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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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MAY 3 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McIndoes Academy

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street, Route 5

CITY, TOWN

McIndoe Falls

VICINITY OF

Barnet

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont

STATE

Vermont

CODE

050

COUNTY

Caledonia

CODE

005

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME McIndoes Academy Association

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street, Route 5

CITY, TOWN

McIndoe Falls

VICINITY OF

Barnet

STATE

Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Town Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street, Route 5

CITY, TOWN

Barnet

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McIndoes Academy is located along Vermont Route 5 behind a broad green flanked by maple trees.

The two story, clapboarded structure, executed in Greek Revival style, is rectangular in plan (45' x 56'), sets on a foundation of rough-cut stone blocks and is capped by a gable roof sheathed with standing seam metal sheathing.

The most prominent feature of the Academy is the full two story projecting entrance portico which frames the two central bays of the front (west) elevation. The portico's pediment, embellished with alternating single and paired scrolled brackets, is supported by fluted, tapered wood Doric columns. Pilasters separate the center bays from the two side bays. A double door pedimented entrance with sidelights is located at the ground level in the center of the elevation. A large rectangular window with 12/12 double hung sash, capped by a pedimented hood moulding, is set in each side bay at the ground floor and in all bays at the second story level.

The north and south (side) elevations are three bays wide. The rear (east) elevation has four bays. Fenestration is similar to the front elevation with the addition of a window near the roof peak on each side elevation and two exit doors on the rear elevation.

The structure has a wood cornice supported by alternating single and paired scrolled brackets. A brick end interior chimney is located on the roof ridge at the north side. A two-tiered cupola with large rectangular louvered openings, surmounted by a Mansard dome, is located at the junction of the main and portico roof ridges.

Significant alterations to the building include:

periodic modernization of the interior to meet state educational standards and health and safety codes;

replacement of original raised paneled main doors in the mid twentieth century with doors with large rectangular windows;

addition of a ground floor window on the south (side) elevation;

addition of fire exits on the rear (east) elevation.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1853 BUILDER/~~ARCHITECT~~ William C. Martin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significance

The McIndoes Academy building (1853) symbolizes the heyday of the academy movement in Vermont. During the years 1849-1853 over 25 private academies were chartered in the state.¹

The structure is representative of the vernacular application of the Greek Revival mode to secondary school architecture and serves as the visual focus of the village of McIndoe Falls village.

Historical Background

The prosperity of the lumber concern, Kimball, Gilchrist & Co., heightened by the completion in 1850 of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Railway line to McIndoe Falls, increased the population and contributed greatly to the welfare of the village.

Steps were taken to improve the cultural advantages of the growing village. In the same year that the railroad arrived, an attractive Congregational Church was erected.

Public-spirited citizens of the community, alert to educational, as well as to religious needs, set out to establish a secondary school to provide more advanced instruction for the young people of the region.

In 1853 an association was formed to establish an academy. A building was begun under the direction of William C. Martin, master carpenter. The project had the support of the community, like the traditional barn raisings. Some of the subscribers made their payments in lumber and in work, farmers using their ox teams to help dig the cellar or to draw stone for the foundation and lumber for the frame.²

The structure, completed and opened on September 14, 1853, served as the region's secondary school until the academy closed in 1969. The building is now being used as a museum, library and community center.

¹Alexander D. Gibson, History of McIndoes Academy (McIndoe Falls: Alumni Association, 1953), p. 13.

²Ibid, pp. 12-17.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Gibson, Alexander D., History of McIndoes Academy, McIndoe Falls:
Alumni Association, 1953.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	7,3,4	3,2,5	4,9	0,5	2,0,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		
C						
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING		

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Chester H. Liebs, Assistant Director

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

DATE

1/21/75

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

William B. Pinney



TITLE

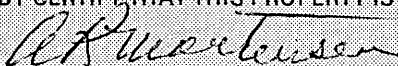
Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

1/22/75

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



DATE

5/6/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:



DATE

5.2.75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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