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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

REED, ISSAC HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

30-34 MAIN STREET

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

30-34 MAIN STREET

CITY, TOWN

NEWPORT

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

SECOND

STATE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CODE

03773

COUNTY
SULLIVAN

CODE

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

TOWN OF NEWPORT

STREET & NUMBER

15 SUNAPEE STREET

CITY, TOWN

NEWPORT

VICINITY OF

STATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

03773

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS

STREET & NUMBER

28 MAIN STREET

CITY, TOWN

NEWPORT

STATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

03773

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HISTORIC ANALYSIS OF OLD COURTHOUSE PARK PROJECT

DATE

MAY 28, 1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

CITY, TOWN

BOX 856, CONCORD

STATE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

03301

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Isaac Reed House is a two-story clapboarded structure with mansard roof. Its first floor front elevation is dominated by a bracketed bay window abutting the porch which shelters the sidehall entry. Molded window heads embellish two over two sash while, above, the cornice includes a panelled frieze and paired brackets. The roof is punctuated by dormers with central segmental pediments.

The original mansarded section and a rear ell are presently the only remaining portion of the structure. Subsequent to its construction, a number of rear additions were introduced and the building was converted to multiple occupancy. These appurtenances, removed in September, 1976, included extensive porches along both side elevations.

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1869

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Isaac Reed House is typical of small mansarded residences constructed in northern New England during the 1860's and 70's. Built circa 1869 by Dr. Isaac Reed, a Newport dentist, it was subsequently sold to Putnam George, a "farmer and speculator."

The Reed House is important not only as an example of vernacular French Second Empire style in a streetscape displaying a variety of architectural idioms, but also--and most significantly--as an integral element of the blockface with highest integrity and interest along a Main Street distinguished by the quality and vitality of its architecture. The Reed House is essential to the continuity of the block's scale and rhythm; it also defines the historical and visual bounds of the courthouse common to its rear, by maintaining the traditional separation of the common from Main Street; and, through its monumental style expressed in residential scale, relates the public buildings immediately north of it to the residences and less elaborate mercantile structures of the adjacent Lower Main Street and Central Street area.

Demolition of the Reed House was originally planned as a component of a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation / HUD Community Development Block Grant downtown recreation and landscaping project, "Court House Park." When the Reed House was identified as an important visual and spatial element of the central business/government district, the Town of Newport acted to preserve the original mansarded section and an integral ell, while removing the deteriorated multiple-occupancy accretions at the rear, which lacked both significance and integrity.

Along with the Sullivan County Court House (National Register: June 25, 1973; National Park Service Historic Preservation Grant-in-Aid, FY 1974) and the Nettleton House (National Register: November 16, 1977), the Reed House has been incorporated into the revitalized complex of Town and County offices in downtown Newport linked by the new Court House Park, which re-establishes Newport's original courthouse commons area. (See Continuation Sheet #1). The project has enabled Newport--formerly threatened with loss of the county government facilities to the neighboring city of Claremont--to retain its function as a shire town.

The Reed House was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service on July 30, 1976. This nomination has been prepared and sponsored by the Town of Newport.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .25

QUADRANGLE NAME			QUADRANGLE SCALE				
UTM REFERENCES							
A	1,8	7,2,9,0,5,0	4,8,0,4,9,2,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situate on the east side of Main Street in the village of said Newport and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the corner of Court House Common in the village of said Newport, (See Cont. Sheet No. 1)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE New Hampshire CODE 33 COUNTY Sullivan CODE 019

STATE _____ CODE _____ COUNTY _____ CODE _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth G. Lurvey - Project Administrator

ORGANIZATION

Town of Newport

DATE

May 31, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

15 Sunapee Street

TELEPHONE

603 863-1877 or 1360

CITY OR TOWN

Newport

STATE

New Hampshire 03773

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Commissioner, NH Department of Resources & Economic Development
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE April 25, 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-19-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/19/78

