

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Windsor	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71,12,50,0011	DATE 12/31/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Windsor House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Main Street, north of junction of Main and State Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Windsor

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Windsor CODE: 027

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Unoccupied</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Vermont National Bank

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Brattleboro

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Town Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
147 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Windsor

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Vermont Division of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Montpelier

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of Stories: The front block of the building consists of four (4) stories. The rear ell is three (3) stories high.

Number of Bays: The front (east) elevation is five (5) bays wide.

Shape of Plan: The main block of the building is rectangular in plan. A narrower ell, also rectangular, extends west from the rear of the main block.

Foundation: The present foundation is constructed of concrete and stone. Brick is used for the foundation of the ell.

Wall Construction: The walls are constructed of brick laid up in common bond.

Structural System: Load-bearing masonry.

Roof: The roof of the main block is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The roof of the ell is sheathed with slate.

Dormers: Light has been admitted to the attic floor by means of several long shed dormers.

Porches: The building has a prominent entrance portico consisting of a colonnade of six (6) Doric columns with a partially enclosed balcony at the second floor level, surmounted by a narrow wood entablature. The portico is accentuated by the front gable end which is framed by the cornice and eave mouldings and has a wood fan light located at its apex. The portico extends out several feet from the front wall of the building. A wooden porch is also located on the south side of the ell.

Chimneys: The building has a total of four (4) interior chimneys, three (3) located on the north, and one (1) located on the south side.

Cornice: A plain wooden cornice extends around the perimeter of the structure and is located under the eaves above the third story.

Alterations: The exterior appearance of the Windsor House has changed very little with the exception of the addition of dormers, the subtraction of one (1) or two (2) chimneys, the enclosure of part of the second story front balcony, and the recent removal of many of the shutters.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1836**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Windsor House was built on the site of Pette's Coffee House. This earlier establishment was long famous in the Connecticut Valley and was visited by General Lafayette in 1825.

The present Windsor House was built in 1836, and its construction marked the prosperity of early Nineteenth Century Windsor, which by this time had become an important center for the machine tool industry.

Windsor House served as a prominent hostelry for almost one hundred and fifty (150) years and had many important personages sign its register, including Jenny Lind and Theodore Roosevelt.

Windsor House, along with the Windsor Post Office and the Exchange Building, form a significant historic environment. Many neighboring buildings, once a part of this environment, have recently disappeared due to the asphalt inroads of automobile oriented businesses.

The threatened demolition of Windsor House has reawakened civic awareness in the re-use potential of Windsor's Main Street buildings. A group has been formed which is actively working with the Town Selectmen and Planning Committee, in hopes of buying and converting the building for modern commercial use while retaining the exterior of this important Vermont landmark.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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3. The Centennial at Windsor, Vermont July 4, 1876 Windsor: The Journal Company, 1876

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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 AND TITLE:
Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites** DATE: **12/15/71**

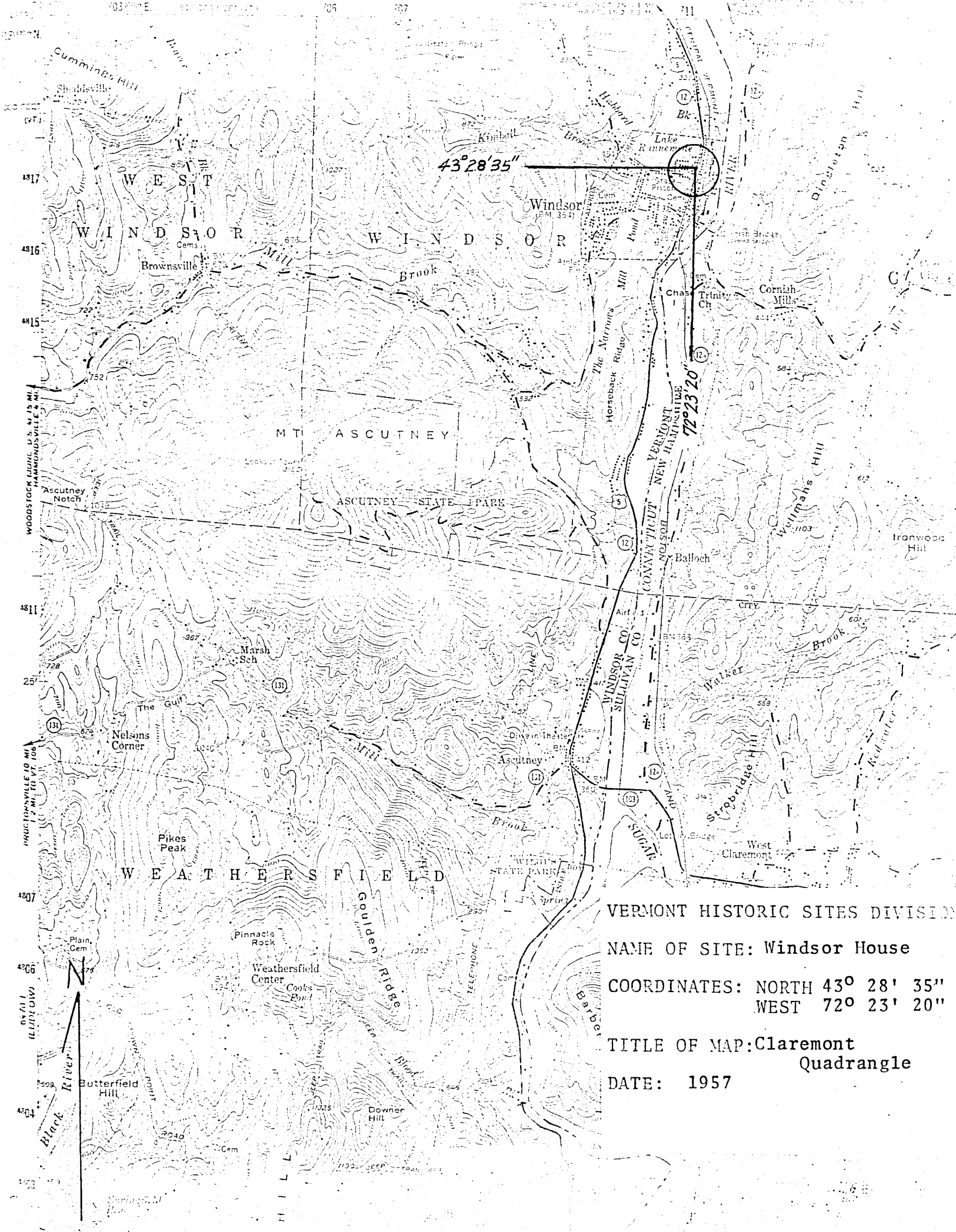
STREET AND NUMBER:
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Montpelier** STATE: **Vermont** CODE: **50**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Pinney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director, Vermont Division of Historic Sites</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Aunt A. Conway</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>DEC 29 1971</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William M. Mudgett</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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43°28'35"

72°23'20"

VERMONT HISTORIC SITES DIVISION

NAME OF SITE: Windsor House

COORDINATES: NORTH 43° 28' 35"
WEST 72° 23' 20"

TITLE OF MAP: Claremont
Quadrangle

DATE: 1957