

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Hampshire	
COUNTY: Rockingham	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
James Neal House

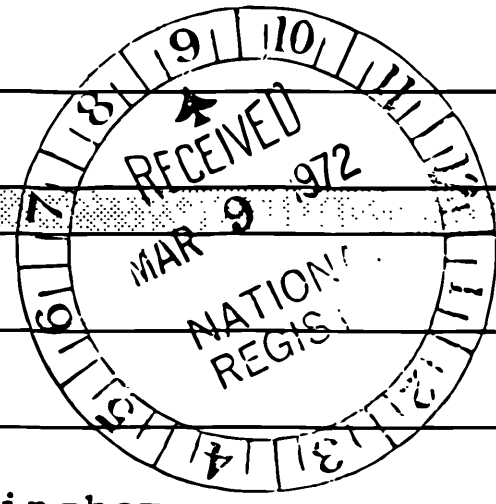
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
74 Deer Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Portsmouth

STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 COUNTY: Rockingham CODE: 015



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 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 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 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) <u>proposed</u> <u>rehabilitation</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Portsmouth Housing Authority

STREET AND NUMBER:
25 Vaughan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Portsmouth STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 03801

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Rockingham County Court House, Registrar of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Exeter STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 05833

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Portsmouth Preservation, Inc.

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967-68 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:
111 Bow Street

CITY OR TOWN: Portsmouth STATE: New Hampshire CODE: 33 03801

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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

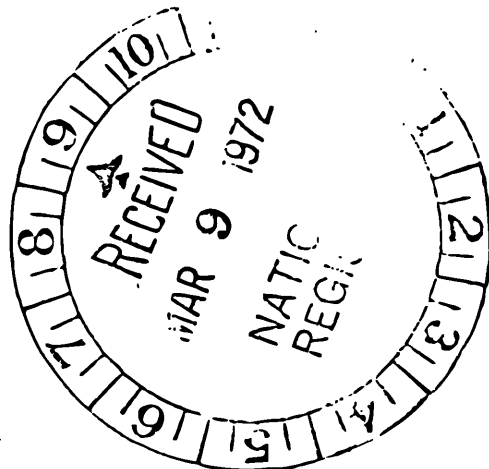
In 1830 James Neal, "merchant" of Portsmouth, purchased an empty lot of land on Deer Street between the house lots of Samuel Gerrish and the estate of Nathaniel Pierce. In 1832 Neal paid a city building tax on his new brick house valued at \$1700. The three story, low hipped-roof structure sited at right angles to Deer Street survives completely as James Neal left it upon his death in 1833.

The exterior is among the last of the Federal Style brick houses built after the Portsmouth fire of 1813. A fan-lighted doorway on the western facade opens upon a central hallway containing a broad circular stairway of vernacular regency design. On either side of the central stairway is a single room, although a narrow hallway exists behind the staircase and southern room.

A two-story brick south entry which connects the main house and a two story brick kitchen ell which may originally have been linked through the rear hallway as well.

Interior finish, in a transitional vernacular of late Federal and emerging Greek Revival, exists in each of the major rooms. Such a room in the main block contains a fireplace with its original mantle and surrounding detail. The sash and fenestration are original and unaltered throughout.

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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) 1832

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

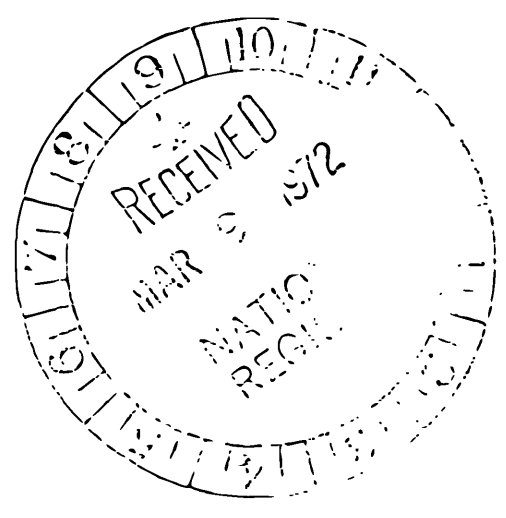
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James Neal house, the only brick dwelling on Deer Street, is the only example of the brick Federal building style common to the commercial business district and waterfront of Portsmouth after 1813. That such a "mansion house", as it was called on at least one occasion, was built in a largely eighteen-century residential streetscape is important as an expression of local architectural influences upon the pattern of town planning.

