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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property Historic name: <u>Caledonia #9 Grange Hall</u> Other names/site number:	No. 1 m
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple	property listing)
2. Location Street & number: 88 Church Street City or town: East Hardwick State: Vermont Not For Publication: Vicinity:	t County: <u>Caledonia</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification As the designated authority under the National H I hereby certify that this X nomination req the documentation standards for registering prop Places and meets the procedural and professional	uest for determination of eligibility meets perties in the National Register of Historic
In my opinion, the property \underline{X} meets <u>doe</u> doe recommend that this property be considered sign significance:	
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Signature of certifying official/Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal	U IO/210/2017 Date
In my opinion, the property meets of criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

_____entered in the National Register

_____ determined eligible for the National Register

_____ determined not eligible for the National Register

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____ removed from the National Register

other (explain:)/

Signature of the Keeper

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12.26.2017 Date of Action

5. Classification

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Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes a	is apply.)
Private:	×
Public – Local	
Public – State	
Public – Federal	
Category of Property	
(Check only one box.)	
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Building(s)	x
District	
Site	
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Object	

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	buildings
<u>1</u>		bundings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>		Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) Social: meeting hall

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.) <u>Social: meeting hall</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.) LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property:

<u>Foundation: Stone</u> <u>Clapboards: Wood</u> <u>Roof: Corrugated metal</u>

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Porch roof: Standing-seam metal

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is located in East Hardwick, an unincorporated village in the town of Hardwick. The building sits on a steep incline on the east side of East Church Street, between the road and the Lamoille River. Standing two-and-a-half-stories tall, the three-by-four-bay, gable-front, wood-frame building measures approximately 40 feet long and 24 feet wide. It was built in 1909 to house the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange (a.k.a. "Caledonia #9"), the ninth subordinate grange organization established in Vermont. As such, both the group and their building are referred to as "Caledonia #9." The focal point of the otherwise simple exterior of the building is a single-story, Queen Anne-style porch with a hipped roof spanning the façade. It features turned posts, scroll-sawn brackets, and a balustrade. Significant interior spaces on the upper and lower levels of the building remain intact and reflect their historic uses. The building is in good condition and retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Narrative Description

The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is clad with wood clapboards, has a metal roof, and sits on a stone foundation. The building is built into a hillside that slopes down towards the Lamoille River at the rear of the property and, as a result, the primary entrance is on the upper level because it is atgrade on the front of the building. This is unusual in grange hall design; a typical grange hall, built on a flat site, has the main entry leading into the ground-level event space, with the limitedaccess grange meeting hall on the second floor.

In addition to the elaborate porch on the front of the building, decorative elements include scrollsawn decorative eave brackets at each corner of the building. Elements such as these, when applied to a simple underlying structure, are characteristic of folk Victorian architecture.¹ The primary exterior entry into the lower level was on the south elevation, partway down the hillside, toward the front of the building. This entry had a porch like the one on the façade, but it was dismantled in the late-20th century due to deterioration. Salvageable components, including the turned posts, are stored inside the building. An early photograph of the hall shows a wooden

¹ As described by Virginia and Lee McAlester as having "porches with spindlework detailing (turned spindles and lace-like spandrels) or flat, jigsaw cut trim appended to National Folk (post-railroad) house forms." Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2006), p. 309.

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platform projecting from the right third of the porch on the front of the building, which was most likely used by carriage passengers.² This feature is no longer extant.



Figure 1. Undated, early photograph of the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall. Note the projecting platform on the right side of the front porch, and the porch sheltering the entry into the lower level. Courtesy of the Hardwick Historical Society.

The paired entry doors on the front of the building open into an antechamber. Form this space an interior staircase leads down to the lower level, and a there is access into the meeting hall via a wide doorway. In order to keep the meeting hall private and prevent non-members from observing the secret grange rituals, however, this wide doorway can be closed by lowering a vertical wooden pocket door that is counter-balanced and slides up into the attic when not in use.³ The meeting hall has wood floors, stained bead-board wainscoting, and painted, pressed tin paneling on the upper walls and ceiling. Behind the tin paneling and ceiling is wood lath, a remnant of when these surfaces were plastered.⁴ At the east end of the meeting hall is a low wooden stage, and the space is filled with movable tables and chairs to accommodate a variety of uses. The meeting hall was the focus of restoration work in 2011 and is in good condition.

