

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Chittenden	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chittenden County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
130 Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Chittenden CODE: 007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted * <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
County of Chittenden

STREET AND NUMBER:
130 Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Clerk, Burlington City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
N.W. Corner of Church and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Burlington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

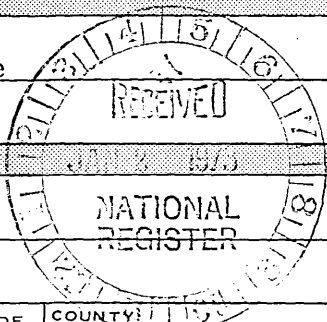
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chittenden County Courthouse, designed by Burlington architect E. C. Ryer, was completed in 1872. The new facility was erected to replace the old courthouse built in 1829.

The building, constructed in Second Empire style, is two and one half stories high and is rectangular in plan. A three story tower is located at the northwest corner of the structure. The walls are constructed of blocks of local redstone in combination with blue-grey Isle La Motte Stone. The stories are divided on the exterior by chisled stone belt courses. The quoins, window arches, cornices and chimney caps are all executed in cut stone. The first floor is lined by double windows divided by a band of stone and capped by stone double arches. The second story contains the large roman arched windows which light the courtroom and chambers. The structure is surmounted by a bracketed cornice and mansard roof. Several recessed, pedimented dormers, alternating with the chimneys on the side elevations, are located along the mansard roof. The roof is sheathed with light and dark bands of rectangular, clipped and scalloped slate shingles.

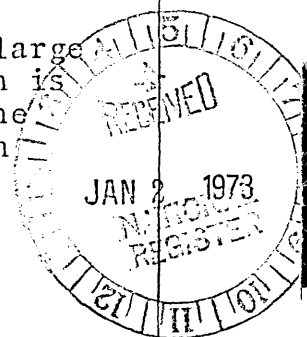
The courthouse is entered via a round arched entranceway with a paneled hardwood door. The entrance is proceeded by a flight of steps leading to a one story stone porch. Two sets of triple stone columns support the porch roof which has a bracketed cornice surmounted by a balustrade.

The tower roof takes the form of what is referred to in contemporary accounts as a "French Dome", square at the base and octagonal at the top. This "French Dome" has louvered dormers, is also sheathed with colored bands of slates, and is encircled at the top by an ornamental iron railing.

Of particular interest in the interior is the second floor courtroom. It is approached via a carved and polished hardwood main staircase. The courtroom is entered through an elaborately paneled round arched hardwood door surmounted by a semi-circular window of glass etched with an allegorical design.

The room measures 50 feet by 47 feet by 21 feet. This large space is fully wainscoted and paneled. The walnut bench is located in a shallow arched recess in the east wall. The room is lit by six large round arched windows and has an ornate stamped metal ceiling.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

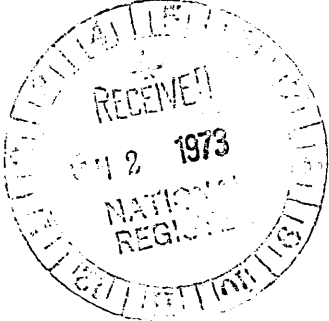
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The fact that the architect was able to successfully translate a common victorian building type (which was usually executed in brick or clapboard) into a richly polychromed stone building utilizing local materials and labor, makes the Chittenden Courthouse a unique and valuable architectural resource.

The building, along with the Smith-Goldberg U.S. Army Reserve Center just to the north, forms an important architectural nucleus in rapidly changing downtown Burlington.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Burlington Free Press, October 20, 1870; October 28, 1870; September 21, 1872.
2. "The Vermonter" (Vol. V, No. 11) 1900, P. 205.

