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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 Revîval 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, their is some damage to masonry surfaces and to one gable cornice.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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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