

**Ethan Allen Engine Co. #4**

Burlington



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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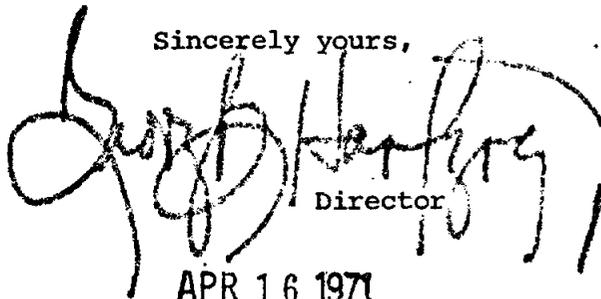
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Mr. William B. Pinney  
State Liaison Officer  
Board of Historic Sites  
7 Langdon Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. Pinney:

We are pleased to inform you that the Ethan Allen Engine Company #4 in Chittenden County, Burlington, Vermont, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Winston L. Prouty and George D. Aiken and Representative Robert T. Stafford are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property owner. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

  
Director

Enclosure

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Entered in the National Register \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Chittenden	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.4.50.0010	DATE 4/16/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Ethan Allen Engine Co. #4

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
N/A

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50      COUNTY: Chittenden      CODE: 007

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Not in use.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
City of Burlington

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall - Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Office of City Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:  
City Hall - Church Street (no number)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
State Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Vermont Board of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER:  
7 Langdon Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Montpelier

STATE: Vermont      CODE: 50

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COUNTY: CHITTENDEN  
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DATE: 4/16/71

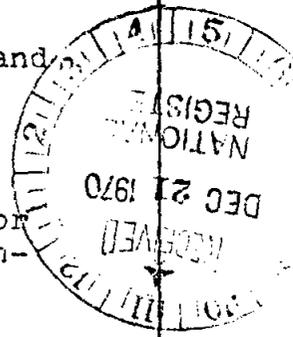
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ethan Allen Firehouse is constructed of red sand stone and brick, has 3½ floors with basement and a 85' nose drying tower topped by an open belfry.

This building is unaltered in appearance from its original design and with the exception of being well weathered, retains its original condition. The interior is in need of complete refurbishing but otherwise is unaltered from its last use as a fire station.



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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

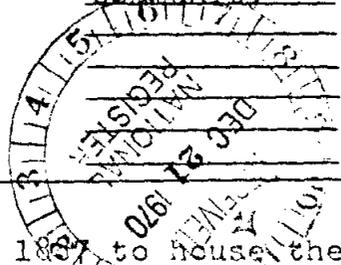
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               |  | <u>Development of</u>                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>community</u>                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |   |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ethan Allen Fire Station was built in 1887 to house the Ethan Allen Fire Company, a private fire company that was later incorporated into the city fire department. Building was designed by architect A.B. Fisher. The architectural style of the building is in the tradition of H.H. Richardson and also what is sometimes called the "Nineteenth Century Commercial Style".

The red sandstone and brick building has three and one half floors with basement and an 85 foot hose drying tower topped by an open belfry. The original cost was approximately \$15,000.

The original use was to house the complete operations of a horse drawn fire company, and later motorized fire apparatus. More recently it was occupied by the Burlington Police Department. It has been virtually vacant for about two years and planned for demolition.

The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an important part of the history of Burlington and it remains a symbol of the social and cultural heritage of that city as well as the state. It is acknowledged that such symbols tend to enrich the overall fabric of the urban environment.

The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an excellent example of the architecture of its period and its retention is of historic value.

The Ethan Allen Fire Station is an important component of the design of two significant urban spaces of the City of Burlington, namely as part of the facade of Church Street and its prominent position on the City Hall Park, and makes a positive contribution to visual character of these spaces in terms of its volume, scale, colour, texture, and detail.

The Ethan Allen Fire House is an outstanding example of 19th Century Commercial architecture. Few important buildings of this style have survived in the urban and rural area of Vermont.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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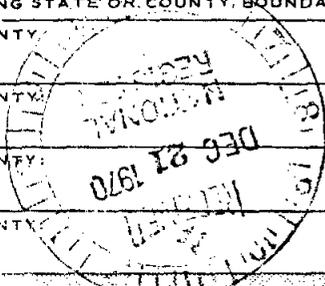
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Donald R. McKeen, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont State Board of Historic Sites DATE: 12/16/70

STREET AND NUMBER:  
7 Langdon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name William B. Pinney

