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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wheelock Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

135 North Main Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Barre City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Vermont

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

CODE

50

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wheelock House, Ltd. (Evo Lucchina, Trustee)

STREET & NUMBER

135 North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Barre City

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the City Clerk, Barre City

STREET & NUMBER

Barre City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Barre City

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont 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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wedge on a narrow lot approximately 26½ feet wide between the three-story Worthen Building to the east and the one-story J.J. Newbury store to the west, the former Wheelock Law Office is located on the north side of North Main Street with its main (south) elevation oriented toward the street. The building originally was square in plan, measuring approximately 21½ feet across each elevation, but presently (1975) masks a flat-roofed, one-story rear addition of brick, load bearing construction on a reinforced concrete foundation. The original interior of the building has been completely altered through continuous remodeling.

A one-story building with a belcast, slate-covered, mansard roof and a slender, mansard-roofed, two-story entrance tower on the east corner of the main elevation, the building is of brick, load bearing construction laid in common stretcher bond and sits on a rubblestone foundation with cut granite blocks above grade. The entrance tower measures approximately 6½ feet square and projects out from the wall surface of the main elevation approximately 1½ feet.

The belcast of the mansard roof on both the main block of the building and the tower projects out from the wall surface on each elevation (the rear elevation has been covered by the rear addition) approximately 1½ feet and is supported by an elaborate, wood modillion cornice. The cornice is broken across the main elevation by a segmental arch on the main block and by a gable arch on the tower. Around the tower between the first and second story the cornice on the main block flattens out into a decorative band of punched-out circles. The mansard on the main block is punctuated by two gable dormers on either side of a bull's eye dormer across the main elevation and by two gable dormers on the west and north elevations. Each elevation of the tower mansard is punctuated by a bull's eye.

The main tower entrance is a round-arched opening and originally had a wood hood broken by a segmental arch and was supported by elaborate brackets. The second-story windows on the tower's main and east elevations are also round-arched with projecting, wood hood moldings. Originally, a pair of slender, round-arched windows with one slightly shorter round-arched window flanking either side illuminated the first story across the main elevation. These were replaced in circa 1925 by the present (1975) plate glass display window which runs the length of the elevation to the tower and projects out from the wall surface approximately 2½ feet. The original windows also had projecting wood hood moldings with finialed cresting as did the other windows, dormers, and the hood above the tower entrance.

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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wheelock Law Office is significant as an excellent example of French Second Empire style domestic architecture. The building was erected in 1871 by Langdon C. Wheelock, a renowned Barre lawyer, for use as a law office and courtroom. When built, the building was adjacent to Wheelock's house, a brick Federal style residence erected in 1825 by Newell Kinsman, also a renowned Barre lawyer. Wheelock studied law with Kinsman and in 1856 bought his law practice, law office, and house. Following Wheelock's death in 1873, the building was occupied by the Granite Savings Bank and Trust Company and later by the Barre Electric Company.

Equally significant, the Wheelock Law Office is the only surviving domestically-scaled building on this end of North Main Street. Throughout most of the nineteenth century North Main Street was a tree-lined thoroughfare flanked on either side by imposing residences. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries a large scale industrial boom, brought about by a rapidly developing granite industry, accelerated the city's commercial growth and resulted in the demolition of most of the residences on this end of North Main Street to accommodate the city's need for more commercial facilities. Wedged on a narrow lot between commercial buildings, the Wheelock Law Office is an important visual reminder of North Main Street's pre-commercial, nineteenth century domestic scale.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Souvenir of Barre. Barre, Vermont; Nickerson and Cox, Publishers: 1894.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One *OK ac/HM*

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	6,9,9	5,0,0	4,8	9,6	7,5,0	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

Courtney Fisher, Historic Preservation Specialist

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division For Historic Preservation

DATE

May 19, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

TELEPHONE

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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

William B. Pinney

TITLE Director/State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE June 2, 1975

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

A. K. Maxey

DATE

6/18/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. M. ...

DATE

JUN 17 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER