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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 * *
Nettleton House

AND/OR COMMON
26-30 Central Street

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
26-30 Central Street

CITY, TOWN		VICINITY OF		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	
Newport		Court Square		Second	
STATE		CODE		COUNTY	
New Hampshire		03773 33		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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Town of Newport

STREET & NUMBER
15 Sunapee Street

CITY, TOWN
Newport

VICINITY OF Court Square
STATE
New Hampshire 03773

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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 Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN
Concord

STATE
New Hampshire

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Apparently erected in the 1830's, the Nettleton house combines elements of a continuing late-Federal style mixed with vernacular characteristics of emerging Greek Revival practices. The two story brick walls form a 26' x 40' core above a stone cellar and brick foundation beneath most of the structure. The exterior masonry shares similarity of material and construction (five to seven rows of stretchers between headers) with the adjacent 1824 Sullivan County Court House. Interior details of wooden moldings, especially the profiles used around doors and windows, also replicate those used in the earlier structure. Above the brick walls, gable ends are studded and filled with brick nogging behind their clapboarded exteriors. The straight pitched roof rises above a wide, protruding cornice which returns slightly around the end gables in the Greek Revival manner. Two end chimnies are located below the ridge of the roof on either side of the house.

The window sash and front door have all been altered in the late 19th or early 20th century. In changing to two over two window lights, the window sills on the first story were all lowered several inches (requiring modifications to trim, well executed, on the interior). Other than this set of changes, modifications to plan or finish of the interior have been minor. The fireplaces retain their Federal surrounds and mantel. On each floor, 20th century plumbing has been introduced and the central stairway has been somewhat altered.

Later additions to the original structure included an ell which was added as a carriage shed joining this house to another (for which doors at both first and second story were added in earlier window locations). This ell, as well as another later rear ell and cow barn (all much altered by c. 1930's conversion to apartments) were removed in September 1976 as part of Advisory Council approved BOR and HUD park plans to enhance the Old Court House. Seen from that earlier public building on the hill above this site, the Nettleton House appears to be a single story building by virtue of its being set into the hill and by a second floor door facing the Court House. Where the deteriorated additions have been removed, there is some damage to masonry surfaces and to one gable cornice.

there

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1830-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

: The Nettleton House was built sometime in the 1830's by either Joel Nettleton or Samuel George. It is referred to in the deed descriptions of the Nettleton Homestead; the Nettleton family occupied it in excess of thirty years.

Mr. George was a prominent cabinet maker and painter in Newport. Joel Nettleton was the Proprietor of the Newport House and the accompanying Stage. His son, Daniel, was a legislator, a selectman and a colonel in the military and ran the village saw mill, formerly located across Central Street from the Nettleton House. Nelson Chase and his son, Samuel, who succeeded the Nettletons, were both state legislators, local selectmen and prominent businessmen.

The Nettleton House is a significant example of local Federal-style vernacular architecture. Structural similarities between it and the adjacent Old Sullivan County Court House (1824) reflect a continuing masonry building tradition of which very few local examples remain. Despite some later modifications to the exterior, it has retained a major share of its original integrity of materials and interior finish.

In addition, the Nettleton House forms an integral part of the Court Square, which is defined by the Old Sullivan County Courthouse as centerpiece, with the former Primary School Building, now Town Office and Senior Center, and Fire Station to the north; the Town Hall and present County Courthouse and Record Building to the west; the former County Office Building, now Police Station, to the southwest; the Nettleton House to the south and Central Street to the southeast. Although of different dates and style, all of the existing buildings are complementary in massing and in material (red brick).

Within the past year the Town of Newport has received HUD and BOR grants to develop a park around the Courthouse and the Nettleton House. The setting will be ideal for the already renovated Court House (NPS Grant-in-aid 33-74-00016-03) and the soon-to-be renovated Nettleton House.

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4. Wheeler, Edmund, The History of Newport, NH, 1879, Concord. *see continuation sheet 1

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	18	729150	4804900	B	N, A		
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

A certain tract of land with the building thereon, situated in said Newport, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the South side by Central Street, on the East by the Old Court house Drive, on the North by the land of the Old Courthouse and the West by the Old Courthouse and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stone post set in the ground at the Southwest corner of the premise herein described and on the North side of Central Street; thence running in an Easterly*see continuation sheet 2

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth G. Lurvey - Project Administrator

ORGANIZATION

Town of Newport

DATE

January 14, 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, Dept. of Resources & Economic Development
New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE MAY 11 1977

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/16/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11-11-77

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5. Candee, Richard, "Historical Analysis of Old Courthouse Park Project", May 28, 1976, Portsmouth, on file with NH Historic Preservation Office.

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direction on the North side of Central Street 70 feet to the junction of Central Street and the Old Courthouse Drive thence turning and running along the Northwestern side of Old Courthouse Drive for 70 feet; thence turning and running in a Westerly direction 70 feet; thence turning and running in a Southeasterly direction 70 feet to the stone post begun at.