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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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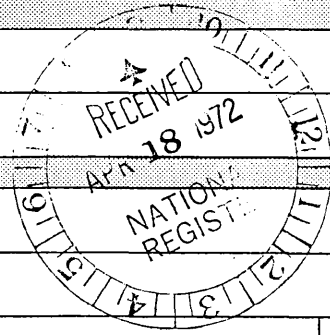
STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Franklin	
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ENTRY NUMBER 4	DATE SEP 1972

1. NAME

COMMON: Houghton House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 86 So. Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: St. Albans			
STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Franklin	CODE: 011



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Robert Houghton		
STREET AND NUMBER: 76 Bank Street		
CITY OR TOWN: St. Albans	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City Clerk's Office		
STREET AND NUMBER: North Main Street (no street number)		
CITY OR TOWN: St. Albans	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: 1972	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites		
STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building		
CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

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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

2 Number of Stories: Basement plus 2 stories.

Number of Bays: The front (east) elevation is 5 bays wide.

3 Shape of Plan: The main block of the house is rectangular in plan. An ell extends west from the central portion of the main block.

Foundation: The foundation is constructed of stone.

1 Wall Construction: The front elevation is sheathed with wide boards laid flush. The rest of the building, including the ell, is sheathed with clapboards.

Structural System: Post and beam.

4 Roof: The main block of the house has a hip roof. The ell has a gable roof. The roofs are sheathed with asphalt shingles.

5 Chimneys: The structure has a total of three chimneys all constructed of brick with stone caps.

Porches: A porch (ca. 1915) extends across the north elevation of the main block. The canopy over the porch is supported by fluted Greek columns.

Important Exterior Features: The front entrance is capped by a simple fanlight. A Palladian window is located above the entrance at the second floor level. The most outstanding feature is that the clapboards, which sheath the front elevation, are laid flush rather than overlapping. A total of three wooden "belt courses" extend across the front elevation.

Important Interior Features: The interior paneled walls, fireplaces, mouldings, etc. are in excellent condition and date from the 1840 interior renovation.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1800

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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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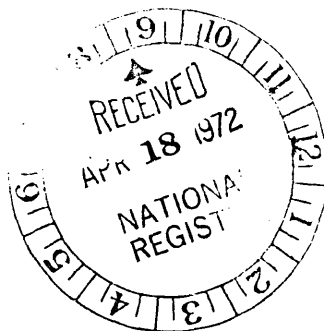
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Houghton House was built in 1800 by John Curtis. Able Houghton, a prosperous merchant from Guilford, Vermont, bought the house when he moved north to St. Albans in 1828. Around 1840 the family commissioned Henry Bridges, an artisan of considerable local renown and ability to redecorate and redesign the interior of the house. Inspiration for the design came from Mrs. Houghton's family homestead in Deerfield, Massachusetts.¹ This interior along with the rest of the house has survived intact. The building presently contains many original furnishings and early records.

Imposing buildings of this quality and period are extremely rare this far north in Vermont. As a result, Houghton House is the outstanding architectural component of the South Main Street streetscape. The Franklin County Historical Society is attempting to purchase the structure for use as their office and as a museum of local history. If this effort fails, the building could eventually be moved or destroyed because of the desirability of the site for commercial development.

1. Herbert Wheaton Congdon. Old Vermont House. Peterborough, New Hampshire: Noone House, 1968, P. 107.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Congdon, Herbert Wheaton. Old Vermont Houses. Peterborough, New Hampshire: Noone House, 1968.

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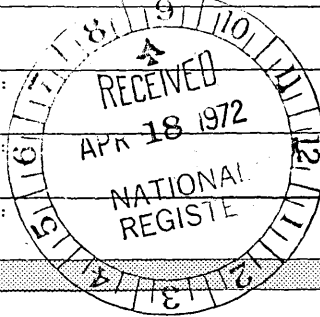
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	44°	48'	22"	73°	05'	07"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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 H. Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: April 4, 1972

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
 Director
 Title Vermont Div. of Historic Sites

Date April 4, 1972

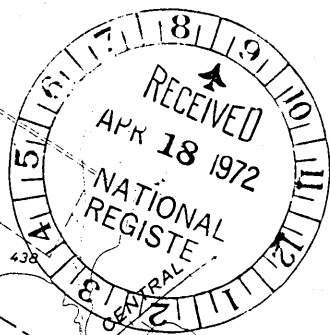
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/4/72