² Hardwick Historical Society archives, Stroll IV binder.

³ Interview with Rachel Kane, Master of the East Hardwick Grange, October 12, 2016.

⁴ Interview with John Buscemi, October 13, 2016. A short notice in the *Hardwick Gazette* in February 1912 noting that "work has begun on the Caledonia Grange hall, the plaster being replaced by a steel ceiling," potentially contradicts this oral history; or, since it does not mention the walls, may corroborate the local lore in that the metal ceiling may have been added two-and-a-half years later to match the walls. *Hardwick Gazette*, February 29, 1912, p. 4.

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The lower level was the more public portion of the building, used for special events and large meals. Like the meeting hall, the lower level has wood floors, stained bead-board wainscoting, painted, pressed tin paneling on the upper walls and ceiling. The tin paneling is discolored and rusting, and the lower level is used primarily for the storage of building components, including the side porch posts and the original wood sash windows. A major carrying beam runs the length of the room and is support by two wooden posts. The original kitchen was in the southwest corner of the lower level, and while no longer in use, the original wood cabinetry remains intact.

The windows throughout the building are modern, 1/1 replacement units. Fortunately, all of the original wood sash have been saved and, following rehabilitation, can be re-installed in the existing window openings. A newer kitchen is in the antechamber on the upper level.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.



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- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
 - D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

A. Ow	ned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
B. Ren	noved from its original location
C. A b	irthplace or grave
D. A co	emetery
E. A re	econstructed building, object, or structure
F. A c	ommemorative property
G. Less	s than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years
Areas of Signi (Enter categorie Social Histe Architectur	es from instructions.)
Period of Sign 1909	ificance
Significant Da	tes

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1909

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation <u>N/A</u>

Architect/Builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is locally significant under Criterion A for its historical association with the Grange movement in rural East Hardwick, Vermont and under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a distinctive building type, the Grange Hall, as described in a 1928 publication titled *Grange Hall Suggestions* by Benton M. Stahl. Founded in 1872, one year after the first Grange organization in New England was established in St. Johnsbury, VT, the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange (a.k.a. "Caledonia #9") is now the oldest extant Grange organization in Vermont and New England and the oldest in New England still operating under its original charter.⁵ The period of significance is 1909, the date of construction. The building remains in use for its originally intended purpose.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Formally known as the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, the Grange is a national organization comprised of local and state chapters. The organization was founded on December 4, 1867, in Washington, D.C., as a means of addressing the devastation of the Civil War and recent droughts and to improve the economic and social well-being of farmers.⁶ The first Subordinate Grange was established in Fredonia, NY, in 1868. Three years later, in 1871, the first Subordinate Grange in New England was established in St. Johnsbury, VT. Other New England states followed suit: New Hampshire and Massachusetts (1873); Maine (1874); Connecticut (1875); and Rhode Island (1887).

The Grange in Vermont developed not only as an offshoot of the national Grange movement, but it also stemmed, in part, from a tradition of agricultural organization dating back to the early 19th century when Vermont's first agricultural societies were organized. Like its predecessors, the Grange served an important social and educational function on the state and particularly the local levels. It also served a brief political function, especially during the late 1880s and 1890s. Four years after its founding in 1871, the number of Subordinate Granges in Vermont had risen to 160 with approximately 6,300 members. Although membership grew quickly during the early years, the Vermont Grange was maintained on somewhat shaky ground, and after 1875 it experienced a period of decline when a number of granges were discontinued. Beginning in the late 1880s, however, the Grange was revived and developed into a significant social and, briefly, political organization for Vermont's agricultural community. In 1911 the Vermont Grange reached its highest level of membership at 20,000, and although it experienced a second decline after the First World War, it was once again revived and in 1945 constituted the largest agricultural

⁵ While there are other pre-1909, purpose-built Grange halls still in use, Caledonia #9 is the oldest active Grange organization. See Vermont State Grange website for information on other Granges in the state: "Vermont Granges," <u>http://www.vtstateGrange.org/vermont-Granges.html</u>, accessed November 14, 2016.

