

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation Determination of Eligibility (DOE) Form

A “Determination of Eligibility” is a decision regarding whether a district, site, building, structure, or object meets the State or National Register Criteria for Evaluation, although the property is not formally listed in the State or National Register.

Please complete this form by clicking in the checkboxes and entering text in the grey fields.

SECTION I

Property Address: 1252 VT Route 100 Westfield VT 05874

Property Name: Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library

This DOE is for the:

- State Register of Historic Places
 - State project - 22 VSA 14 review
 - Act 250 project - Criterion 8 review
 - State Tax Credits
 - Barn Grant Application
 - Historic Preservation Grant Application
 - VDHP staff request
 - Other State Register listing request
- National Register of Historic Places
 - Federal project - Section 106 review
 - Federal Tax Credits (RITC)
 - VDHP staff request
 - Other

Who is making this request?

Division for Historic Preservation Staff: Name, Title

-or-

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SECTION II

*for completion by State/Federal agencies and consultants only

Eligibility Recommendation

Evaluated under:

- Criterion A: Event Criterion C: Design/Construction
 Criterion B: Person Criterion D: Information Potential

Integrity: Setting Location Design Materials Workmanship Feeling Association

Period of Significance: 1899

Level of Significance: Local State National

Justification for Eligibility Recommendation: The Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library is eligible for the State Register of Historic Places under Criterion A: Event for its significance as an important local educational institution. It represents a rare combination of public library and natural history museum, perhaps inspired by the Fairbanks Museum in St. Johnsbury built in 1890. It is also eligible under Criterion C: Design/Construction for its Colonial Revival architecture and elaborate interior design and finishes. Its architectural significance is primarily focused on the interior of the building, which features elaborate woodwork and shelving for the first-floor library. The center of the second floor is open to the floor below and encircled by a balcony with museum exhibits and display cases.

- Meets the Criteria for Evaluation and is eligible for the State/National Register of Historic Places
- Does NOT meet the Criteria for Evaluation and is NOT eligible for the State/National Register of Historic Places

SECTION III

Required Attachments:

- Vermont Architectural Resource Inventory Form (VARI)
- Recent photographs of the property showing exterior views of each elevation; overall views of the property and the surrounding context. If available, include copies of historic views as well. For a historic district, include streetscape views showing how the properties relate to each other.
- Map showing the location of the property in relation to streets, intersections, or widely recognized features. For a historic district, include an approximate boundary showing the extent of the district.

Please email this form as a Word document (not PDF) and all required attachments to:

ACCD.projectreview@vermont.gov

Questions? Call Devin Colman at 802-585-8246

Section IV

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Division for Historic Preservation Determination or Concurrence:

Eligible Not Eligible Insufficient Information for Determination

Criteria: A B C D

Integrity: Setting Location Design Materials Workmanship Feeling Association

Staff Comments: The Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library meets the State Register Criteria for Evaluation and is recommended for listing in the State Register of Historic Places.

Requires Vermont Advisory Council Review? Yes No Not Applicable

Advisory Council Finding:

Recorded by: _____

Date: _____