

MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

FROM: Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian

RE: Hitchcock Memorial Museum & Library, 1252 VT Route 100, Westfield
Request for Listing in the State Register of Historic Places

DATE: April 4, 2024

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has been asked to evaluate whether the property referenced above meets the criteria for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. This request was made by Jennifer Stelma, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library, the owner of the property.

The Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library was designed by architect George D. Story of Newport, VT and built in 1899-1900. The building was documented in the 1970 Structure Survey. A detailed description of the history and significance of the Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library is presented in the Vermont Architectural Resource Inventory (VARI) survey form dated September 9, 2023, and prepared by Jennifer Stelma/Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library.

Based on the information provided in the 1970 Structure Survey and 2023 VARI form, the Division has made a preliminary determination that Hitchcock Memorial Museum and Library is historically significant, retains historic integrity, and therefore is eligible for listing in the State Register of Historic Places. We are requesting that the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation make a formal determination of eligibility and list the property in the State Register of Historic Places.

