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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 Union-Meeting House

AND/OR COMMON  
Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
u.s.  
Route 7

CITY, TOWN Ferrisburg VICINITY OF Vermont

STATE Vermont CODE 50 COUNTY Addison CODE 001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Town of Ferrisburg

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Ferrisburg VICINITY OF Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Ferrisburg STATE Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE 1975  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN Montpelier STATE Vermont

# 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

Situated on U.S. Route 7, the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church stands at the head of a green in Ferrisburg Center. The church is constructed in a style which combines Gothic pointed arch fenestration with a plan and massing commonly found on New England Federal style ecclesiastical architecture.

The main (west) elevation of the gable front building is two stories, three bays, constructed in brick, laid in American bond, resting on an ashlar limestone foundation. Two front entrances, slightly recessed with paneled reveals and doors, flank a central triple-hung Gothic-arched window topped with intersecting tracery. Each of the flanking doorways is topped by a Gothic sash window. All windows have stone lug sills.

The north and south elevations, also three bays, and the rear elevation of two bays, have triple-hung Gothic-arched windows with intersecting tracery. A slate roof covers the building, and is capped by a two-tiered frame tower. The tower has a Gothic-arch window on the lower tier and triple-louvered openings with an ogee-arch wood surround on the top tier. The tower is an exact copy of the original tower, destroyed in a fire on July 4, 1976.

Two bronze plaques have been added to the facade of the building, both commemorating the town's citizens who served in World War I and II. A wooden sign decorates the front facade and reads, "Building erected by Union Society, 1840, Purchased by Town of Ferrisburg, 1898."

The interior of the church was considerably altered when the town took possession of the building in 1898, including removal of the box pews and sanctuary. The rear balcony, although lacking its original pews, remains. Theatre seats now provide seating for the religious services.

# 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 checked="" 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 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

1840-

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A striking example of Vermont vernacular architecture, the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church stands as an important environmental feature of the intersection of Route 7 and Kingsland Bay Road, Ferrisburg's remaining "Town Center." Surrounded by small residences, a town clerk's office, a school, and various commercial establishments, it is clearly the focal point of the townscape of Ferrisburg Center. The small green, which fronts the church and separates it from Route 7, acts as a forum for many social events.

The building was erected in 1840, by the religious denominations in Ferrisburg at a cost of \$2,200. As time progressed, the expansion of the town's religious congregation witnessed the erection of individual meeting houses, until the acquisition of the "Union Church" by the town in 1898.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Child, Hamilton, Gazetteer & Business Directory of Addison County, 1881-82

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2-acres *less than 1 acre*

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 640360 4896035  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B              
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C              
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D              
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Co-extensive with the property line of the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church.

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, Terry Winters, Architectural Historians

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

DATE

May, 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 X

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*W. B. Pinney*

DATE

2-23-78

ATTEST

*Charles A. ...*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Acreage of nominated property: less than one.

Verbal boundary description: Coextensive with the boundaries of the property of the Union Meetinghouse, owned by the Town of Ferrisburg, excluding the building to the left (north) of the meetinghouse which has been so altered as to destroy its character.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Title: William B. Pinney

Director/State Historic  
Preservation Officer

William B. Pinney  
Date 2-1-78