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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

GUNNISON, CAPT. JOHN, HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

THE JOHN NEWMAN HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East of Goshen on
Goshen Center Road

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Goshen

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

New Hampshire

CODE

33

COUNTY

Sullivan

CODE

019

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" 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

Mrs. John Newman

STREET & NUMBER

Goshen Center Road

CITY, TOWN

Goshen

VICINITY OF

STATE

New Hampshire

03752

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Newport

STATE

New Hampshire

03773

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two-story frame house, 40' by 20', faces the highway and is set back from it about 50'. The hipped roof has two chimneys rising from the rear slope. Originally there were four fireplaces but only one remains, three having been eliminated when the chimney was rebuilt sometime after 1890 by the grandfather of the present owner. There are two windows on each side of the wide central door, which is flanked by narrow windows of the same length as the other windows; there is a false fanlight over the doorway. The five upstairs windows are placed above the doors and windows on the first floor. A 32' by 20' front porch with roof supported by four columns was added after 1890.¹ Each end of the main house has one window downstairs and one directly above it; at the east end, there is an additional window on the first floor. Upstairs windows have 12 over 8 panes of glass; downstairs there are 4 large panes.

A two-story ell 32' by 24' joins the back wall of the main house. It has a gable roof and one chimney. There are two upstairs and three downstairs windows on each side of the ell. One of the windows on the west side downstairs replaces a door removed in 1945. The windows are mostly 6 over 6 panes.

A shed is attached at the back of the ell and extends at right angles to it. It has a sliding garage door on the south side, and two windows. The shed was rebuilt in 1928.

Certain items of interest in the interior of the main house should be mentioned. There are Indian shutters in the downstairs west front room, and in the room above the walls retain the original stencilling. A fireboard in this room is believed to have been painted by Captain Gunnison's sister, Alice. The feather painted woodwork of the upstairs hall has also been preserved.

¹ House was purchased in 1890 by Hial and Ida Nelson, grandparents of Doris Nelson Newman, who prepared this form. She has in her possession a photo of the house with the Nelson family posed in front of it. There is no porch.

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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1812 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was the boyhood home of Captain John Williams Gunnison and probably his birthplace, as he was born in November of 1812. Captain Gunnison has been called the last of the Western explorers. There is an impressive array of memorials honoring him in the West, where his explorations are well known.

Gunnison attended Hopkinton Academy and graduated from West Point in 1837. He served as an ordinance officer and engineer in Florida and Georgia, and then undertook various surveying assignments, including a survey of Lake Michigan (1841-1842) and one of the Great Salt Lake region (1849-1850). In 1853 John Williams Gunnison was commissioned Captain of the Corps of Topographical Engineers and ordered to take command of the Pacific railroad survey. An exploring party set out in June from St. Louis with a caravan of 18 wagons and an escort of 30 soldiers. On October 25, 1853, Captain Gunnison and a small party left the main camp to explore Sevier Lake, Utah. They were surprised the next morning by a band of Indians, and all but four were massacred. Gunnison died at the age of 41 in the heroic service of his country.

The only recognition accorded this brave man in his home state is the inscription to his memory on the family monument in a Goshen cemetery. Placing this house on the National Register would help rectify the previous neglect of his contribution to our nation's history.

Architecturally, the Gunnison House is representative of the Federal style in the upper Connecticut River Valley. Exterior features typical of the Federal period include symmetry, as seen in the five-bay fenestration and the central doorway flanked by sidelights, and delicate simplicity, as seen in the window casings, corner boards, and cornice. Interior detailing includes stencilling and painted-grained woodwork on the second story. The Gunnison House retains much of the original fabric and character of the Federal period in addition to its historical value.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mumey, Nolie. "John Williams Gunnison." 1955. Denver, Colorado. Artcraft Press.

Nelson, Walter R. "History of Goshen, New Hampshire." 1957. Concord, New Hampshire. Evans Printing Company.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 80 acres

UTM REFERENCES

FOR COORDINATES OF ENTIRE 80 ACRES,
REFER TO CONTINUATION SHEET, PAGE 1

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

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South side of road, opposite house, a tract app. 600' wide reaching from road to Blood Brook, app. 10 acres; on house side of road, starting at corner of Killoran property and Center Road westerly app. 800' to Ayotte property, then northerly along said property and marked line to property of H. Pratt, then east at right angle to Pratt property to property of Wm. Stevens, thence south along Stevens property to Killoran property, thence west approximately 200'; then South along Killoran property to point of beginning. For boundary justification, refer to Continuation Sheet, Page 1 (Item 8, continued).

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

Doris Nelson Newman

ORGANIZATION

DATE

September 30, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Goshen Center Road

863-3696

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Goshen

New Hampshire 03752

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, Dept. Resources & Economic Development DATE 10-5-78
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Sally G. Olden

DATE 12/19/79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST *Tricia Mac Donald*

DATE 12/18/79

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CONTINUATION SHEET 1

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SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

Gunnison is thought to have been born in the house; he lived there for the first twenty years of his life. (Doris Newman, owner, April 10, 1979)

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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ITEM NUMBER 10

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA (Continued)

UTM REFERENCES:	POINT	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
	A	18	7-32-950	47-98-070
	B	18	7-33-100	47-97-900
	C	18	7-33-170	47-96-870
	D	18	7-33-000	47-96-820
	E	18	7-32-960	47-97-150
	F	18	7-32-860	47-97-130
	G	18	7-32-750	47-97-800

Verbal Boundary Description:

The present "Gunnison Lot" goes back to the earliest history of the town of Goshen; its eighty acres is the last remaining unsubdivided parcel associated with the Gunnison homeplace. Refer to sketch map below, from Wadleigh's 1837 Map of Goshen as reproduced in the frontispiece of History of Goshen, New Hampshire by Walter R. Nelson, 1957. The land south of the Goshen Center Road on the old Samuel Gunnison lot has been sold. The rest of the original remains intact. About 20 acres of tillage is located to the west, north and east of the Gunnison house; the remainder is forested. (Doris Newman, owner, August 10, 1979).