ATTEST:
William B. Pinney
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



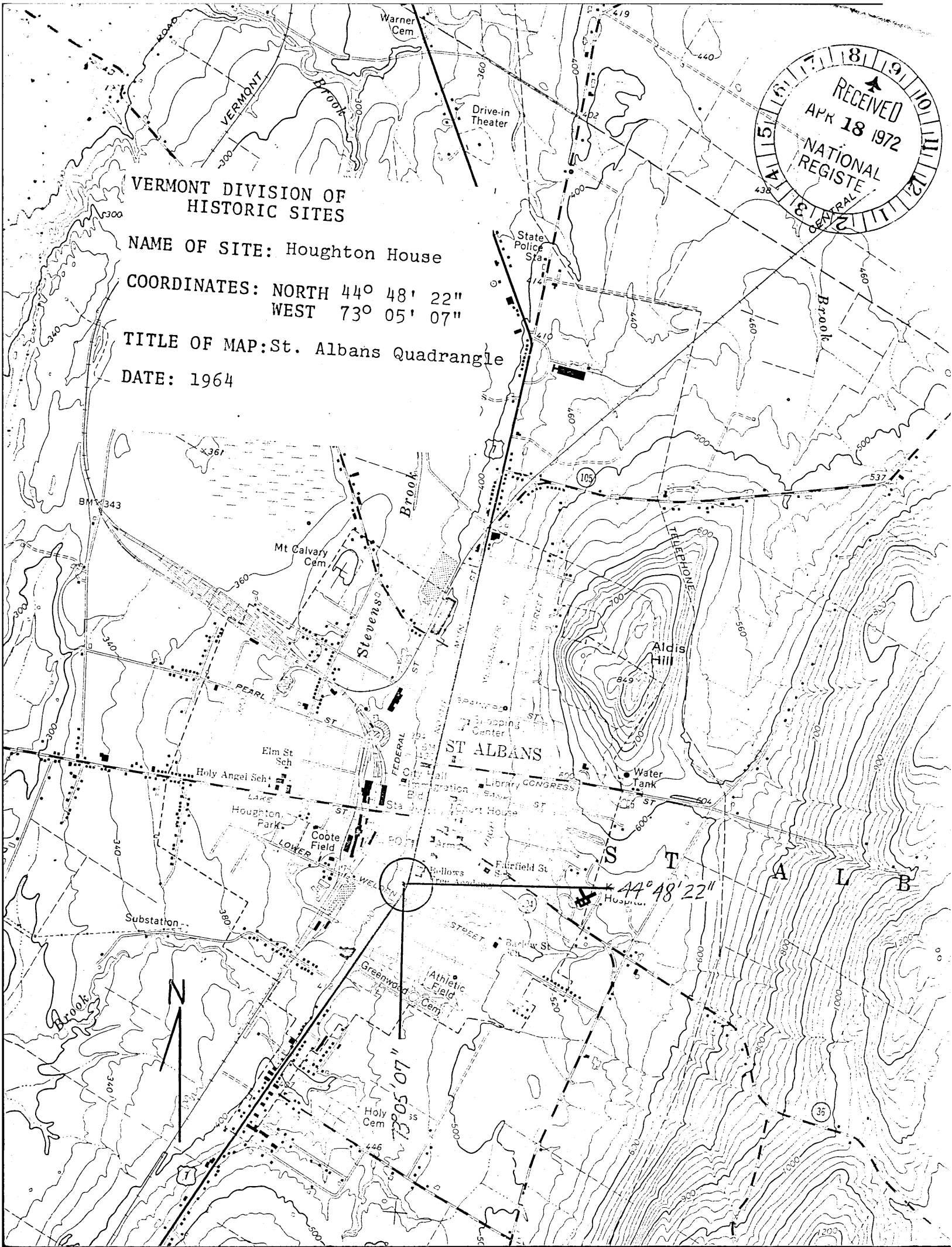
VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Houghton House

COORDINATES: NORTH 44° 48' 22"
WEST 73° 05' 07"

TITLE OF MAP: St. Albans Quadrangle

DATE: 1964



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73° 05' 07"