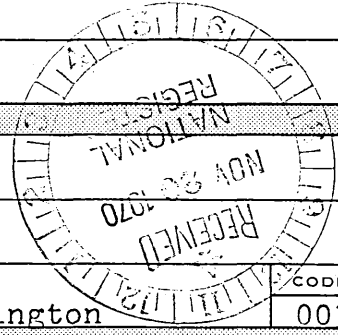


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Bennington	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.350.0007	DATE 3/31/71



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Bennington Battle Monument

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Monument Circle (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:  
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 type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Vermont, Board of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:  
7 Langdon St.

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier      STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Office of the Secretary of State

STREET AND NUMBER:  
State House (no number)

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier      STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
State Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967-68       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Vermont Board of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:  
7 Langdon St.

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier      STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

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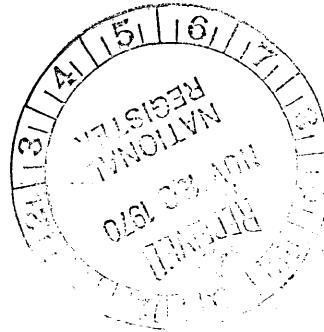
STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bennington Battle Monument is a 306 ft. stone monolith. The appearance of the Monument is unchanged since it was built. An elevator was added to the interior in 1955 which carries approximately 45,000 visitors per year to the observation floor.



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**6. 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 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 1891

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input 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	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" 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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In 1891, there was erected on the arsenal site at Old Bennington, a 306 ft. stone monolith in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington which was fought nearby in New York State. The State of Vermont then placed the property in custody of a local organization known as the "Bennington Monument Association".

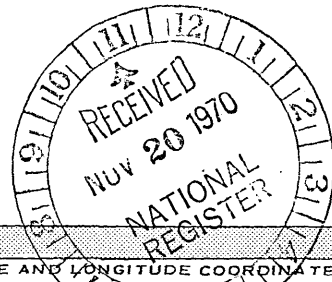
In 1952, this group was no longer able to care for the historic structure and reported their intention to disband. It was then transferred to the jurisdiction of the Board of Historic Sites.

Early in 1964, the Board commissioned Vermont artist Paul V. Winters to build a diorama depicting the second engagement action at the hard-fought Bennington Battle. This fine work in full color is historically accurate, the detail well authenticated by research. It gives the visitor a dramatic glimpse of our historic past.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Bennington Battle Monument, State of Vermont, Board of Historic Sites, Montpelier, Vermont.



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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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N42° 53' 20"	W73° 13' 00"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William B. Pinney, Director of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Board of Historic Sites DATE: 12/17/69

STREET AND NUMBER: 7 Langdon St.

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 of Historic Sites Date: November 12, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
MAR 31 1971

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: William J. Bourgeois  
Keeper of The National Register  
Date: MAR 12 1971

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