

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Chittenden County Courthouse
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: VERMONT, Chittenden

DATE RECEIVED: 2/05/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/22/16
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 73000192

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3-22-2016 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Property has lost characteristics that made it eligible
Demolished*

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER [Signature] DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N ☒

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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Nat. Register of Historic Places
National Park Service

January 28, 2016

J. Paul Loether
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street, NW 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Removal from the National Register of Historic Places for Property in Vermont

Dear Mr. Loether:

The Chittenden County Courthouse, formerly located at 180 Church Street in Burlington, VT, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 11, 1973. It was severely damaged by fire on February 9, 1982. The building was subsequently demolished and is no longer standing. According the National Register regulations, properties listed prior to December 13, 1980, can only be removed if:

"The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed, or such qualities were lost subsequent to nomination and prior to listing."

Because the building is no longer standing, it does not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and has no historic integrity. As such, it meets the above requirement.

Notification

The property owner(s), Chief Elected Official and Regional Planning Commission were notified of the proposed nomination on December 3, 2015.

- ☒ No objections to the delisting were submitted to the Division during the public comment period.
- ☐ An objection to the delisting was submitted to the Division during the public comment period.
- ☐ A letter of support for the delisting was submitted to the Division during the public comment period.



Certified Local Government

- ☐ The property being nominated is not located in a CLG community.
- ☒ The property being delisted is located in a CLG community. The Burlington Historic Preservation Review Committee acknowledged the request for delisting but did not submit formal comments.

Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits

- ☒ This property is not utilizing the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits.
- ☐ This property being rehabilitated using the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits.

State Review Board

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation reviewed the request for delisting at its meeting on January 21, 2016. The Council voted that the property no longer meets the criteria for listing and should be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions concerning this nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 828-3043 or devin.colman@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Devin A. Colman
State Architectural Historian

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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

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| 1. NAME | |
| COMMON: Chittenden County Courthouse | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | |

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|---|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 180 Church Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Burlington | | | |
| STATE Vermont | CODE 50 | COUNTY Chittenden | CODE 007 |

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| 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 Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <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) _____ _____ _____ |

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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: County of Chittenden | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 180 Church Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Burlington | STATE: Vermont | CODE 50 | |

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| 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 | |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> 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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| STATE: Vermont | COUNTY: Chittenden | ENTRY NUMBER APR 11 1973 | DATE |
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*Open to the public during specified hours.

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (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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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1872

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☒ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☒ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☒ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

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 | | | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
| NW | ° ' " | ° ' " | 44° | 28' | 02" |
| NE | ° ' " | ° ' " | 73° | 12' | 44" |
| 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 |
|--------|------|---------|------|
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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| NAME AND TITLE: <u>Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor</u> | | DATE <u>11-2-72</u> |
| ORGANIZATION <u>Vermont Division of Historic Sites</u> | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Pavilion Building</u> | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: <u>Montpelier</u> | STATE <u>Vermont</u> | CODE <u>50</u> |

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

William B. Timney

Title

Director of Historic Sites
State Liaison Officer

Date

11-2-72

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

4/11/73

ATTEST:

W. Montague
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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NPS Number 4/11/73

Title: Chittenden County Courthouse

Loc. Chittenden, Vermont

view looking east

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

COUNTY Chittenden TOWN Burlington

SUBJECT Chittenden County Courthouse

DATE NOV 1972 FILE # 22-A-25

CREDIT CHESTER H. LIEBS

VIEW Looking East

Jacket 533-183 Illus No. A282
Width 20 in Depth 26 in Focus 46
[] Sq. Ht. [] Line [] Comb. [] Side [] Broad

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| 180 Church Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | |
| Burlington | | | |
| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
| Vermont | 50 | Chittenden | 007 |
| 3. MAP REFERENCE | | | |
| SOURCE: | | | |
| U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 7.5 minute series | | | |
| SCALE: 1:24,000 | | | |
| DATE: 1948 | | | |
| 4. REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS | | | |
| 1. Property boundaries where required. | | | |
| 2. North arrow. | | | |
| 3. Latitude and longitude reference. | | | |



Oak Ledge

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

Date Entered APR 11 1973

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Stone Mill | Middlebury Addison County |
| Grassemount | Burlington Chittenden County |
| North Bennington Depot | North Bennington Bennington County |
| University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm | Weybridge Addison County |
| Chittenden County Courthouse | Burlington Chittenden County |
| Strong (General Samuel) House | Vergennes Addison County |

Also Notified

Hon. George D. Aiken
Hon. Robert T. Stafford
Hon. Richard W. Mallory

Director, Northeast Region

Mr. William B. Pinney, Director
Vermont Division of Historic Sites
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

PHR

NRowland: pc1 4/16/73

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| PROPERTY <u>Chittenden County Courthouse</u> STATE <u>Vt.</u> | | Chittenden 6/11/73 |
| WORKING NUMBER <u>1.2.73.2031</u> | | |
| TECH REVIEW Photos <u>1</u> Maps <u>1</u> | | |
| CONTROL REVIEW | | 419 3-28-73 |
| HISTORIAN <u>It appears to be architecturally</u> <u>sig. but I'm thinking they should have</u> <u>gone into more detail on political</u> <u>sign; urban planning sign. It's</u> <u>not worth sending back on though</u> | | 3-27-73 S Simel Accept |
| ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN | | Could use more history as CS says. accept 3/28/73 |
| ARCHEOLOGIST | | |
| REVIEW UNIT CHIEF | | |
| BRANCH CHIEF | | OK 3/30/73 Wm 4/4 |
| KEEPER | | |
| National Register write-up _____ | | Send-back _____ |
| Federal Register entry <u>6-5-73</u> | | Re-submit _____ |
| Entered _____ | | APR 11 1973 |