

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Bennington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	OCT 26 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:  
~~Governor~~ McCullough Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Chamber for Governor McCullough

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Southwest Corner of West & Park Streets (no street no.)

CITY OR TOWN:  
North Bennington

STATE: Vermont CODE: 50 COUNTY: Bennington CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted * <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" 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>Community Center</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
John G. McCullough

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: North Bennington STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
205 South Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bennington 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 main block of the building consists of three stories in addition to a basement and cupola.

Shape of Plan: The structure is rectangular in plan. A kitchen wing is located at the north side of the west elevation. The interior is organized on a central hall plan.

Foundation: Both brick and stone are used in the construction of the foundation of the building.

Wall Construction: The walls are constructed of clapboard.

Structural System: Balloon frame.

Roof: The building has a mansard roof sheathed with slate.

Chimneys: The structure has a total of eight brick chimneys; four end interior and four interior all with stone caps.

Cornice: A bracketed wooden cornice extends around the building beneath the eaves of the mansard roof.

Porches: A spacious wooden verandah, with a wooden balustrade, covered by a roof supported by ornately bracketed wooden piers, extends partly around the south elevation, across the entire east elevation, and partly across the north elevation of the building. A portion of the verandah roof is extended out at the south elevation to form a porte cochere for the main entrance. In addition, an open stone porch and two smaller wooden porches are located along the west elevation. A small greenhouse shed is located at the south side of the kitchen wing.

Important Interior Features: A very large percentage of the interior fabric of the McCullough Mansion remains intact. Among the significant interior features is a formal stair with loggiaed stairwell covered by a large flat skylight executed in multi-colored glass. Many of the rooms are virtually unaltered. The building contains a variety of mid-victorian fireplaces. Several of the bathrooms exhibit early plumbing fixtures. One of the most exciting architectural spaces is the area around the wooden-core spiral staircase which leads from the west end of the third floor hall into the cupola. The windows in the cupola are glazed with panes of colored glass. An excellent view of the entire estate is afforded from the cupola. The building also contains a large number of original furnishings, books and records. An early bell system, much of the original plumbing and the ducts and registers for the original central heating system have all survived.

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Section 7

(Continuation Sheet)

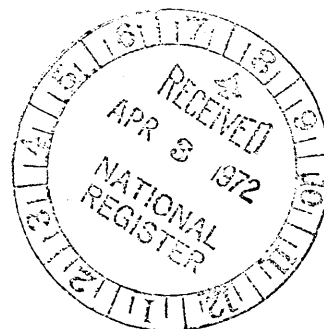
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Throughout the years of family use many small routine changes have been made to the mansion including:

- a. Balustrade on porch roof and iron filigree on mansard roof have been removed.
- b. Two windows were added to the third story and a second story bay was extended to the third story.

These changes have not altered the essential character of the structure and instead read as a history of the tastes and needs of the Mansion's occupants.

The drives, walks, major trees and other basic features of the original site design also remain intact. A carriage house of contemporary vintage, an 18th century farmhouse, and a playhouse are also located on the site.



**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input 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) **Built 1864-1865**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input 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

The Governor McCullough Mansion is a well preserved and well documented large Victorian house of the Mid 19th century which contains many significant architectural spaces and features. The structure was built in 1865 by the firm of Diaper and Dudley of New York City and is considered to be one of their finest residential works.

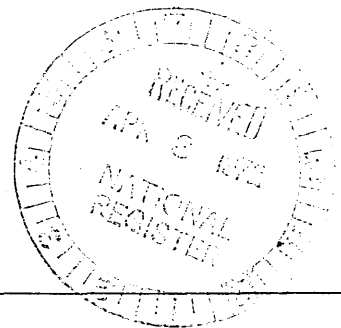
The Mansion was the residence of four generations of men prominent in business, state and national affairs, including John G. McCullough (1835-1915) who served as Governor of Vermont from 1902 - 1904.

The immense collections of bills, letters, furniture, books, drawings, etc., relating to the house and its occupants makes the building subject to unlimited interpretive possibilities.

The Mansion is a dominant landmark in North Bennington and an important component in the rich and varied architecture of the village.

The building is presently leased to a foundation by Mr. John G. McCullough. As a result, it is open to the public and is actively used for a wide variety of community functions. An ongoing program of documentation of the building and the collections, coupled with the gradual stabilization and restoration of the structure, will hopefully insure that this valuable Vermont landmark will be of service to the community and to the interpretation of local history for years to come.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hapgood, David; Muller, Margaret. "Compilation of Reports on Governor McCullough Mansion". Bennington: McCullough Foundation, 1971.