ATTEST

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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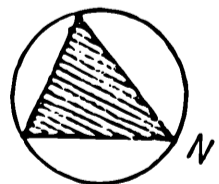
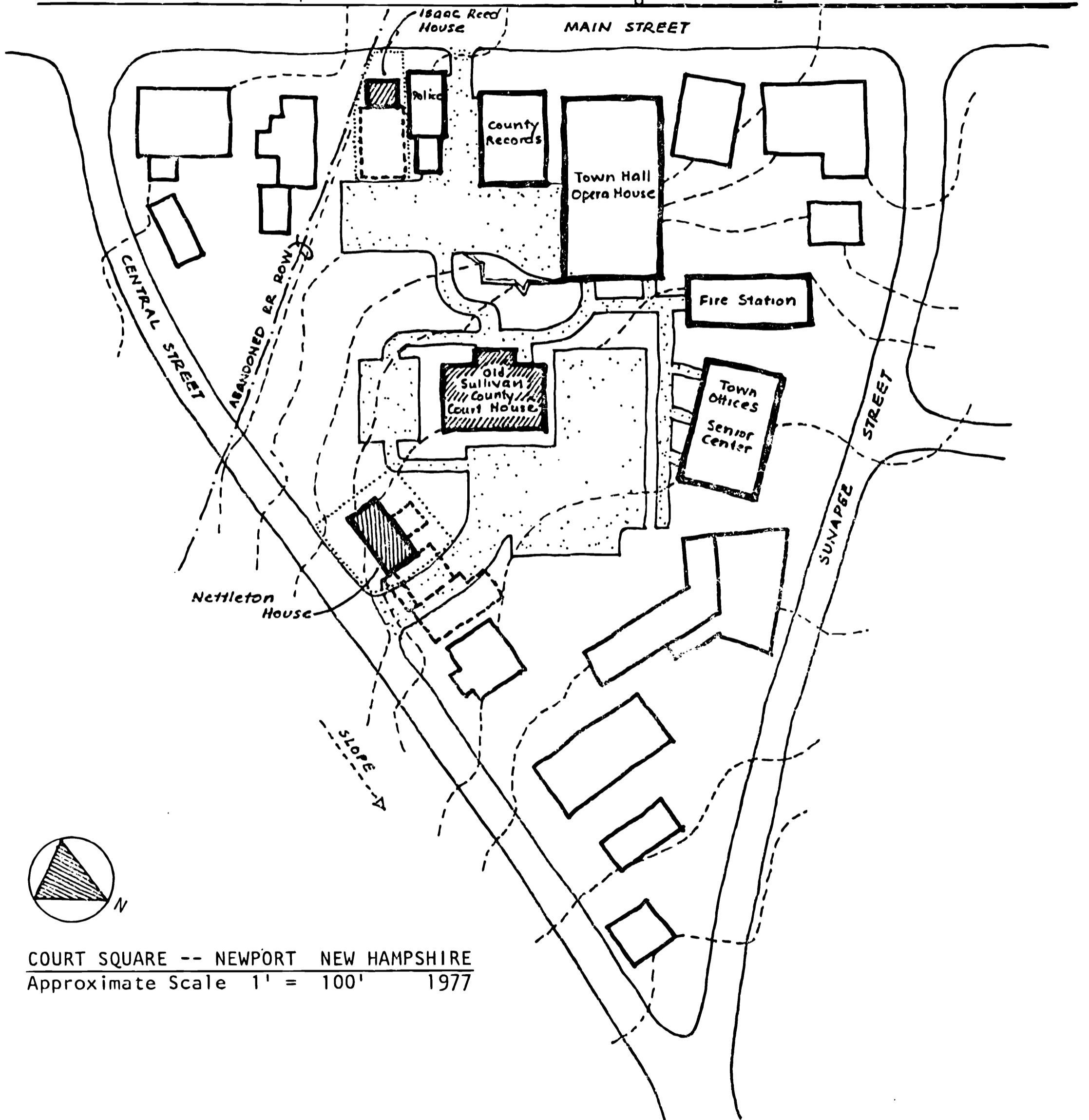
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CONTINUATION SHEET 2

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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

thence easterly on said Common to land of now or formerly of Mrs. Dennis Reardon;
thence southerly on said Reardon's to land of the Concord & Claremont Railroad;
thence westerly on land of the said Concord and Claremont Railroad to the east line
of said Main Street; thence northerly on said Main Street to the first mentioned
bound.