corner of Church and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: National Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER: Department of the Interior

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<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 type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grassemount is a large oblong-shaped two story brick house with low hip roof, roof balustrade, cupola, and an elaborate facade. The walls are of brick painted pink and the trim is in white. The house is about 52 feet wide and 44 feet deep. The main (north) elevation is five bays wide and its first-story bays have semi-circular blind arches with square-headed windows set beneath their arches. The main entrance occupies the center bay. A prominent belt course marks the second floor level and from this base six Ionic pilasters rise the height of the second story to the cornice. The spaces between the cornice and the flat-arched second-story windows are decorated with alternating oval and oblong-with-reentrant-angle shaped swag panels. The windows are framed by molded architraves and adorned by exterior louvered shutters. The center door has a fan light and flanking side lights filled with colored glass and is sheltered by a one-story Doric portico with four fluted columns and two pilasters. A similar, but slightly smaller, Doric side-entry porch is located on the center bay of the east elevation. A wood balustrade surmounted with urns extends around the edge of the low hip roof. The center of the roof is crowned by a one-story oblong-shaped columned cupola with round arch windows and a heavily modillioned cornice. The cupola, added around 1850, is centered between two massive interior chimneys.

The west (side) elevation has been somewhat altered by the addition of one-story Doric porch which extends along four of its five bays. The three Doric porticos were probably added around 1823. A large two-story brick service wing, built in the same style as the main house, has been added to the south, or rear, elevation.

The front (north) door opens into the 11-foot wide center hall which extends through the main house and divides the four first-floor rooms into pairs. The hall itself is divided by means of a partition into front entry hall and rear service hall. The entrance hall contains the main curved staircase and a service stairs is located in the rear hall. To the left, or east, of the hall is the library and behind this room, the kitchen; to the right of the hall is the parlor, and the dining room is located in the southwest corner. The fireplace in the library is flanked by recessed arches and its mantel, and also the parlor one, is of marble. Windows are recessed and have panels set below them. The limited woodwork is simple.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1804

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <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 | | | _____ |

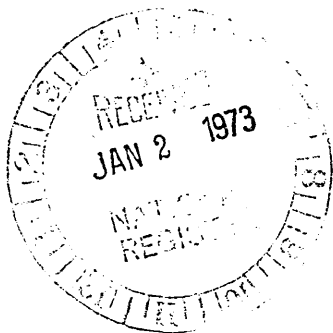
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History

Erected by Thaddeus Tuttle in 1804, Grassemount was later the home of Cornelius P. Van Ness, Governor of Vermont from 1823 to 1826. In 1895 the mansion was acquired by the University of Vermont and has been utilized since that date as a women's dormitory.

Significance

Grassemount is one of the finest and most elaborate examples of a large Adamesque-Federal styled mansion in Vermont. The structure, along with H. H. Richardson's Billings Library, is one of the outstanding landmarks in the architecturally and stylistically rich University district of Burlington.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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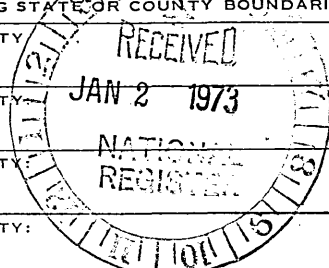
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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°	28'	33"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	73°	12'	12"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre (50 acre campus)

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: Division of Historic Sites DATE: 11/14/72

STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 D. Pinney

Title: Director of Historic Sites
State Liaison Officer

Date: 11/14/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date: 4/11/73

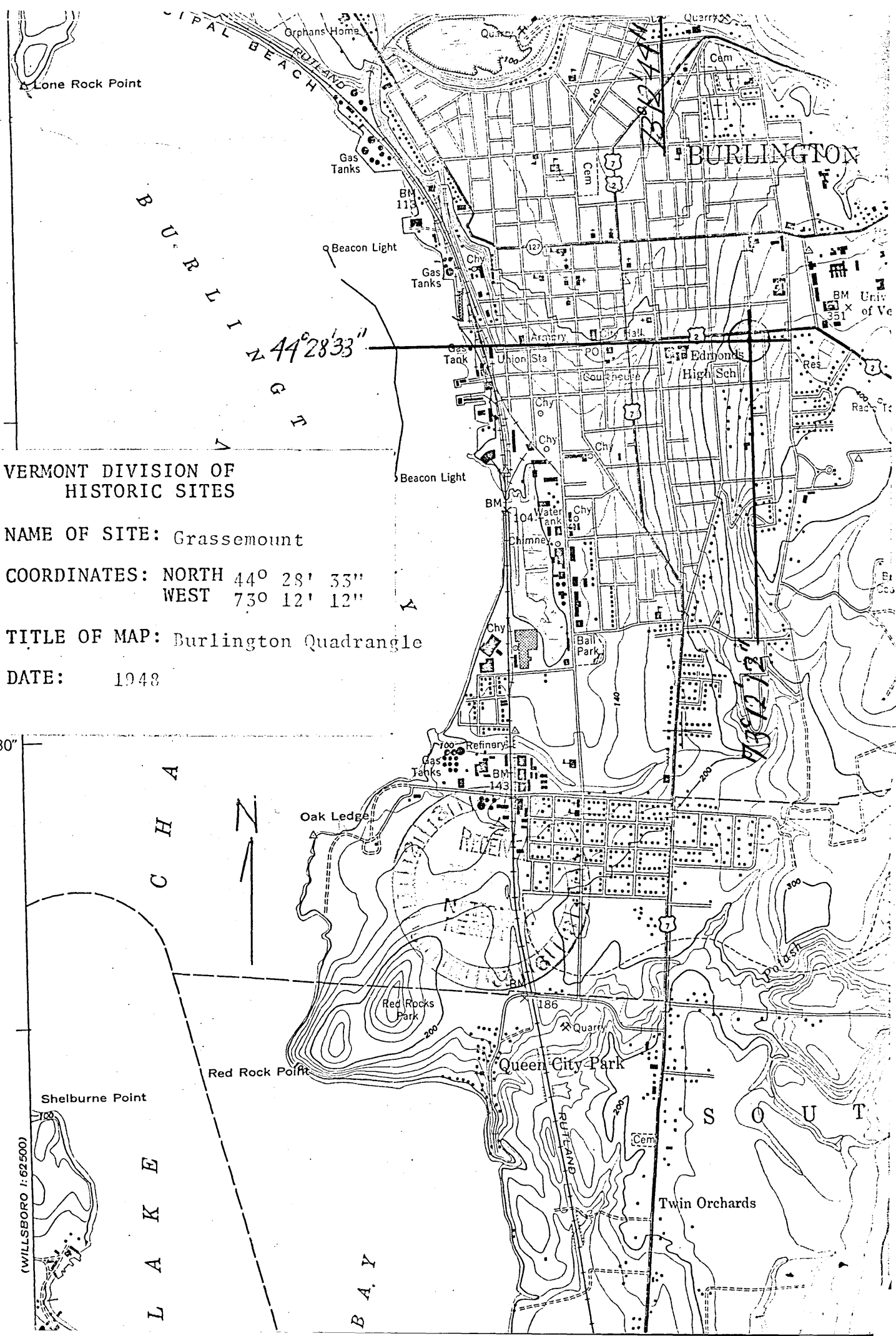
ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4.3.73

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National Park Service.

No [unclear] CD



VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Grassemount

COORDINATES: NORTH $44^{\circ} 28' 33''$
WEST $73^{\circ} 12' 12''$

TITLE OF MAP: Burlington Quadrangle

DATE: 1948

$44^{\circ} 27' 30''$

(WILLSBORO 1:62500)

$44^{\circ} 28' 33''$

$73^{\circ} 12' 12''$