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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

LARKIN-RICE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

LARKIN-LADD HOUSE (to 1930)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

180 Middle Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Portsmouth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

New Hampshire

CODE

33

COUNTY

Rockingham

CODE

015

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 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 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 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

Josephine J. Richter Estate, Arthur H. Rice, Trustee

STREET & NUMBER

180 Middle Street

CITY, TOWN

Portsmouth

STATE

New Hampshire 03801

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Rockingham County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Rockingham County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Exeter

STATE

New Hampshire 03833

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NH Historic Preservation Plan

DATE

1970

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Dept. of Resources & Economic Development

CITY, TOWN

Concord

STATE

New Hampshire 03301

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

This three-story brick house stands about 100 feet from the main street of Portsmouth and occupies about 2/3 of an acre. It is of outstanding architectural design with five Palladian windows recessed within brick, relieving arches in the upper and lower stories. The house is square, with a simple classical cornice; rising above the roof are four chimneys and a widow's walk. The covered walk at the rear of the house once had a covered portion extending from the house to the stables, but this was removed about 1900 when an extensive restoration took place following a change of ownership.

At the same time new flooring in the first two stories was put in and an elevator removed; three water closets were installed between 1900 and 1940. With the installation of heat, certain ducts were added and floors penetrated; a staircase to the basement was removed. Most of the fireplaces are unused and some have been temporarily blocked. Otherwise the flooring and rooms remain unaltered.

The only outbuilding, a stable and carriage house, remains unaltered. It has two horse stalls and a loft upstairs. The former ice house and well house were removed about 1900.

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 checked="" 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 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 1813-1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Larkin-Rice House is being nominated because of the unique architectural design of its facade. It has five Palladian windows recessed beneath relieving brick arches; there are three in a second story, and two below, flanking the door, which is surmounted by a circular fanlight and similarly recessed. The columned entrance hall has honeycomb carving at the cornice level; there is a related carving in the two front rooms. There are sliding shutters in these rooms, and folding shutters in the upstairs bedrooms.

The house was built by Samuel Larkin (1773-1849), who married Ann Jaffrey Wentworth, a daughter of Col. Joshua Wentworth. Larkin made a fortune as an auctioneer of the contents of English ships captured by local privateers, especially during the War of 1812. This was the period of the construction of the house. Larkin was a warden of St. John's Church and a Mason, serving as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire several times.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2/3 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Portsmouth, NH

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1, 9 | 3 5, 6 | 5, 6, 0 | 4, 7 | 7, 0 | 2, 6, 0 |

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Plot Map # 24, Lot #42, Portsmouth, NH

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arthur H. Rice, Trustee, Richter Estate

October 20, 1976

ORGANIZATION

180 Middle Street

603-436-1476

STREET & NUMBER

Portsmouth

New Hampshire 03801

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

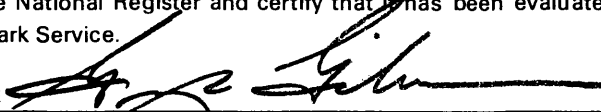
NATIONAL

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
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE July 18, 1978

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



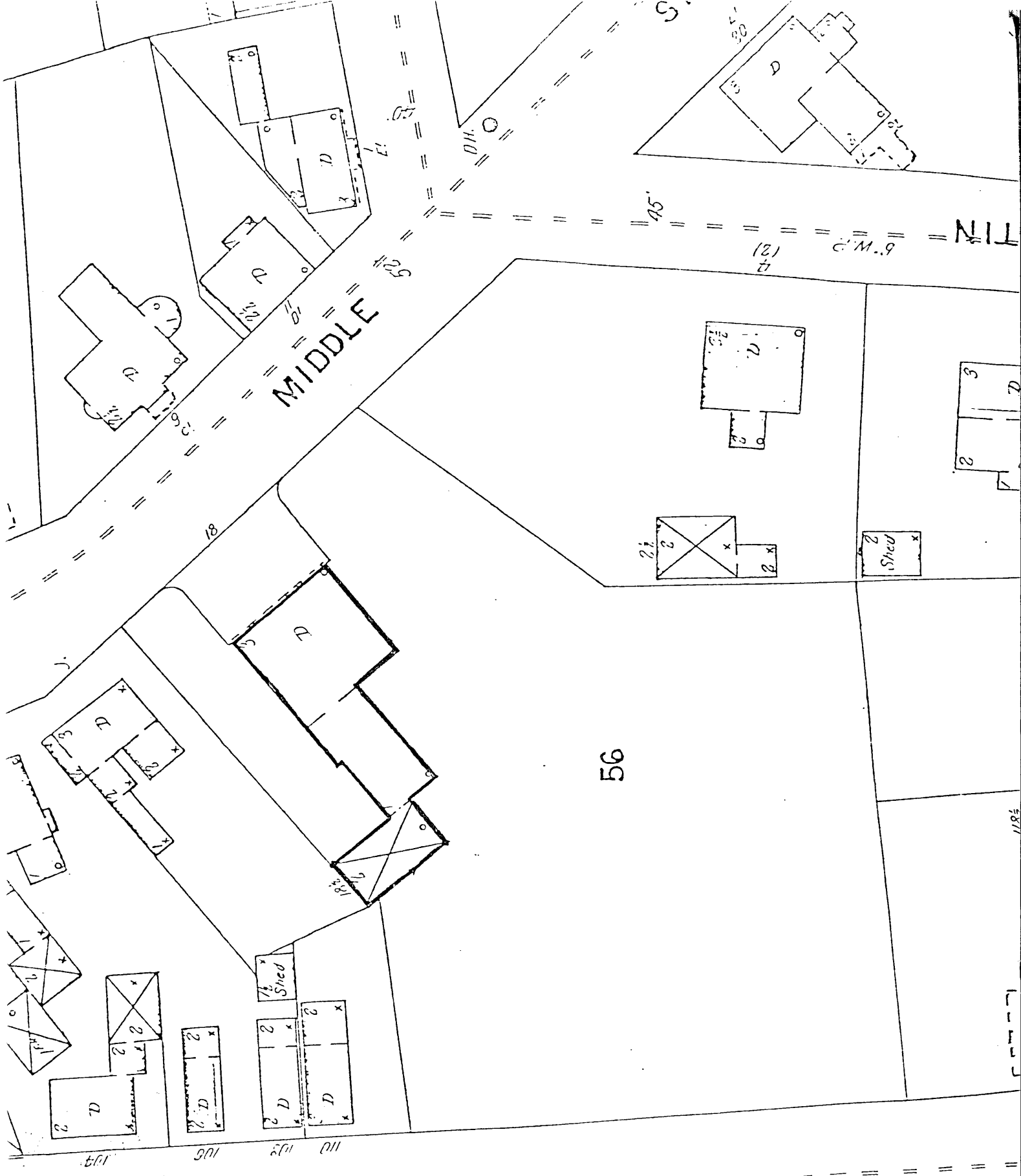
DATE 11-29-79

ATTEST:



DATE 11/28/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION



STATE

SANBORN 1904 EDITION
 MAP # 13

NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 30 Park Street
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301