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

## National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms* Type all entries—complete applicable sections

# 1. Name

historic	NICHONE	ts polofes House		
and/or common	LOVETT'S BY LAI	FAYETTE BROOK (Love	ett's Inn-preferred)	
2. Loca	ation			
street & numbe	r South of France	onia on Profile Road	d (NH Rt. #18) -	not for publication
city, town	Franconia	vicinity of	congressional district	Second
state New	Hampshire cod	e 33 county	Grafton	code 009
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public X_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X_occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted X_yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture X commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	<pre> museum  park  private residence  religious  scientific  transportation  other:</pre>
4. Owr	ner of Prope	rty		
name	Charles J. & Ma	ary Helen Lovett		
street & number	Profile Road			
city, town	Franconia	vicinity of	state	<u>New Hampshire 035</u> 80

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# 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	Nor	th Haverhill state New Hampshire 0376.
6. Repr	esentation	in Existing Surveys
title	N/A	has this property been determined elegible? yes no
date		federalstatecountylocal
depository for surv	vey records	
city, town		state

### 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<u>X</u> excellent <u> </u>	<pre> deteriorated ruins</pre>	unaltered X_ altered	<u>X</u> original site moved date
fair	unexposed		

#### 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.

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## 8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 _X 1800–1899 _X 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art X commerce communications	Check and justify below community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlemen industry invention	Iandscape architectur Iaw Iiterature military music philosophy politics/government	re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	c. 1820	Builder/Architect	HOLAS FOLDERS	

#### 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 argicultural 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  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$  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, <u>The Heart of the White Mountains</u>, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1882.

McLeod, William, <u>The Summer Tourist-Scenery of the Franconia Mountains, NH</u>, Harper's New York Monthly Magazine, No. XXV, June 1, 1852, Vol. 5.

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		epared By Les J. Lovett, Jr.		,			
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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. of Resources & Economic Development

title NH State Historic Preservation Officer

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

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date 3.11.82

January 28, 1981

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

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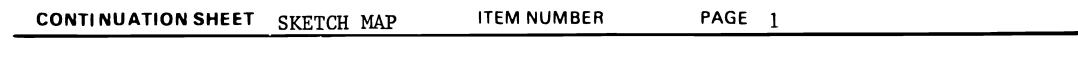
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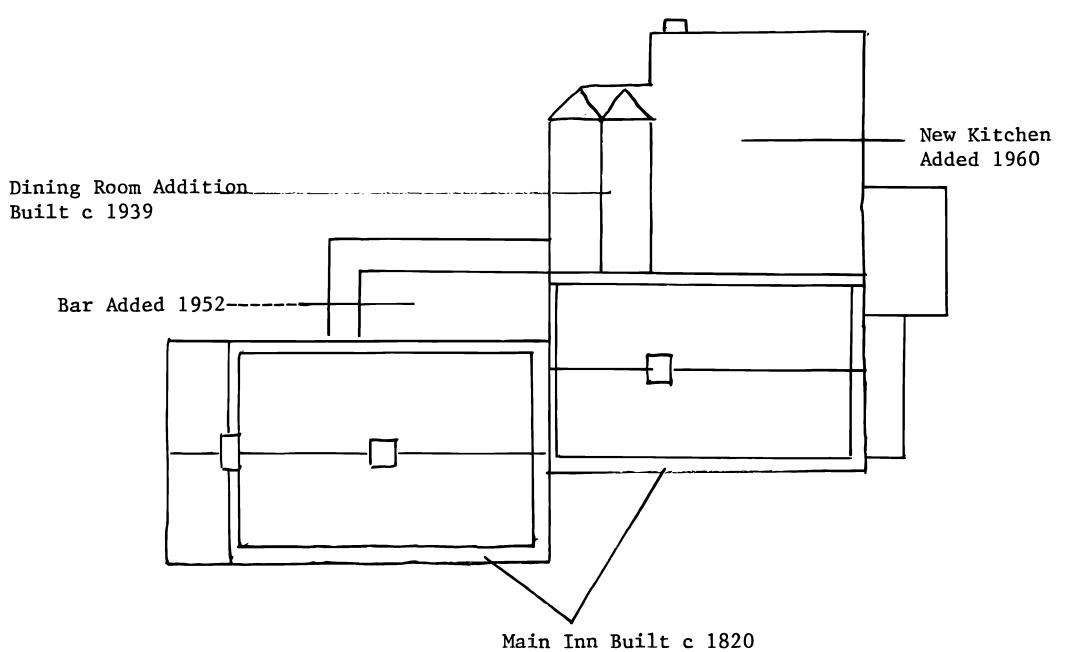
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