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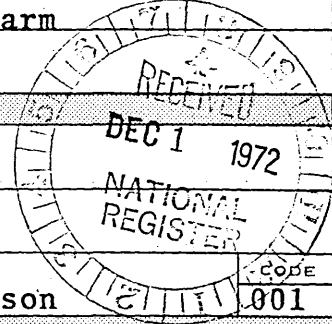
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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:	Addison
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON: University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC: United States Morgan Horse Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Morgan Horse Farm Road

CITY OR TOWN: Weybridge

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Addison CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: University of Vermont

STREET AND NUMBER: 85 South Prospect Street

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Weybridge 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

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* Open to the public during specified hours.

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 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

Boundary Description

The boundaries for this nomination coincide with the property boundaries of the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm as presently recorded in the town records of Weybridge, Vermont.

Physical Description

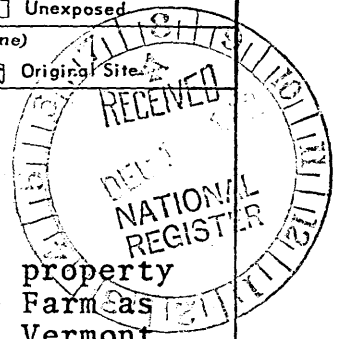
The Morgan Horse Farm is located in the rolling pastureland of Addison County. A broad lawn stretches from the Morgan Horse Farm Road (which proceeds north from Middlebury, extending along the west side of the farm) to the statue of Justin Morgan and the late 19th century Main Barn. This handsome vista forms the main entrance to the complex.

The Main Barn is built on an asymmetrical plan with a dressed stone foundation, clapboard walls, windows with ornate hood mouldings, and a bracketed wood cornice surmounted by a slate sheathed mansard roof. The barn has a central cupola topped by a weathervane in the image of a Morgan Horse. Little has been done to alter the interior integrity of the structure. A large carriage room is located along the north side of the building and the stalls, approached via a large interior round arched doorway, are located to the rear. The stalls all have enclosed feed bins, which are supplied with grain from the second floor loft. Extending east, south and north from the Main Barn, in the form of a "U", are a series of structures dating from the mid 1960's, including a training hall, broodmare barn and colt shed.

Due south of the Main Barn is a cluster of buildings dating from the early 20th century dominated by the Main House. A series of dwelling houses are located to the south. All these buildings, including the Main House, are of simple design and are sheathed with clapboard painted white.

To the north of the Main Barn is the Remount Barn, a long rectangular two story clapboarded structure with a gable roof surmounted by two louvered cupolas.

The Battell House is situated several hundred yards north of the farm on the east side of the main road. It is a small two and one half story rectangular brick dwelling executed in vernacular Greek Revival style. The structure rests on a stone block foundation and is characterized by extremely simple fenestration, cornice and other exterior features. One unusual design element is the prominent wooden belt course which divides the first and second stories. Several fireplaces remain in the interior, including a large cooking fireplace with side dutch ovens located



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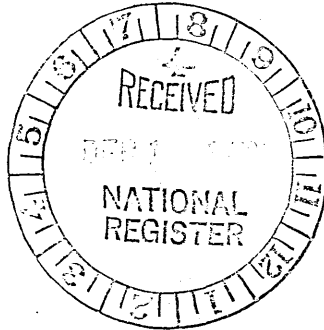
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in the kitchen at the rear of the building. A large wood frame barn sheathed with clapboard is located east of the Battell House. Both the house and the barn are presently unoccupied.



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1907**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

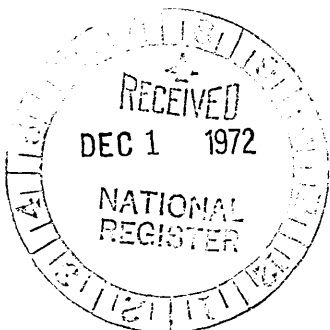
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Although the Battell House and especially the Main Barn have architectural distinction in their own right, the primary significance of the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm is a result of the role which this site has played in the history and development of the Morgan Horse.

The Morgan Horse is one of the first horse breeds to originate in the United States. The breed can be traced back to Justin Morgan, a Vermont stallion which lived at the turn of the 19th century. For the past 175 years, the superior qualities of Justin Morgan's descendants have been a source of great pride to Vermonters. The Morgan Horse is the official State animal.

In 1905, in an effort to scientifically improve and perpetuate the breed, the United States Department of Agriculture and the University of Vermont began the "U.S. Morgan Horse Farm" in Burlington. Two years later, in 1907, the installation was moved to its present quarters in Weybridge. The land and buildings comprising the facility were donated by Colonel Joseph Battell, founder of the American Morgan Register. In 1951 the complex was acquired outright by the University of Vermont.