⁶ National Register of Historic Places, Vinland Grange Hall, Vinland, Douglas County, Kansas, National Register #00000037.

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organization in the state.⁷ In 2017, the Vermont State Grange has approximately 1,100 members in nineteen Subordinate Grange organizations.

The first Grange hall built in Vermont was constructed in 1876 in Bridgewater Corners, Windsor County. It was built as a combination Grange hall/cheese factory, and it continues to be used as a Grange hall to this day. However, the building of Grange halls appears to have been relatively rare. More often, the local grangers might purchase a building, or borrow the local town hall, the church vestry, or some other public building for their meetings and various other social gatherings. As grange membership grew during the late 19th century, local granges began to acquire existing public buildings such as town halls, churches, schools or stores whereupon they might alter the interiors as necessary.⁸

Like many Grange organizations in Vermont, the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange operated out of borrowed space for its first several decades, using the Jewett Chapel on Church Street for most of this time and then the Village Hall in the years immediately preceding construction of the Grange building.⁹ Discussions about acquiring a parcel and building a hall began in 1905¹⁰ and proceeded slowly, with a final decision on the matter not made until 1908.¹¹ The secretary minute books for the Grange meetings show that Charles J. Bell, Master of the State Grange from 1894 to 1906, Governor of Vermont from 1904 to 1906, and an executive committee member and secretary of the National Grange¹² as well as a founding member of the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange, served on committees related to constructing the building and spoke at several meetings on the subject.

The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is significant under Criterion A for local history because it is a substantially intact early purpose-built Grange hall still used by the order and representative of the Granger movement that swept the Midwest and Northeast of the United States in the final third of the nineteenth century. The East Hardwick Subordinate Grange is the oldest Grange chapter in New England, a rare survivor from the first wave of Grange founding in New England that still operates according to its 1872 charter. The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall's historic integrity is substantially intact, thus providing insight into the history of purpose-built Grange halls in the state. Various accouterments of the order, including sashes, badges, staffs, tables designated for various officers, and other paraphernalia, some dating to the 19th century, remain in the hall and are still used in ceremonies, offering an exceptional example of cultural continuity dating back more than a century.

Grange organizations were important community centers for men, women, and children 14 and over, especially in smaller towns and villages like East Hardwick, which had (and has) a population numbering in the hundreds. A look at the membership of the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange since its founding shows, in the first few decades, that a substantial portion

 ⁷ National Register of Historic Places, Agricultural Resources of Vermont MPS, National Register #64500686.
 ⁸ Ibid.

⁹ See Caledonia Grange Secretary books. The minutes of each meeting note where the meeting was held.

¹⁰ "Meeting minutes of December 7, 1905," Caledonia Grange Secretary book September 21, 1905 to May 18, 1909, p. 6.

¹¹ "Meeting minutes of September 17, 1908," "Meeting minutes of January 9, 1909," Ibid. pp. 80 and 89-90.

¹² "Ex-Gov. Bell Dead," *Deerfield Valley Times*, October 1, 1909. Accessed on Vermont in the Civil War: http://vermontcivilwar.org/units/1/obits.php?input=9141.

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of the adult population of the village were members: 114 members in 1917¹³ and 131 in 1921.¹⁴ While membership began a long decline from the 1930s on, mirroring a national trend, the records show the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange served an important community function throughout the 20th century, and it continues to do so today.

