

**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 TOWN HALL AND COURTHOUSE

and/or common TOWN HALL AND COURTHOUSE

2. Location

street & number 20 Main Street _____ not for publication

city, town Newport _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Second

state New Hampshire code 33 county Sullivan code 019

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Newport

street & number 15 Sunapee Street

city, town Newport _____ vicinity of _____ state New Hampshire 03773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sullivan County Registry of Deeds
Sullivan County Records Building

street & number PO Box 448

city, town Newport _____ state New Hampshire 03773

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 Newport Town Hall and Courthouse is a 2½ story brick building with a central projecting clock and bell tower with pyramidal hip roof. The center entry is protected by a portico supported by square brick columns and crowned by a deck balustrade.

First story windows are paired four over four double hung sash with transom light and segmentally arched lintel above. Second story windows are paired six over six sash crowned with a round arched transom light and lintel.

The building's wall planes are embellished by decorative brick work. Pilasters at corners and in between bays are rusticated on the lower half of the building. Lintel courses are articulated by the use of lunged soldiers and corbel tables decorate the cornices of main block and tower.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<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

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Town Hall and Courthouse is a focal element in Newport, both visually and functionally. The structure is a prominent one in the downtown and as the seat of county government has long been a magnet attracting people and commerce to Newport. Locally, it has been the site of a wide range of community activities such as plays, dances, graduations, public hearings, and town meetings.

The structure is also significant as a characteristic example of institutional buildings in New Hampshire constructed during the last quarter of the 19th century. It is of a grander scale than its neighbors, of masonry construction, and illustrating a reserved interpretation of popular architectural styling of the day. The building's eclectic design includes elements from late 19th century architectural idioms, with particular emphasis on Queen Anne/Brick panel. This is manifested in the use of banded rustication, corbelling, decorative lintel and sill courses and terracotta.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet #1

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property .5 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Sunapee, NH

Quadrangle scale 15'

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet #2

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth G. Lurvey and James F. Hannigan

organization Town of Newport date March 30, 1978

street & number 15 Sunapee Street telephone (603) 863-1877

city or town Newport state New Hampshire 03773

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

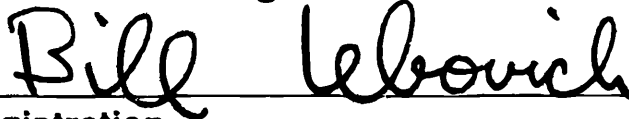
date October 9, 1979

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


Keeper of the National Register

date 2/29/80

Attest: 
Chief of Registration

date February 22, 1980

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description:

This property is contained within Town of Newport Tax Map #45.

A certain tract of land with the building thereon, situate in said Newport, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, bounded and described as follows, to wit: on the west side of Main Street beginning at a point on the south west corner of the lot herein described and proceeding north 70 feet to a point at the northwest corner thence turning and running easterly 170 feet to a point at the northeast corner, thence turning and running southerly 70 feet to a point at the southeast corner, thence turning and running westerly 170 feet to the point first begun at.