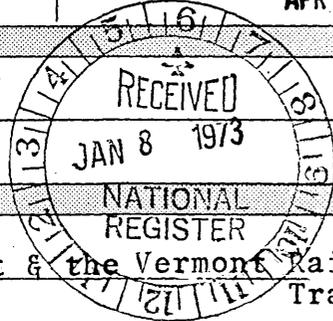


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Bennington	
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ENTRY NUMBER APR 1 1973	DATE APR 1 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
North Bennington Depot

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
S.E. Corner of Junction of Main Street & the Vermont Railway

CITY OR TOWN:
North Bennington

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Bennington CODE: 003

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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input 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:
Village of North Bennington

STREET AND NUMBER:
(No street number)

CITY OR TOWN:
North Bennington

STATE:
Vermont

CODE:
50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
205 South Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bennington

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

CITY OR TOWN:
Montpelier

STATE:
Vermont

CODE:
50

STATE: Vermont

COUNTY: Bennington

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

The North Bennington Depot is located east of Main Street, south of the tracks of the Vermont Railway (formally the Rutland Railway).

The structure is built of brick on a rectangular plan, is two stories high, and rests on a foundation of cut marble blocks. A one story brick baggage room extends east a short distance from the main block of the structure.

The walls are articulated by a series of large rectangular recesses, the top of which are decorated by a crenellated brick moulding.

The first story windows and doorways are capped by ornate stone hood mouldings. The structure has a wood cornice with scrolled brackets surmounted by a mansard roof sheathed with alternating bands of light and dark slates. A series of pedimented dormers with round arched windows, which are further accentuated by flanking wood scrollwork, is located along the roof. A brick chimney, constructed with decorative rectangular niches, is located at each end of the structure.

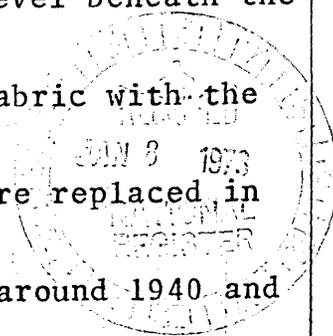
The Depot's most prominent exterior feature is the two story central pavilion, located along the main (south) elevation, which is capped by a full, rectangular mansard roof clock tower. A corresponding pavilion, reflecting the shape of the interior ticket office, is located at the center of the trackside (north) elevation. Another outstanding feature is the generous canopy, supported by graceful carved wood brackets or outriggers, which extends out from the building between the first and second stories and encircles the entire structure.

The interior is divided into two waiting rooms, partially separated on the track side of the building by an octagonal shaped ticket office. These lower rooms are polychromed by utilizing wood casework and wainscoting executed in alternating strips of chestnut and cherry. The second floor rooms, probably used as offices, are of more utilitarian design. A large cistern is located at the second story level beneath the clock tower.

The depot retains almost all of its original fabric with the exception of the following alterations:

1. Large portions of the wood cornice were replaced in 1972.
2. The original clock tower was removed around 1940 and was reconstructed in 1972.

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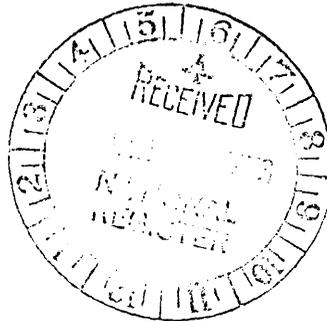
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7. Description (Continuation Sheet)

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- The window on the west side of main pavilion was enlarged in 1972 into a doorway to provide an outside access to the second floor offices.



B. SIGNIFICANCE

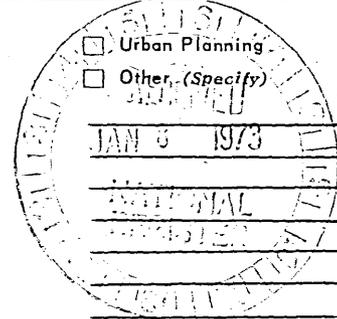
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1880**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

North Bennington was the junction of the Rutland Railway main-line and two major lines to Massachusetts and New York. As a result, the village became a major station stop.

In 1880, in order to provide a better passenger facility at North Bennington, the present brick depot was constructed to replace a wood frame station located on the same site. Shortly after the structure was erected, a contemporary account related that the building "receives the attention and commendation of travelers who may stop for a short or longer time at the station, as well as the admiration of the citizens generally".¹

For over half a century the depot served as the gateway to the village. Beginning in the 1930's the structure gradually fell into disrepair as a result of the general decline in the Rutland's passenger service.

By the mid 20th Century the depot had become derelict and served only as a reminder of the village's important railroad past. Fortunately, a highway project slated to obliterate the structure was defeated. A citizens' group formed to acquire the depot from the State of Vermont in order to convert the building to municipal offices.

Work began in 1971 and completion is expected by the end of 1972. Few compromises to the integrity of the structure have been made by the architect. As a result, the architectural integrity of this most important remaining example of late 19th railroad station architecture has been preserved. The project has the added distinction of being one of the most successful and sympathetic adaptive use projects to take place in the State thus far.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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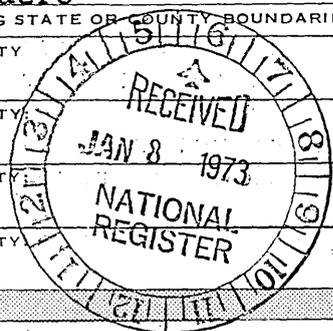
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **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: **12/6/72**

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 B. Pinney

Title **Director of Historic Sites
State Liaison Officer**

Date 12/6/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:
Wm A. Bennett
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4.3.73

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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50	Bennington
CODE	003
3. MAP REFERENCE	
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 7.5 minute series	
SCALE:	1:24,000
DATE:	1954
4. REQUIREMENTS	
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS	
1. Property boundaries where required.	
2. North arrow.	
3. Latitude and longitude reference.	

S M F I N S T R U C T I O N S

VERMONT DIVISION OF
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: North Bennington
Depot

COORDINATES: NORTH 42° 55' 56"
WEST 73° 14' 33"

TITLE OF MAP: Bennington, Vt.

DATE: 1954

27 MI. TO U.S. 4
6369 IV NE NORTH HOOSICK, N.Y. 5.5 MI.
(HOOSICK FALLS)

2 MI. TO VT. 67



73° 14' 33"

42° 55' 56"

42° 55' 00"

73° 12' 30"