Grange halls serve as more than meeting venues; they arere spaces for dinners and other social events as well as the site of discussions and lectures, often with an educational purpose. In this way, the Grange serves to connect its members to the wider world, beyond even the sphere of agriculture. The first important event to occur at Caledonia #9 Grange Hall was a memorial service for Governor Bell, who had died a few weeks before the dedication event on October 16, 1909. The dedication ceremony took place in the morning, and in the afternoon the grangers held a memorial service for the governor. This day of events was covered in a front-page story of the *Hardwick Gazette*, which noted:

Last Saturday was a time of mingled happiness and sorrow for the members of Caledonia grange, No. 9, of East Hardwick. The new grange hall, the reward of many months of earnest effort stood completed and members of the Hazen Road Pomona grange had assembled to witness the dedication ceremony. An element of sadness, however, pervaded this otherwise joyful occasion. The grangers from the surrounding towns had all known Charles J. Bell and those members of the community of which he had long been a guiding spirit felt keenly the absence of one they had known as a friend and as a neighbor and who would, had he lived, have been a prominent speaker at the dedication of the new hall.¹⁵

Since its dedication in 1909, the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall has continued to regularly offer discussions or presentations by members and visitors. Examples include a January 1915 decision to invite a member to lecture on dairy feeding;¹⁶ a March 1922 meeting where a letter from the National Grange on a coal and railroad strike was read, prompting the chapter to vote to write letters on the subject to send to county newspapers;¹⁷ a June 1933 radio show held in the hall by a local radio station;¹⁸ a March 1939 debate on whether "Federal aid is the answer to the problem of millions of American boys and girls now receiving education or none at all";¹⁹ four days after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the members discussed buying defense bonds and closed the session with "God Bless America";²⁰ an August 1943 presentation on the history of making maple sugar; an August 1953 presentation on Canada featuring three films and a talk by a guest affiliated with Canada's Department of Interior Affairs;²¹ and a February 1964 lecture by a Vermont State Trooper on vehicle safety.²²

 ¹³ "Meeting Minutes of June 30, 1917," Caledonia Grange Secretary book January 21, 1915 to December 17, 1923, p. 82.
 ¹⁴ Ibid., p. 209.

¹⁵ Hardwick Gazette, October 21, 1909, p. 1.

¹⁶ "Meeting Minutes of January 21, 1915," Caledonia Grange Secretary book January 21, 1915 to December 17, 1923, p. 3.

¹⁷ Ibid., p. 233.

¹⁸ "Meeting Minutes of June 15, 1933," Caledonia Grange Secretary book December 5, 1932 to December 7, 1935, p. 28.

¹⁹ "Meeting Minutes of March 2, 1939," Caledonia Grange Secretary book January 5, 1939 to October 2, 1941, unnumbered page.

²⁰ "Meeting Minutes of December 11, 1941," Caledonia Grange Secretary book 1941 to 1942, unnumbered page.

²¹ "Meeting Minutes of August 20, 1953," Caledonia Grange Secretary book October 2, 1952 to December 16, 1954, unnumbered page.

²² "Meeting Minutes of February 6, 1964," Caledonia Grange Secretary book May 17, 1962 to December 31, 1964, p. 100.

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The Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is significant under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a distinctive building type, the Grange Hall, as described in a 1928 publication titled *Grange Hall Suggestions* by Benton M. Stahl. While no architectural plans have been discovered, the building largely conforms to standard grange hall construction as described and depicted in *Grange Hall Suggestions* and is unusual in that not very many purpose-built grange halls were constructed in Vermont.²³ Local oral history describes the building being built to plans provided by the order, ²⁴ but this cannot be confirmed. However, *Grange Hall Suggestions* notes that in the early days of the order, the National Grange "appointed a committee to consider plans for Grange halls, but it was decided that it was better to leave this matter to the states and communities."²⁵ It is thus possible that the State Grange from 1894 to 1906 and Governor of Vermont from 1904 to 1906, who was a charter member of the East Hardwick Subordinate Grange.

The arrangement of the hall's interior spaces includes several features presented in Stahl's *Grange Hall Suggestions*. Although not an exact imitation of any of the plans, the key features—the ground-floor dining/event space and kitchen, and upper floor meeting hall with stage and ante-room—are common to most of the grange hall plans, indicating that the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall is representative of a distinctive building type. The interiors contain standard early 20th-century interior decorative features such as wooden floors and stained bead-board wainscoting, above which tin-coated steel covers the rest of the walls and ceilings. The doorway to the meeting hall is a large, vertical pocket door that can be raised or lowered into the wall and ceiling as necessary.

