

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic MILTON TOWN HOUSE

and/or common MILTON TOWN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number ^{NH} Corner of Route 16 and Town House Road _____ not for publication

city, town Milton _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state New Hampshire code 33 county Strafford code 017

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Milton

street & number

city, town Milton _____ vicinity of _____ state New Hampshire 03851

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Strafford County Registry of Deeds
Strafford County Courthouse

street & number County Farm Road

city, town Dover _____ state New Hampshire 03820

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Milton Town House is a one-story, clapboarded, gable roof structure measuring 52' x 42'. It has sixteen windows with 12 over 12 sash. There are six windows on the north elevation, 4 windows on the west, 3 windows on the east, and 3 windows interspersed with two entrances on the south elevation. A small toilet addition projects from the east elevation; it has three windows and one door. All windows have shutters that are typically closed when the building is not in use. An iron railing surrounds the north and west sides of the building which was used to tie up the horses. The chimney for the two cast iron stoves is located in the center of the north wall and rises from the ridge approximately one foot from the north elevation. Knotty pine panelling and a pressed tin ceiling sheaths the interior.

The Milton Town House was originally built as a Meeting House in 1803 and served as such until the 1840s. By 1855, the parish had become irreconcilably divided and it was voted to sell the building. That year, the town of Milton had the building cut down to one story, the three porches removed, the exterior doors taken off and disposed of, the windows changed and the interior completely dismantled. The pulpit, restored and reinstalled in 1965 to another location within the building, remains as the only evidence of the building's earlier ecclesiastical appearance.

Across the road from the Town House is the town pound, a circular wall of rocks approximately five feet high, originally built in 1804. In 1823, it was rebuilt with rocks and in 1928 moved back when the state widened the road.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1803 **Builder/Architect** Caleb Wingate, Daniel Hayes, Gilman Jewett

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The building was originally built in 1803 as a Meetinghouse. In 1855, the building was altered and converted by the town of Milton to be a Town House. All the plans and decisions of the townspeople have been formulated in this building since the town was incorporated in 1802. As such, it is of great significance to the residents of Milton and one which they want to continue to use. The old town pound is one of the three round pounds still existing in New Hampshire. The surrounding property owned by the town assures the Town House its future in an agrarian surrounding.

Modifications to the building resulting from changing needs within the community are characteristic of pragmatic adaptive use in mid-19th century New England. The building has thereby taken on a different character from the original which is no less important due to its visual and functional role as an anchor in the community. The pound, although not in active use today, is a well-known and valuable artifact from an earlier period of Milton's history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Town Register - Farmington, Milton, Wakefield, Middleton, Brookfield; 1907-8. Compiled by Davis, Bryant & Lawton. Mitchell-Cony Co., Inc: Augusta, ME, 1908; pp. 99-100.
 Town Clerk's Record, Milton. 1802-1847.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

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Quadrangle name Berwick, ME-NH

Quadrangle scale 15'

UMT References

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing						

C

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Zone			Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Milton Town House is located on a triangle of land bounded by Route 16 and Town House Road. (Milton Tax Map # 18)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Milton Historical Association date June 5, 1978

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city or town Union state New Hampshire 03887

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.


State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Commissioner, Dept. Resources & Economic Development date NOV 20 1979

title NH State Historic Preservation Office

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

 date 11/26/90

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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