

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 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 South Hero Inn

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Junction of South Street and U.S. Route 2

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

South Hero

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Vt. District

STATE

Vermont

CODE

50

COUNTY

Grand Isle

CODE

013

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL           | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT         | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT            | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL            | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION    |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY              | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:            |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Harley Poquette

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Junction of South Street and U.S. Route 2

CITY, TOWN

South Hero

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Town Clerk's Office

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

South Hero

STATE

Vermont

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division of Historic Sites

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 South Hero Inn is located at the junction of South Street and U.S. Route 2 at the east end of South Hero Village. The main section of the Inn is 2 1/2 stories high with Federal and Greek Revival stylistic elements, built on a rectangular central hall plan with gable ends facing north and south. The walls are constructed of locally quarried coursed hammered stone blocks. The building is capped by a gable roof sheathed with standing seam metal roofing. A stone interior chimney is located at each gable end. The building is five bays wide by three bays deep and has evenly set rectangular windows with 2/2 sash flanked by louvered shutters. Sills and lintils are cut stone. The soffits and freize are adorned with mutules and guttae.

The north (Route 2) portico is the most prominent feature of the structure. It consists of two tiers of four, square timber columns, with an intermediate balcony, supporting the gable roof overhang. The pedimented gable roof overhang is infilled with flush horizontal boards and is adorned with a central louvered fan. The first floor and balcony are enclosed by a plain wooden railing which is echoed above with comparable wood valances. An oval datestone above the door reads 1829.

The central entrance of the east elevation is capped by a fanlight and flanked by sidelights. It's framed by a gabled entrance porch supported by six turned timber columns. An oval datestone reading 1829 is also located above this door.

The south side of the building is constructed of rougher cut stone than the more visually prominent elevations and has no windows in its central bay. The gable is adorned by two half-round windows.

*~1865 LIBRARY 4-9-95*  
A clapboarded, 2 1/2-story, gable-roofed ell, with altered irregular fenestration, slate roof and two brick interior stove chimneys, extends west from the main building. This structure has a small one-story, rectangular-gabled addition centered along its south elevation. A 1 1/2-story, rectangular, gable-roofed shed extends south from the west end of the ell. Further west, sited in line with the shed, is a smaller shed and a 2-story barn and carriage port.

West of the ell are a series of three small flush-board sided motel cabins dating from the first half of the twentieth century. These buildings are capped with gable roofs sheathed with asphalt shingles and have full enclosed porches along their east (Route 2) elevations.

Although the house has undergone many interior remodelings, some significant interior fabric does remain including:

wooden fireplace, window framing and wainscoting in the west first floor room of the main house;

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wainscoting, splayed window framing and columned entryway in the first floor room of the main house;

ornate pressed metal ceiling in the dining room in the ell.

## 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 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              |   |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES 1829

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The South Hero Inn is significant as the dominant architectural landmark of the village of South Hero. The structure illustrates the vernacular hybridization of the Federal and Greek Revival styles executed in the local stone block building tradition of the area.

The structure has been in continuous use as an inn since the early nineteenth century. The establishment served through travelers between Burlington and Canada as well as people who came to use the area's mineral springs. In the late nineteenth - early twentieth century the establishment was known as the Island House and was operated by C. S. Keller and later F. F. Allen. The structure is being considered for adaptation as a bank.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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(see continuation sheet)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately one acre *UTM OK ED*  
 UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |       |          |     |       |   |      |         |          |  |  |
|---|------|---------|-------|----------|-----|-------|---|------|---------|----------|--|--|
| A | 1,8  | 6,3,4   | 5,2,5 | 4,9      | 4,4 | 7,0,0 | B |      |         |          |  |  |
|   | ZONE | EASTING |       | NORTHING |     |       |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |  |  |
| C |      |         |       |          |     |       | D |      |         |          |  |  |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|       |      |        |      |
|       |      |        |      |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE: Chester H. Liebs, Assistant Director

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: 3/27/75

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE: *William B. Pinney*

TITLE: Director/State Historic Preservation Officer DATE: 3/31/75

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATE: 4/16/75

ATTEST: *W. M. [Signature]* DATE: APR 1 1975

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