

STATE OF VERMONT Division for Historic Preservation  VERMONT ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY*  Individual Property Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: (Assigned by VDHP)
	Listed in State Register <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date: 1992
	Determined Eligible for State Register <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Former Store
	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Lou Gordon Store
COUNTY: Addison	PRESENT USE: None
TOWN: Starksboro	ORIGINAL USE: Commercial Store
ADDRESS: 3165 VT Route 116	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: Unknown
COMMON NAME: Former Store	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Unknown
PROPERTY TYPE: Commercial	DATE BUILT: 1908
OWNER: Vermont Agency of Transportation ADDRESS: 219 North Main Street, Barre, Vermont 05641	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>	STYLE: No Style – Commercial Storefront
<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION:</b> <b>Structural System:</b> 1. <u>Foundation:</u> Stone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Block <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <u>Wall Structure</u> a. Wood Frame: Post & Beam <input type="checkbox"/> Plank <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Platform <input type="checkbox"/> b. Load Bearing Masonry: Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Block <input type="checkbox"/> c. Metal: Iron <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> d. Other: 3. <u>Wall Cladding:</u> Clapboard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Shiplap <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl Siding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick Veneer <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Veneer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Plywood 4. <u>Roof Structure</u> Truss: Wood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iron <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 5. <u>Roof Covering:</u> Slate <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Shingle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheet Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Built Up <input type="checkbox"/> Rolled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Seam <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 6. <u>Engineering Structure:</u> 7. Other: <b>Appendages:</b> Porches <input type="checkbox"/> Towers <input type="checkbox"/> Cupolas <input type="checkbox"/> Dormers <input type="checkbox"/> Chimneys <input type="checkbox"/> Sheds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ells <input type="checkbox"/> Wings <input type="checkbox"/> Bay Window <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>Roof Styles:</b> Gable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Jerkinhead <input type="checkbox"/> Saw Tooth <input type="checkbox"/> With Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> With Bellcast <input type="checkbox"/> With Parapet <input type="checkbox"/> With False Front <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Number of Stories: 1 ½ Entrance Location: Gable end Number of Bays: 3 x 3 Approximate Dimensions: 30 x 45'	
Criteria for Eligibility: A: Historic <input type="checkbox"/> B: Person <input type="checkbox"/> C: Architectural <input type="checkbox"/> D: Archeological <input type="checkbox"/>	
Integrity: Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design <input type="checkbox"/> Setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Workmanship <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling <input type="checkbox"/> Assoc. <input type="checkbox"/>	
Areas of Significance: None	

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**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:** The former Lou Gordon Store was listed on the Vermont State Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource in the Starksboro village historic district. The building or “store” is Map #5 in the original 1975 Historic Sites and Structures Survey historic district form for the “Starksboro Historic District” and was noted as being constructed c. 1907. The description for Map #5 notes the following: *Three-bay, gable-front store has large plate glass windows and recessed door. One-story wing. Building was the former Lou Gordon store, now converted to a residence.*

In addition, the building was listed as Number A41 in the “Starksboro Village Historic District” in the 1992 Vermont Division for Historic Preservation publication, *The Historic Architecture of Addison County—Vermont State Register of Historic Places: Starksboro*. It is described therein as “Store, 1908. Gable roof, 1 ½ stories. Features: Commercial storefront.”

The original storefront façade of the former Lou Gordon store was extensively altered sometime prior to 2011. The original pair of matching plate glass windows were replaced with different sized Chicago windows, the right bay was widened resulting in the loss of the façade’s symmetry, and the central entryway was reconfigured to accommodate the widened bay. Wall surface areas above and below the replacement windows are clad in painted plywood. The interior was gutted down to the framing. The shed-roofed addition on the west elevation has pulled away from the main building and collapsed.

**RELATED RESOURCES:** Surrounding Starksboro Village Historic District

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:** The Vermont Agency of Transportation purchased the property in 2015 at the direction of the state legislature with the intent of subsequently demolishing it. At that time the building was deteriorated and considered a safety hazard as it is located within the VT Route 116 right of way and very close to the road.

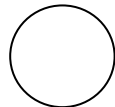
Due to the loss of the original storefront windows, changes to the configuration of the recessed entryway, gutting of the interior, and collapse of the addition on the west elevation, the building no longer retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association to be considered a contributing resource in the Starksboro Village Historic District.

**REFERENCE CITATIONS:**

1. Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey, “Starksboro Historic District”, 1975.
2. “Starksboro Village Historic District”. *The Historic Architecture of Addison County—Vermont State Register of Historic Places*, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, 1992.

**MAP:** (Indicate North in Circle)

See attached



**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**

- Open  Woodland   
Scattered Buildings   
Moderately Built Up   
Densely Built Up   
Residential  Commercial   
Agricultural  Industrial   
Roadside Strip Development   
Other:

**RECORDED BY:** Judith Williams Ehrlich

**ORGANIZATION:** Vermont Agency of Transportation

**DATE RECORDED:** August 17, 2022



Location map for former Lou Gordon Store, 3165 VT Route 116, Starksboro.

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Copy of photograph from the 1975 Historic Sites and Structures Survey.



Google Earth image from 2011. The red circle encircles the date of the image.

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Existing condition, façade (south) and side (east) elevations, July 2022.



Existing condition, shed-roof addition on west elevation, July 2022.