The farm has been in continuous successful operation for almost 70 years making it one of the oldest and most famous Morgan Horse breeding establishments in the nation. The site has become the focal point for Morgan Horse activity in North America and receives thousands of visitors yearly.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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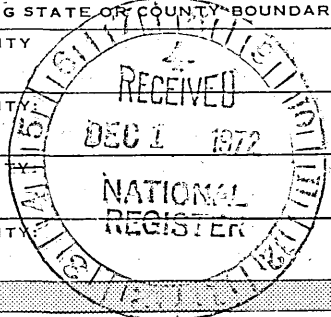
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	44° 03 00"	73° 10' 58"				
SE	44° 02 20"	73° 10' 58"				
SW	44° 02 20"	73° 11' 22"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **127 acres**

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: **Historic Sites Division** DATE: **11/20/72**

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 of Historic Sites
State Liaison Officer**

Date **11/20/72**

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: Edward M. ...
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.3.73

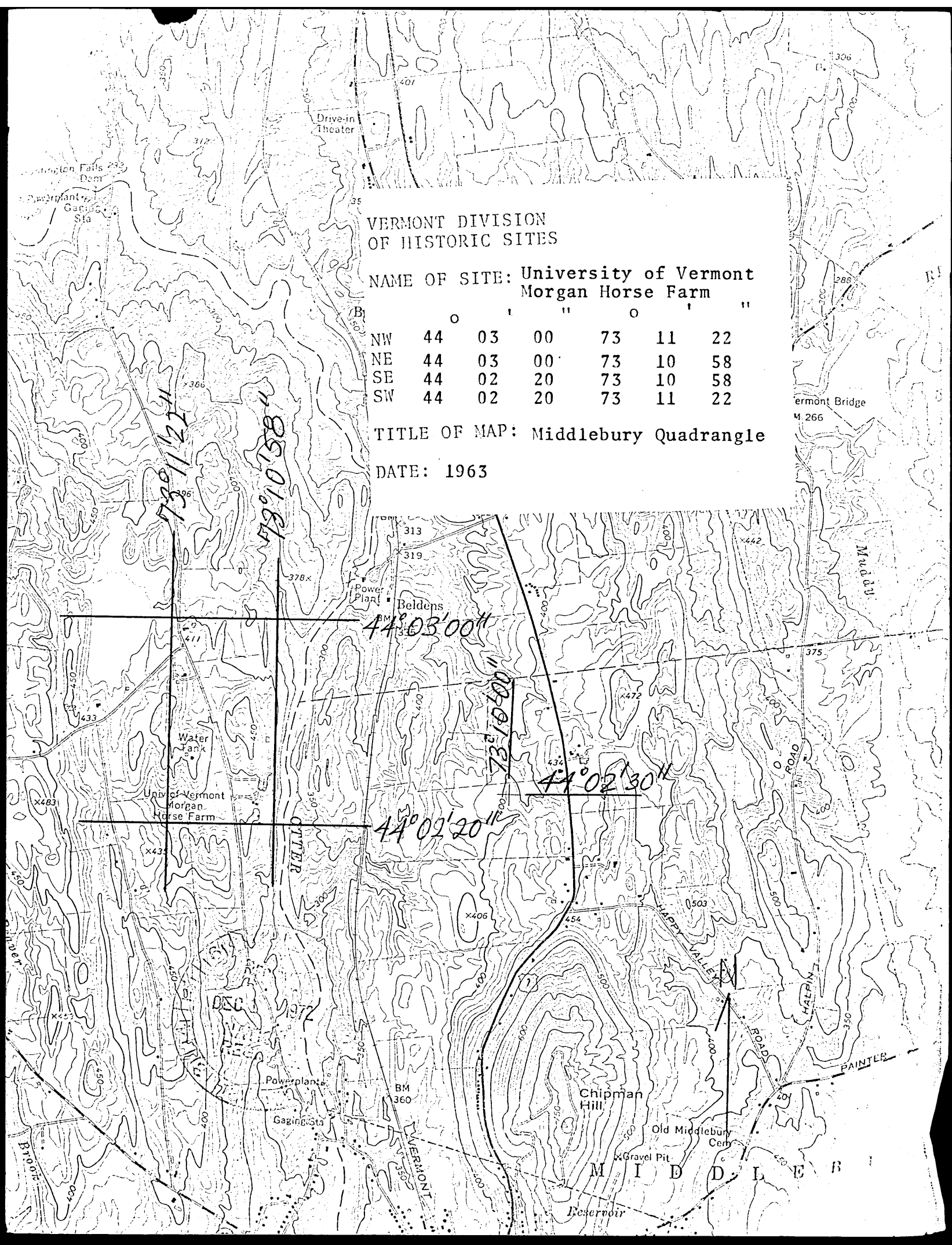
VERMONT DIVISION
OF HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: University of Vermont
Morgan Horse Farm

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SE	44	02	20	73	10	58
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TITLE OF MAP: Middlebury Quadrangle

DATE: 1963



73° 11' 22" N
851.0166 ft

44° 03' 00" N

73° 10' 00" N

44° 02' 30" N

44° 02' 20" N

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