As a largely unaltered example of merchant housing of the early 1830's, a period when seemingly few domestic structures were built in the City, it is a significant link with the popular building traditions of an earlier generation. Its location in the block behind the historic Moffatt-Ladd House, among dwellings of the eighteenth and earlier nineteenth century, documents the declining position of the merchant community in the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brewster, Charles, RAMBLES ABOUT PORTSMOUTH, (Portsmouth, 1859)
 Chase, Robert S. and James Garvin, "Portsmouth: and Architectural Evolution 1664-1890", NEW HAMPSHIRE PROFILES (Dec. 1970)
 Howells, John Mead, THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE OF THE PISCATAQUA (New York 1964)

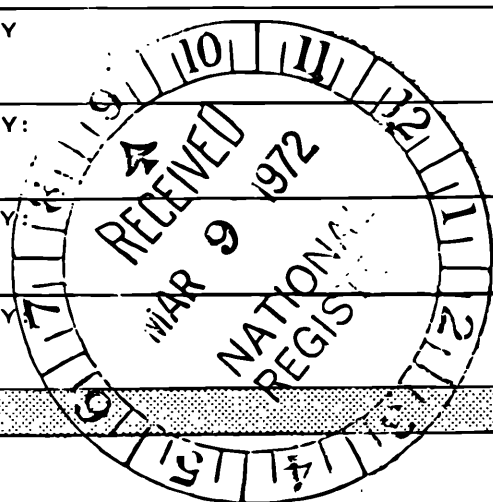
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Joan J. Goodwin

ORGANIZATION: **Portsmouth Housing Authority** DATE: **October, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
25 Vaughan Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Portsmouth** STATE: **New Hampshire** CODE: **33 03001**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: *George Gilman*
George Gilman
 Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: February 10, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/7/72

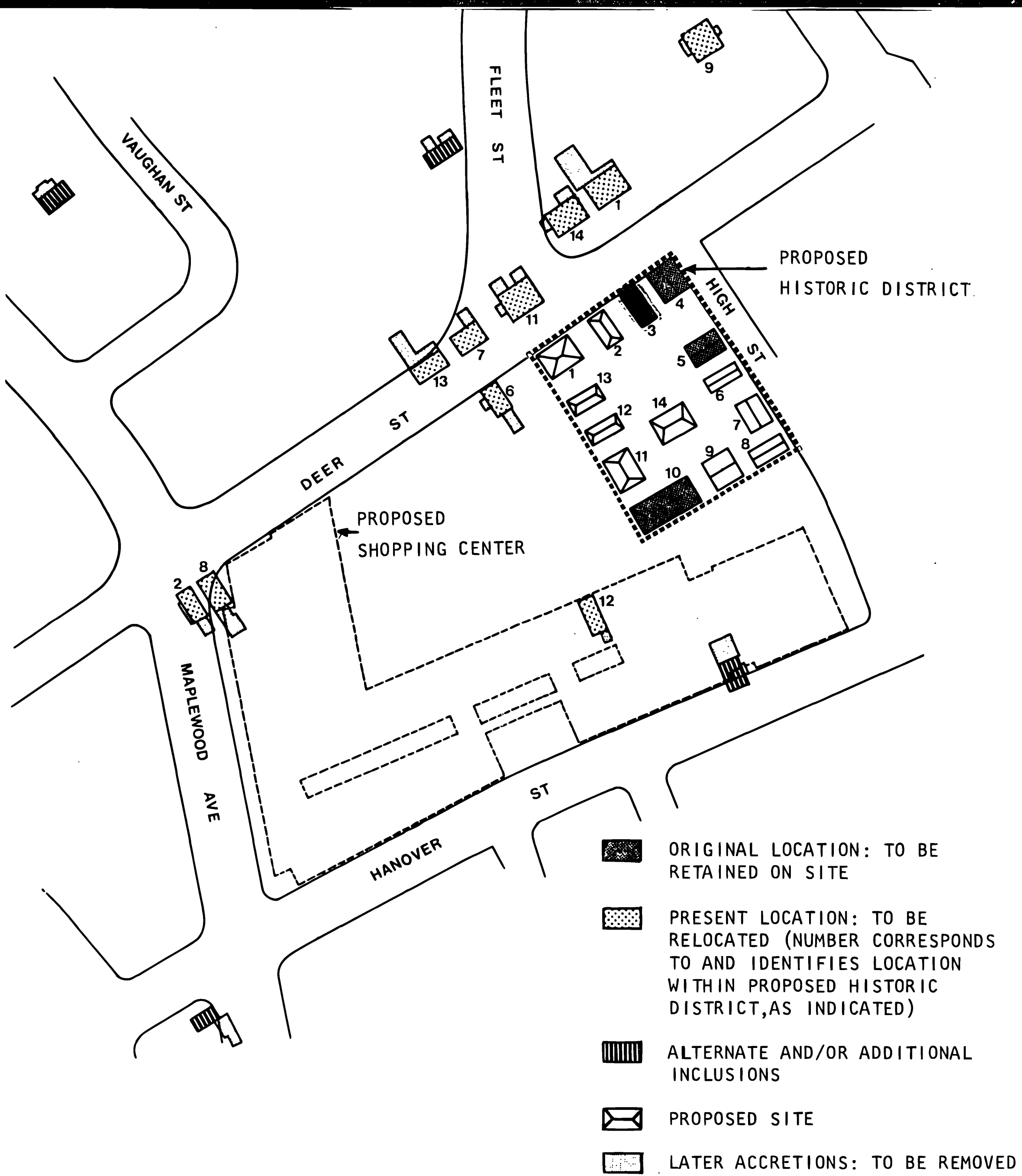
ATTEST:
William Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

PROPOSED HISTORIC DISTRICT

VAUGHAN STREET URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT (N.H.-10) PORTSMOUTH, N.H.

0 150 FT



42° 44''
70° 45''

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