

STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF HISTORIC SITES MONTPELIER 05602

Structure Survey

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 Is this structure historically significant to: 	Town Westfield Street address Pt 100	
Town State Mation	Street address Rt. 100 Hitchcock Memorial	
Structure has historical con- nection with the following themes (See also page two)	Mame Library and Museum Original use Museum & Library	
Agriculture Commerce/industry Architecture Science/invention Art/sculpture Travel/communication Education Military affairs	Present use Museum & Library Present owner Town of Westfield Open to public	
Government Literature Music Religion/philosophy Indians Development of	TateStyle	
town/city	Source of date	
	Architect	
3. CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Dete	eriorated Moved Altered	
4. DESCRIPTION	Added	
FOUNDATION/BASEMENT. High Regular Low	"aterial Stone with granite facing	
WALL COVER: Wood Clapboard Brick Stone	Other_	
Clock Tower Cupola Sormer Windows Bali	ustrade Grillwork	
CHIMEYS: 1 2 3 4 Center End End inter	rior Cluster Elaborate Irregular	
STORIES 1_2_3 4 ATTACH ENTS: Wings E.	11 Shed Dependency	
PORCHES: 1 2 3 4 Portico Front Door Balco	ony Recessed:	
FACADE: Gable ond: Front/Side Ornament		
Entrance: Side Front: Center/Side De		
Windows: Spacing: Regular/Irregular	Identical/Varied 1/1	
Corners: Plain Pilasters Quoins Corn	nerboards	

OUTBUILDINGS

5. Indicate location of structure in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings.

Map: Orleans County

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6.	Footage	of	structure	from
	street	30	-40	

Property has 80 feet frontage on street.

Recorder Robert L. Hagerman

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

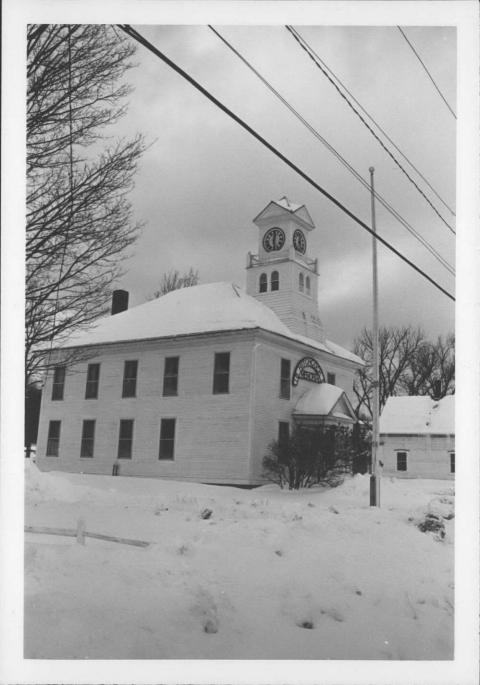
Landscape Features: Agriculture Open Wooded Garden: Formal/

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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