

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 ~~THE~~ NICHOLAS POWERS HOUSE
and/or common LOVETT'S BY LAFAYETTE BROOK (Lovett's Inn-preferred)

2. Location

street & number South of Franconia on Profile Road (NH Rt. #18) — not for publication
city, town Franconia — vicinity of congressional district Second
state New Hampshire code 33 county Grafton code 009

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 checked="" 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name Charles J. & Mary Helen Lovett
street & number Profile Road
city, town Franconia — vicinity of state New Hampshire 03580

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Grafton County Registry of Deeds, Grafton County Courthouse
street & number PO Box #208
city, town North Haverhill state New Hampshire 03765

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A 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

Lovett's Inn consists of two connected cape style structures probably constructed during the Greek Revival period. The buildings are attached in the gable ends with the north section set twelve feet back from the south section.

The south section is 38 feet by 29 feet. Initially a chimney flanked each gable end, but at some point the northern chimney was removed and a central chimney added. The five bay facade (east elevation), relatively unchanged since its construction, has a central door with Greek Revival paneling flanked by side lights and surmounted by transom lights. Windows have eight over eight double hung sash on the east elevation, six over six sash on the first story gable end and original twelve over eight sash on the upper story gable end. In 1927 the building was altered to include shed dormers with three sets of windows on both pitches. On the south end a one story pitched roof porch with twelve light windows enclosing it was also added. A small entrance porch presently protects the front entrance.

The north section is 45 feet by 30 feet with a central chimney. In the early days the lower floor functioned as the kitchen, wood shed, and milkroom. The old wash oven remains next to the original and still often used fireplace. The facade (east elevation) has two entrances interspersed with five eight over eight sash windows. Shed dormers with four sets of windows projecting from both pitches were added also in 1927. Original windows on the gable end are twelve over eight sash.

As Lovett's Inn, additions were made to the back side of the building, none of which show from the eastern or northern approach or alter the front appearance. A rectangular structure was added to the back of the north section to enlarge the dining room in 1939 and a new kitchen was added around 1960. A sun porch and bar were added in the 1950's. On the grounds around the building seven substantial cottage units were built, none of which are within 50 feet of the original building. There is also an old barn which was partially converted to accommodate guests.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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. 1820

Builder/Architect NICHOLAS POWERS

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Lovett's Inn is significant as one of the few surviving inns and hostelries dating from the early 20th century or before. In addition it is a tangible reflection of the historical development of New Hampshire's North Country from its earliest settlement to the present.

The property was first settled c. 1790 by Nicholas Powers, one of the area's first settlers. Powers was instrumental in creating the original road through Franconia Notch, which resulted in the first overland north/south route in the area, making way for increased settlement in the area.

This region of New Hampshire was first devoted to agricultural use. As competition from Western states made farming less economical in the mid-to late-19th century, the growing popularity of the area as a tourist resort caused a shift in the economy. In addition to large tourist hotels, farm families and small inns catered to summer visitors.

For many years the building and property served as a working farm, often supplying dairy products, vegetables, and eggs to resorts in the area. In 1928 it was converted to an inn, in part to replenish eight of the area's tourist facilities destroyed by fire, most notably the Profile House which burned in 1923.

The popularity of the automobile changed the vacation habits of Americans and caused a decline in the tourist economy. Vacant and under-utilized resort hotels and inns were increasingly lost to fire or neglect.

Lovett's Inn survives a characteristic example of the evolution of historical development in the North Country, retaining the visual and physical characteristics of its long and active history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Drake, Samuel Adams, The Heart of the White Mountains, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1882.
- McLeod, William, The Summer Tourist-Scenery of the Franconia Mountains, NH, Harper's New York Monthly Magazine, No. XXV, June 1, 1852, Vol. 5.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Franconia, NH

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

UMT References

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		Zone	Easting			Northing			Zone	Easting			Northing		
C								D							
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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of the main Inn building and the land upon which it stands. This structure is located on part of land identified in the Franconia tax records on Map #18, property #26.

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles J. Lovett, Jr.

organization N/A date December 22, 1978

street & number Profile Road telephone 603-823-7761

city or town Franconia state New Hampshire 03580

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 [Signature]

Commissioner, Dept. of Resources & Economic Development

title NH State Historic Preservation Officer date January 28, 1981

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

William H. Brubaker date 3.11.82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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LOVETT'S INN IN FRANCONIA, NH