Title Director of Historic Sites

Date December 17, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

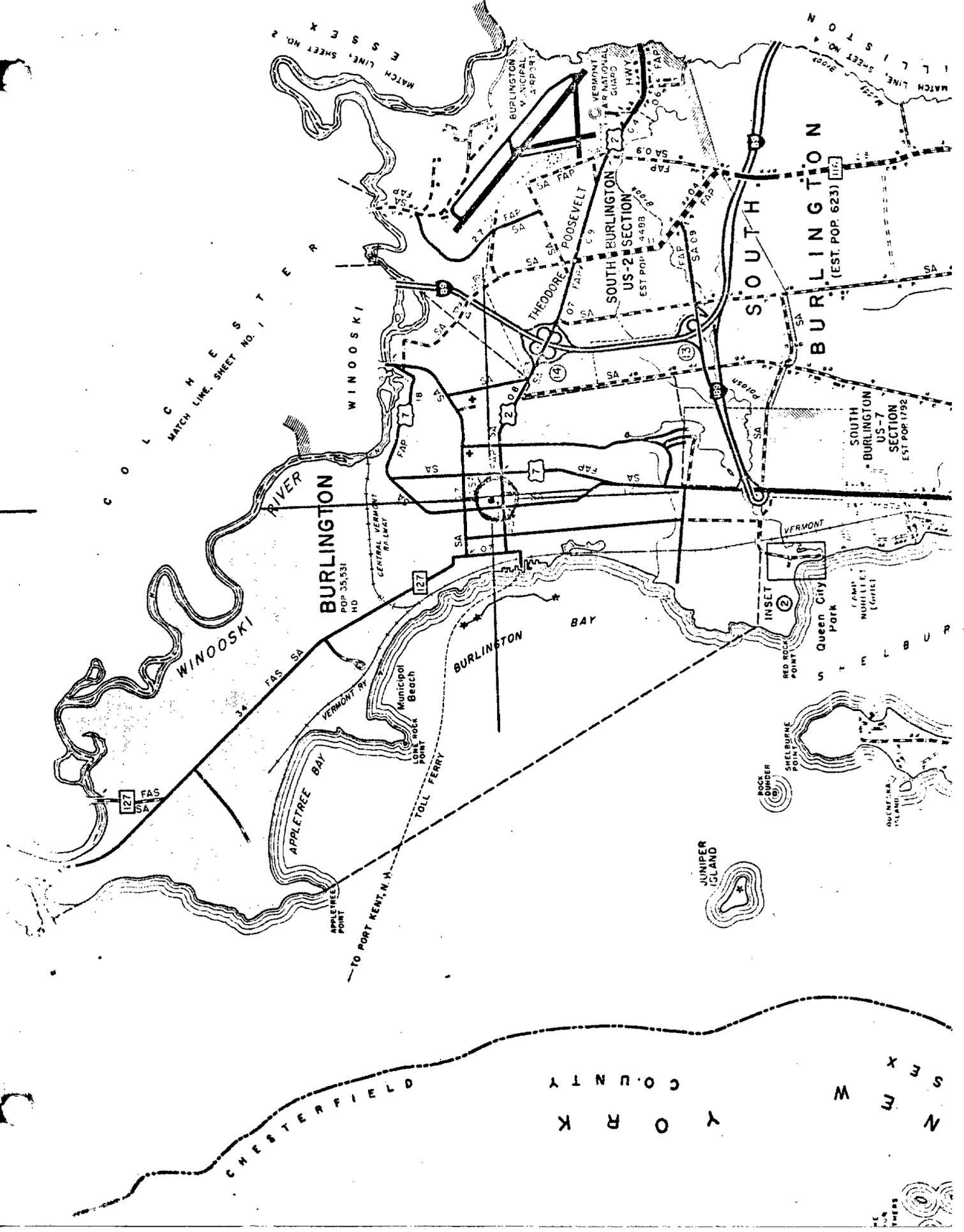
Ernest A. Chausse  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

APR 16 1971

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William B. Pinney  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date MAR 16 1971



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POP. 35,531  
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SOUTH BURLINGTON  
(EST. POP. 623)

SOUTH BURLINGTON  
US-7  
SECTION  
EST. POP. 1792

SOUTH BURLINGTON  
US-2  
SECTION  
EST. POP. 4488

WINOOSKI RIVER  
BURLINGTON BAY  
APPLETREE BAY

BURLINGTON BAY

Queen City Park  
CAMP MORELLET  
(Fort)

JUNIPER ISLAND

CHESTERFIELD

NEW YORK COUNTY

VERMONT

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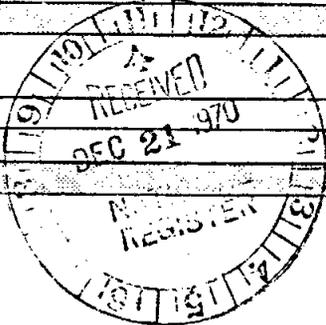
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

STATE	
Vermont	
COUNTY	
Chittenden	
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
Department of Highways, State of Vermont			
SCALE: 1 mile = 1"			
DATE: 1961			

4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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