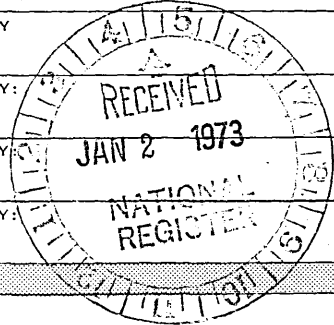
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: 11-2-72

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Timney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites</u> <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>11-2-72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/11/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>W. Montpelier</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4 4 73</u></p>
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VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Chittenden County Courthouse

COORDINATES: NORTH 40° 28' 02" WEST 73° 12' 44"

TITLE OF MAP: Burlington Quadrangle

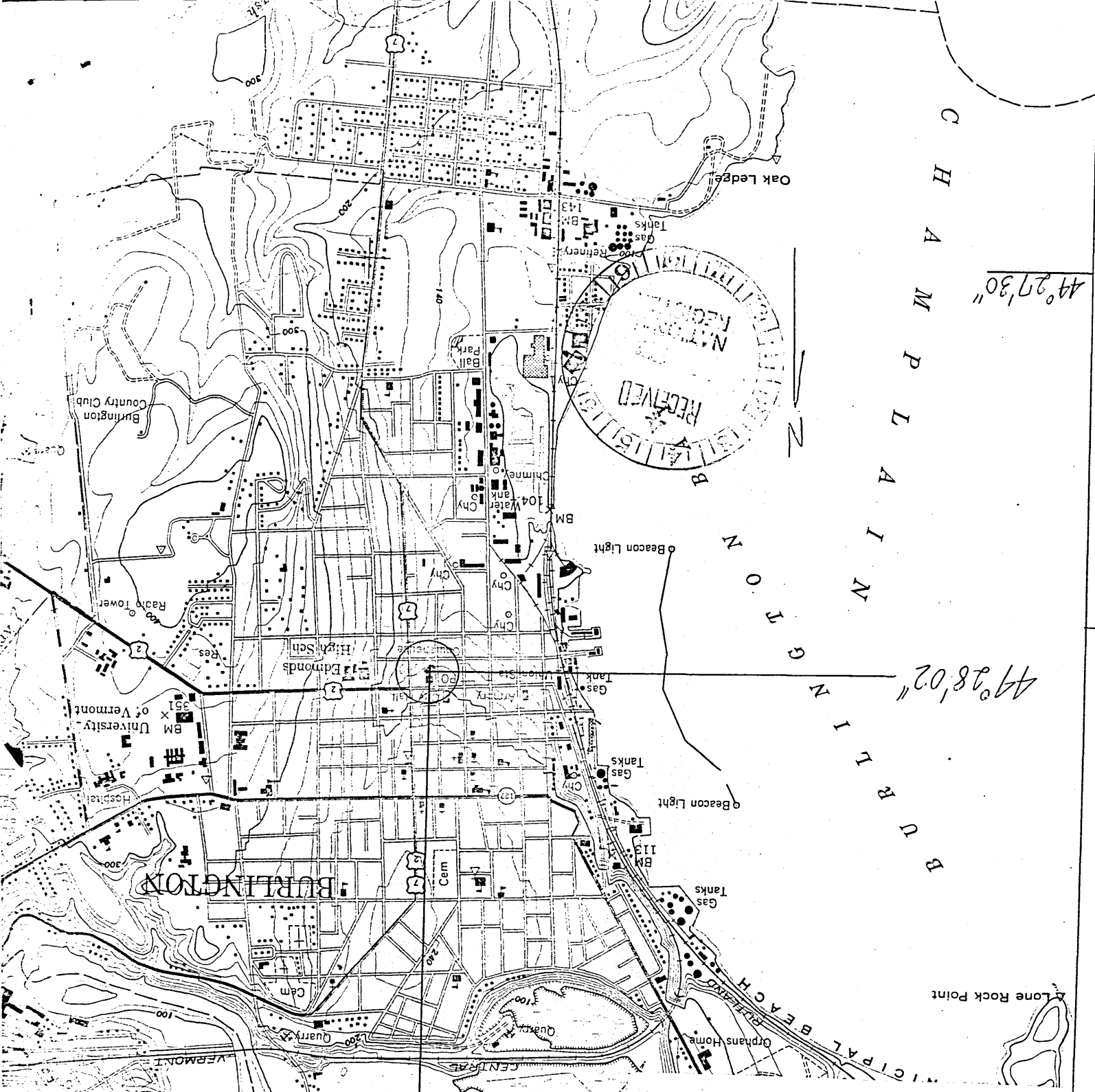
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Lone Rock Point

CENTRAL BEACH

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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

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