

United States Department of the Interior
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 Jonesville Academy

and/or common Jonesville Academy

2. Location

street & number Corner of Cochran and Waterbury Roads, Jonesville ^{N/A} not for publication

city, town Jonesville ^{N/A}
Richmond vicinity of Jonesville ~~congressional district~~

state Vermont code 50 county Chittenden code 007

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"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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
	^{N/A} <input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Michael R. Saxe

street & number Box 231

city, town Jonesville ^{N/A} vicinity of _____ state Vermont

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Town of Richmond Town Clerk's Office

street & number Main Street

city, town Richmond state Vermont

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date June, 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

city, town Montpelier state Vermont

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

Jonesville Academy, located in the Village of Jonesville, Vermont, is a large wooden school building constructed in the Italianate style circa 1868. It is remarkable for its engaged center entrance tower, and ornate Italianate bracketting. The interior consists of a large single schoolroom on the first floor, a wide spiral staircase, and an auditorium with a stage on the second floor.

Jonesville is a small village within the Town of Richmond, Vermont, and is located on State Route 2. Jonesville Academy stands on a one-third acre lot, formerly used as a playground, 200 yards south of Route 2 and the Winoosk River. Neighboring properties consist of several older homes and farms.

The wood frame, clapboarded, two-story building measures thirty-five by fifty-six feet, and has a gable roof. Built in the Italianate style, it has changed very little since its construction. The front (West) facade of the building is dominated by an engaged center entrance tower terminating in a pyramidal roof with a spire. Six-panel double-leaf doors occupy the first floor of the tower; the doors are sheltered by a door hood supported by heavy consoles. Above the doorway is a pair of 4/4 windows, sheltered by a bracketted window hood. Above the roofline of the building, the north, south, and west faces of the tower exhibit paired round-arched windows. On the east face of the tower is one six-light window. The tower cornice has paired brackets similar to the main cornice.

The South elevation is highlighted by two banks of triple 6/6 windows on the first floor, and four 6/6 windows on the second floor. The North elevation has four 6/6 windows on each of the two floors. The East elevation has one 6/6 window and one doorway on the first floor, and only one four-pane small window on the second floor.

Ornate paired Italianate brackets with drops support the slate roof's eaves on all sides. The exterior has been restored and painted white with blue trim. The foundation is stone.

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7. Description (cont.)

The interior of the building has been considerably altered on the East side, but is virtually original on the West side. The first floor was originally dominated by one large schoolroom, with vertical beaded wainscoting on all walls. A wide spiral winding staircase within the tower leads to the second floor, originally a large auditorium with a stage at the East end. The East side of the first and second floors has recently been converted to a private residence, with all wainscoting, floors, and stage left intact.

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 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 circa 1868 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Jonesville Academy is an excellent example of a rural New England Italianate schoolhouse. Built in the 1860's in the bustling mill village of Jonesville, Vermont, it was originally used as a high school. It ceased its function as a school in 1955, and then served as a Grange until 1970. The structure remains a landmark in the Village and the Town.

Built in the Italianate style circa 1868^{1,2}, this was the Jonesville Academy, or high school. At the time, there were nine schools in the Town of Richmond. The Village of Jonesville included a railroad station, hotel, hardware and paint stores, and several mills.³ The land for the school was donated by Safford Colby to be used "...only for the purpose of holding public schools, for holding religious meetings, for public lectures and moral entertainment and other literary purposes, and for no other purposes."⁴

The building, originally used as a high school and later only for grades one through five, functioned in that capacity until 1955, and then as the Grange⁵, but when all educational use ceased the land reverted back to the estate. This presented a problem to the School Board, which wanted to sell the building. Finally, the legal questions were settled and the building and land are now owned by Michael Saxe.

The names of the architect and builder are not documented. The structure is significant as a statement of the Italianate style in rural Vermont, and stands as a landmark to the Village and the Town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. Walton, E.P. Walton's Vt. Register and Farmer's Almanac, Claremont Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass. 1869. p. 72.
2. Beers, Atlas of Chittenden County, Beers, Ellis, and Soule, N.Y., 1869, p. 25.
3. Rann, W.S. History of Chittenden County, VT., D. Mason and Co, Syracuse, 1886, p. 665. (continued)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/3
 Quadrangle name Richmond, Vermont

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification The boundary of the nominated property is contiguous with the property lines of the lot owned by Michael Saxe as recorded in Book 35, Page 186 of the Richmond Town Land Records. The lot measures approximately 125 by 250 feet. The nominated property is the original school lot.

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 Michael R. Saxe
 organization N/A date May 12, 1982
 street & number Box 231 telephone (802) 434-3513
 city or town Jonesville 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

William B. Pinney

title Director/ Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date September 13, 1982

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bruce M. ...
 Keeper of the National Register

date 11/2/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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9. Major Bibliographical References (cont.)

4. Richmond Town Records, Book 11, Page 632, 1876,
5. Quinn, John Bernard, Personal Verbal Communication,
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