

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Chittenden	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.4.50.0010	DATE 4/16/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Ethan Allen Engine Co. #4

AND/OR HISTORIC:
N/A

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington

STATE Vermont	CODE 50	COUNTY: Chittenden	CODE 007
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not in use.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
City of Burlington

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall - Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington

STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of City Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall - Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:
Burlington

STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
State Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970
 Federal State County Local

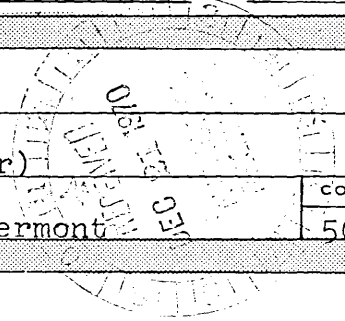
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Vermont Board of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 Langdon Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Montpelier

STATE: Vermont	CODE 50
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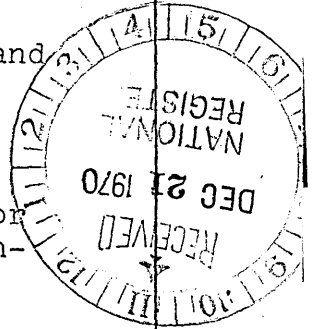
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 Ethan Allen Firehouse is constructed of red sand stone and brick, has 3½ floors with basement and a 85' hose drying tower topped by an open belfry.

This building is unaltered in appearance from its original design and with the exception of being well weathered, retains its original condition. The interior is in need of complete refurbishing but otherwise is unaltered from its last use as a fire station.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Development of</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>community</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input 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 Ethan Allen Fire Station was built in 1887 to house the Ethan Allen Fire Company, a private fire company that was later incorporated into the city fire department. Building was designed by architect A.B. Fisher. The architectural style of the building is in the tradition of H.H. Richardson and also what is sometimes called the "Nineteenth Century Commercial Style".

The red sandstone and brick building has three and one half floors with basement and an 85 foot hose drying tower topped by an open belfry. The original cost was approximately \$15,000.

The original use was to house the complete operations of a horse drawn fire company, and later motorized fire apparatus. More recently it was occupied by the Burlington Police Department. It has been virtually vacant for about two years and planned for demolition.

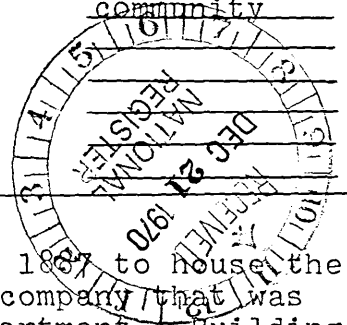
The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an important part of the history of Burlington and it remains a symbol of the social and cultural heritage of that city as well as the state. It is acknowledged that such symbols tend to enrich the overall fabric of the urban environment.

The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an excellent example of the architecture of its period and its retention is of historic value.

The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an important component of the design of two significant urban spaces of the City of Burlington, namely as part of the facade of Church Street and its prominent position on the City Hall Park, and makes a positive contribution to visual character of these spaces in terms of its volume, scale, colour, texture, and detail.

The Ethan Allen Fire House is an outstanding example of 19th Century Commercial architecture. Few important buildings of this style have survived in the urban and rural area of Vermont.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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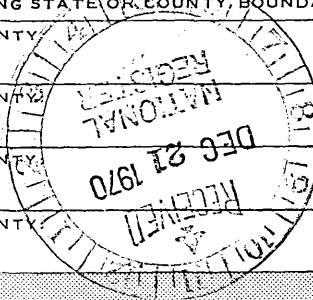
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	° ' "	° ' "		73 ° 12 ' 40 "	44 ° 28 ' 38 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre.

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:
Donald R. McKeen, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont State Board of Historic Sites DATE: 12/16/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
7 Langdon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

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 William B. Pinney

Title Director of Historic Sites

Date December 17, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1971

Date _____

ATTEST: William B. Pinney
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 16 1971