

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**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

"THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD"

and/or common

61 School Street, Tilton, New Hampshire 03276

2. Location

street & number

61 School Street

___ not for publication

city, town

Tilton

___ vicinity of

congressional district

First

state

New Hampshire

code

33

county

Belknap

code 001

3. Classification

Category

___ district

 building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ object

Ownership

___ public

 private

___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process

___ being considered

Status occupied

___ unoccupied

___ work in progress

Accessible yes: restricted

___ yes: unrestricted

___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture

___ commercial

___ educational

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ museum

___ park

 private residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ transportation

___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald P. Mills, Sr.

street & number

61 School Street

city, town

Tilton

___ vicinity of

state New Hampshire 03276

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Belknap County Registry of Deeds

Belknap County Courthouse

street & number

64 Court Street

city, town

Laconia

state New Hampshire 03246

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title

NA

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date

___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"The House by the Side of the Road" is typical of the late 18th century New England cape. Its clapboarded wall treatment is punctuated by a Greek-Revival type center door with rectangular side lights and 6/6 sash windows. The gable roof carries one surviving interior chimney with corbelled cap. A rear ell extends from the kitchen. The house is characterized by its simplicity of design.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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	c. 1783	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"The House by the Side of the Road" is a 1½-story, 5-bay center/hall structure-- an excellent example of the late 18th century cape. Its massing and fenestration are typical of rural residences throughout New Hampshire. The door treatment, which dates from a subsequent era, indicates changing technology and taste in architecture.

In addition to its architectural merit, however, the house has the added distinction of being connected with Sam Walter Foss - journalist, poet, librarian. Foss boarded here while attending Tilton Seminary in 1877-78. The house has been known as the "House by the Side of the Road" since the late 1890's after the publication of Foss's famous poem in 1897. It continues to be an important local landmark in the Tilton area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. VI, Allen Johnson and Dumas Malone, eds., New York: Charles Scribner's Sons; 1931.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1/2 acre +

Quadrangle name Penacook

Quadrangle scale 15'

UMT References

A

1	9	2	9	10	4	2	5	4	8	1	3	5	5	10
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing					

C

Zone				Easting				Northing					

D

Zone				Easting				Northing					

E

Zone				Easting				Northing					

F

Zone				Easting				Northing					

G

Zone				Easting				Northing					

H

Zone				Easting				Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tilton Tax Records: R 24, Parcel 19

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ronald P. Mills, Sr.

organization _____ date March 29, 1977

street & number 61 School Street telephone 286-8824

city or town Tilton state New Hampshire 03276

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

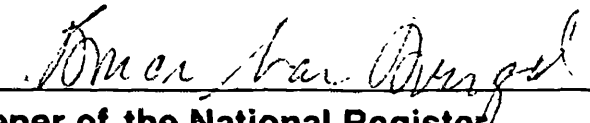
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

Commissioner, Dept. Resources & Economic Development

title NH State Historic Preservation Officer date December 16, 1977

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

 date 11/26/80

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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(11/78)

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The House by the Side of the Road in Tilton, New Hampshire is unaltered. The building as it exists today is in the same condition as it was when purchased by the current owner in 1972. There is no information to suggest that any changes have occurred to the building beyond normal maintenance.