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DATA SHEET

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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
Green Mountain Seminary

AND/OR COMMON

Green Mountain Seminary

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Waterbury Center

STATE
Vermont

VICINITY OF
CODE
50

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont
COUNTY
Washington
CODE
023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT S	<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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Green Mountain Seminary Corporation (c/o David Luce)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Waterbury Center

VICINITY OF

STATE
Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the Town Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Waterbury

STATE
Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE
1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN
Montpelier

STATE
Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Green Mountain Seminary is prominently located on a plateau in the rural village of Waterbury Center. Built in the Italianate style, the 3 1/2 story, wood-frame clapboarded building sits on a high stone foundation. Its T-plan with intersecting gable roofs contain entrances at the corners of the central intersecting wing and on the gable-ends of the main block.

The doorways are distinguished by arched transoms set between scrolled brackets supporting hoods. The 9 bay front facade and 5 bay side facades all contain 6/6 windows on the first three floors, the second floor more elongated than the first, the third story windows shortened.

A full cornice runs at the eave line of the building with pairs of scrolled brackets and pendants at each corner. A pair of scrolled brackets and pendants are found in the peak of each gable, each gable also containing a large single arched window flanked by two segmental windows. Two original chimneys cap the ridge of the asphalt-shingle roof, the original central cupola destroyed.

On the interior, the original floor plan is retained on the second and third floors of the building, the first floor altered for adaptive reuse as a library and day-care center for the Waterbury-community.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 1869

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Green Mountain Seminary building has been the largest and most conspicuous landmark in Waterbury Center since its completion in 1869. It has remained in continuous use as an educational building since that time. The Free Will Baptist Seminary's first catalog called the Italianate style building "new and elegant one of the finest structures in the state . . . it is removed from the bustle and distraction of large commercial villages; is free from the haunts of vice and dissipation or temptation to idleness; and is surrounded by natural scenery unsurpassed in its magnificence and grandeur."

The first and second floors were used for educational purposes, with a chapel on the second floor. The third floor and top floor were used for "gentlemen's rooming." The entering class was made up of 106 gentlemen and 104 ladies. In 1878 it became the property of the principal, Miss Elizabeth Colley. She conducted a summer boarding house in the three-story lodge building, demolished in 1938. In 1881, it housed the Minard Commercial School, as well. In 1895, "The Green Mountain Seminary Association" was deeded to the town for use as a graded school. It now houses the Hunger Mountain Day Care Center and the Waterbury Center Library.

The belfry tower and walkway were torn down in 1941; otherwise the building is little changed.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

One acre of land upon which the building sits, the surrounding land owned by the town.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard C. Cote, Harvey Kaplan, Architectural Historians

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William B. Pinney

TITLE

William B. Pinney

DATE

8-29-77

Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Pinney

DATE

1-30-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAELOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles Adams

DATE

1-24-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER