



STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF HISTORIC SITES
MONTPELIER
05602

Structure Survey

1. Is this structure historically significant to:

Town _____ State _____ Nation _____

Structure has historical connection with the following themes (See also page two)

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| Agriculture | Commerce/industry |
| Architecture | Science/invention |
| Art/sculpture | Travel/communication |
| Education | Military affairs |
| Government | Religion/philosophy |
| Literature | Indians |
| Music | Development of town/city |

2. Town Westfield

Street address Rt. 100
Hitchcock Memorial
Name Library and Museum

Original use Museum & Library

Present use Museum & Library

Present owner Town of Westfield

Open to public _____

Date _____ Style _____

Source of date _____

Architect _____

3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Moved Altered
Added _____

4. DESCRIPTION

FOUNDATION/BASEMENT: High Regular Low Material Stone with granite facing

WALL COVER: Wood Clapboard Brick Stone Other _____

ROOF: Ridge Gambrel Flat Hip Mansard
Clock Tower Cupola Dormer windows Balustrade Grillwork _____
REar

CHIMNEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End End interior Cluster Elaborate Irregular

STORIES: 1 2 3 4 ATTACHMENTS: Wings Ell Shed Dependency _____

PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Front Door Balcony Recessed: _____

FACADE: Gable end: Front/Side Ornament: _____

Entrance: Side Front Center/Side Details: _____

Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular Identical/Varied 1/1

Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Cornerboards

OUTBUILDINGS

5. Indicate location of structure in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings.
6. Footage of structure from street 30-40

Property has 80 feet frontage on street.

Map: Orleans County
Sheet #1
No. 050

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For _____

Photo Yes - No. 7-15

Date 1/6/70

NEIGHBORING STRUCTURES: Style: Colonial Federal Greek Revival
Mobile home next door but others

Type Buildings: generally complementary Condition Good

Use: Residential Commercial Religious

Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/
Informal

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF SITE (Refer and elaborate on theme circled on front of form.)

This library and museum was a gift to the town of Aaron C. Hitchcock, a member of an early Westfield family. He presented the town with \$10,000 to erect the structure and also to provide operating funds but this was done on the basis of an agreement accepted by the town's voters that the town pay for half of the operating and upkeep costs.

The building was constructed in 1899 by William ("Long Bill") Elkins at a cost of \$3,000. The library portion is downstairs with natural history exhibits---stuffed animals, sealife, butterflies, etc.---mostly upstairs in a gallery around the outside wall which opens and looks down on the lower floor. Some exhibits are also on the lower floor including a number of items relating to the town's history and the building itself.



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