Withey, Henry F. & Elsie R. Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (deceased). Los Angeles, 1956

**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				
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NE	o	'	"	o	'	"	73	14	50
SE	o	'	"	o	'	"			
SW	o	'	"	o	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor**

ORGANIZATION: **Vermont Division of Historic Sites**      DATE: **1/19/72**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Pavilion Building**

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

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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:

National       State       Local

Name William B. Pinney

Title Director, Vermont Division of Historic Sites

Date 1972

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

Robert M. Vitely  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

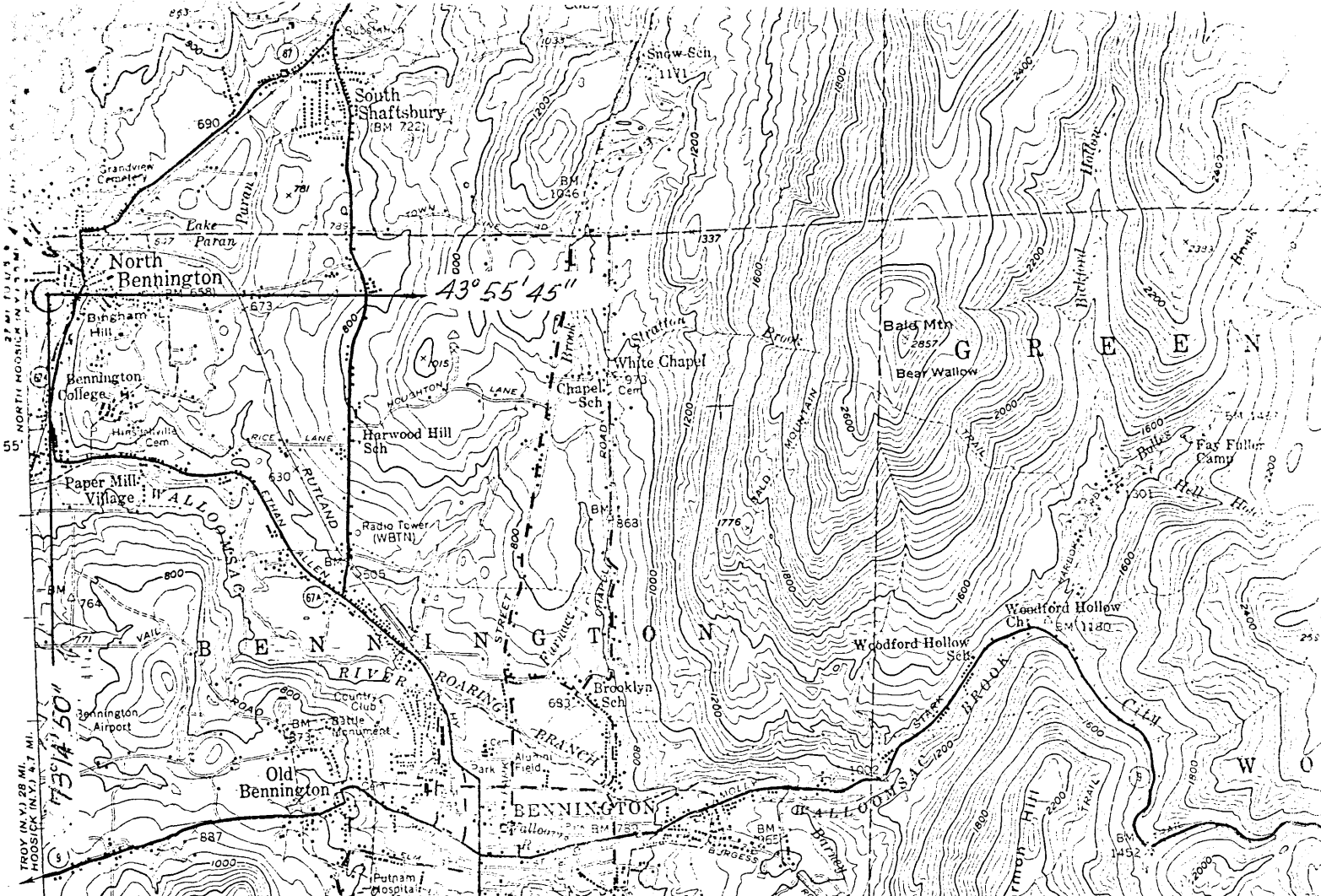
Date 10/26/72

ATTEST:

William B. Pinney  
Keeper of the National Register

Date 10-19-72

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VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Governor McCullough  
Mansion

COORDINATES: NORTH 43° 55' 45"  
WEST 73° 14' 50"

TITLE OF MAP: Bennington  
Quadrangle

DATE: 1954