²³ Agricultural Resources of Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form: Agricultural Social, Educational, and Political Institutions, 1800-1941 (historic context), p. 136.

²⁴ Interview with John Buscemi, longest-serving member of the East Hardwick Grange, October 13, 2016.

²⁵ Stahl, Benton M., *Grange Hall Suggestions* (publisher and location unknown, presumed to be published in Washington, DC, by the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, 1928), p. 1.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- _____ previously listed in the National Register
- _____previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _____designated a National Historic Landmark
- _____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #_____
- _____recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #_____
- _____ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- _____ State Historic Preservation Office
- ____ Other State agency
- _____ Federal agency
- <u>x</u> Local government
- <u>x</u> University
- <u>x</u> Other

Name of repository: <u>Vermont Historical Society</u>

Hardwick Historical Society

Hardwick Gazette

Caledonia #9 Grange Hall

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property <u>Less than one acre</u>

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84:_____ (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places) 1. Latitude: 44.52235° N Longitude: 72.30715° W

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary corresponds to the historic lot dimensions that existed when the property was acquired by the Grange. The lot measures 100' deep and 61.4' wide.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary corresponds to the tax parcel ID for Caledonia County, VT: 06041-00040

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Caledonia #9 Grange Hall

City or Vicinity: Hardwick

County: Caledonia

State: VT

Photographs 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Photographer: Benjamin Haley Date Photographed: October 12, 2016

Photographs 3, 4, 5 Photographer: Devin Colman Date Photographed: June 2, 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 10. View looking east at façade.

2 of 10. View looking northeast at façade and south elevation.

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- 3 of 10. View looking north at west (rear) and north elevations.
- 4 of 10. View looking southeast at façade and north elevation.
- 5 of 10. View looking south, with detail of front porch construction and decorative elements.
- 6 of 10. View looking east at upper (second) floor. Stage is at the far end of the room. Note pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes and original furnishings.
- 7 of 10. View looking west at upper (second) floor. The large opening on the left can be closed off with a vertical pocket door. Note pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes and original furnishings.
- 8 of 10. View looking east at lower (first) floor. Note pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes.
- 9 of 10. View looking west at lower (first) floor. Original kitchen was located behind wood paneling on the left. Note pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes.
- 10 of 10. Detail of the stairs leading to the attic. Note the plaster keys between the wood lathe, indicating that wall surfaces were plastered prior to the installation of the pressed metal wall and ceiling finishes.

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination		
Property Name:	Caledonia No. 9 Grange Hall		
Multiple Name:			
State & County:	VERMONT, Caledonia		
Date Rece 11/16/20			
Reference number:	SG100001937		
Nominator:	State		
Reason For Review	c.		
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Reviewer Jim Ga	abbert Discipline Historian		
Telephone (202)3	54-2275 Date		
DOCUMENTATION	I: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No		

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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October 25, 2017

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Agency of Commerce and Community Development



Re: Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Property in Vermont

Dear Mr. Loether:

The enclosed disks contain a true and correct copy of the nomination for the Caledonia #9 Grange Hall located at 88 Church Street in East Hardwick, VT, to the National Register of Historic Places.

Notification

The property owner(s), Chief Elected Official and Regional Planning Commission were notified of the proposed nomination on October 3, 2017.

- No objections to the nomination were submitted to the Division during the public comment period.
- An objection to the nomination was submitted to the Division during the public comment period. A copy of the objection is included on Disk 1.
- A letter of support for the nomination was submitted to the Division during the public comment period. A copy of the letter is included on Disk 1.

Certified Local Government

- The property being nominated is not located in a CLG community.
- The property being nominated is located in a CLG community, and a copy of the local commission's review is included on Disk 1.

Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits

This property is not utilizing the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits.

□ This property being rehabilitated using the Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credits. A copy of the *Part I – Evaluation of Significance* form is included on Disk 1.

State Review Board

The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation reviewed the draft nomination materials at its meeting on October 19, 2017. The Council voted that the property meets the National Register Criteria for Evaluation under Criteria A and C, and recommends that the State Historic Preservation Officer approve the nomination.

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

Sincerely, VERMONT DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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