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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 Central Vermont Railway Depot

AND/OR COMMON
Northfield Depot

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West end of Depot Square

CITY, TOWN

Northfield

STATE

Vermont

___ VICINITY OF

CODE

50

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont District

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Central Vermont Railway Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
2 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

St. Albans

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET & NUMBER
26 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Northfield

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE
1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Vermont Division of Historic Sites

CITY, TOWN

Pavilion Building Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

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 Central Vermont Railroad Depot is located at the west end of an oval green called Depot Square in the village of Northfield, Vermont. The Depot is square in plan, 50' x 49', and is two stories high. The walls are brick laid up in common bond resting on a cut stone foundation.

The structure is capped by a medium pitch gable roof sheathed with roofing paper. The roof overhangs the wall approximately four feet on all elevations forming pronounced eaves along the sides, which are supported by ornamental rafter tails. A brick exterior chimney is located midway along the north (side) elevation while a brick interior chimney projects through the north roof slope at the front of the building. All windows in the structure have cut stone sills and lintels. The majority of the ground floor windows have 12/4, and the second floor windows have 6/1 double hung sashes.

The front (east) elevation is five bays wide. The main entrance, with multi-paned transom and sidelights, occupies the center bay. The entrance is protected by a gabled canopy supported by two wood outriggers and is surmounted by a large, three-part rectangular window at the second story. A long rectangular ground floor window surmounted by a shorter second floor window of equal width is set in each of the remaining bays. A gold-leafed wood letter sign located between the ground and second story windows of the south two bays reads "Northfield National Bank." The most striking feature of the front elevation is the stick style, wood gable infill located at the roof peak which culminates in a spool-work sunburst.

The north and south (side) elevations are four bays wide. A window is bricked in on the south elevation and a set of wood steps leading to a second story fire door is located on the north side.

The trackside (west) elevation is characterized by a tight grouping of rectangular windows, two on the ground and three on the second story, surrounding a projecting bay window at ground level. The ground and second stories are separated by a canopy supported by six wood outriggers. A large loading door is located near each corner at ground level. The gable is also adorned with stick style infill.

The interior of the station has four large rooms per floor accessible from a central hall and staircase. A small station agent's room encompassing the trackside bay window retains much of its original drawers, tables, and woodwork.

The Northfield National Bank occupies the ground floor. Law offices are situated on the second story. The rear, second story and the station agent's rooms are used for storage.

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The building has undergone the following major alterations:

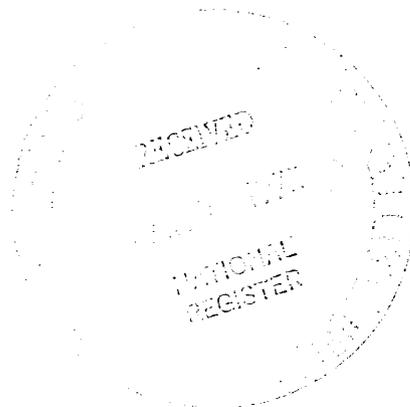
The station originally had two large wings extending to the north and south. These were removed in 1899.

The structure was also extensively remodeled at this time with the addition of Queen Anne style windows and Stick Style exterior ornament.

Five interior chimneys were removed and one exterior chimney was added in the twentieth century.

The gabled canopy over the main entrance was added in the twentieth century.

A one story platform canopy at trackside dating from the 1899 renovation was removed in the mid twentieth century.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1852 BUILDER/ARCHITECT A. B. Young*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Central Vermont Railway Depot at Northfield is one of the last extant structures of the great railroad shops complex which formed the first headquarters of the then Vermont Central Railroad from 1848-1860. The building, according to current research, is the oldest surviving railroad station in Vermont and is representative of the first generation of railroad passenger facilities built by the Vermont Central.

The structure serves as the visual focus of Northfield's downtown business district and symbolizes the village's former importance as a railroad center. The fact that a bank has been a continuous tenant in the building since 1866 documents the past and future potential of railroad stations for commercial as well as transportation activity.

Brief History

The original depot at Northfield was built in 1848 and burned in 1852. The present structure was built that same year. The station was once the nucleus of a great railroad headquarters complex including roundhouses, shops, offices, and housing. When the headquarters moved to St. Albans in 1860, the economy of Northfield rapidly declined and did not expand again until the end of the nineteenth century with the growth of the granite industry. Granite sheds replaced the shops on the level flat to the west of the depot.

In 1899 the station was in a deteriorated condition. The wings were removed from the building and the structure was given its present appearance through a pragmatic applique of Queen Anne and Stick Style ornament.

With the nation's bicentennial approaching, there is interest in the village to plan for the future of the depot which is considered to be the village's most important historic resource.

* Northfield Town History Committee, "Green Mountain Heritage, The Chronicle of Northfield, Vermont" (Northfield: Town of Northfield, 1974) page 141. Note: This book infers that A. B. Young, probably Ammi B. Young, designed the original headquarters complex in the late 1840's. It does not specify whether he supervised the rebuilding of the depot in 1852.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Northfield Town History Committee. Green Mountain Heritage, The Chronicle of Northfield, Vermont. Northfield: Town of Northfield, 1974.

Photographic collection of the Northfield Historical Society, Vermont Headmasters Association Office, Depot Square, Northfield. (Continued on continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre *UTM OR CD*

UTM REFERENCES

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|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1,8 | 6,8,7,2,7,0 | 4,8,9,0,8,2,5 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nomination includes the land on which the building rests and the oval green in front (to the east) of the structure known as depot square.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Chester H. Liebs, Assistant Director

January 2, 1974 ⁵

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Pavilion Building

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Montpelier

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

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.

SIGNATURE

William B. Timmer

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

1-6-75

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

A. H. Winters

DATE

4/1/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

William B. Timmer

DATE

4/1/75

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Private files of the Town Historian, Julia McIntire, 51 Central Street, Northfield, Vermont.

