

Follett House

Burlington

November 3, 1972

Paul Liberty, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars
69 College Street
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Commander Liberty:

We are please to inform you that the Follett House has been officially entered on the National Register of Historic Places. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program.

If you desire further information regarding this nomination, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Pinney
Director
Historic Sites Division

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Enclosure

cc: Mayor Gordon H. Paquette
William Preston, Jr. Chairman of Burlington Historic Sites
Committee



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the National Park Service

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer responsible for your State's implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, P. L. 89-665 (80 Stat. 915), as amended. It has accordingly been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for your information and convenience.

Enclosures



National Parks Centennial 1872-1972

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

Date Entered OCT 30 1972

Name

Location

Follett House

Burlington
Chittenden County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. George D. Aiken
Hon. Robert T. Stafford
Hon. Richard W. Mallary

April 6, 1972

Dr. William Murtaugh
Keeper of the National Register
801 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtaugh:

Enclosed please find National Register nomination forms for Pollett House, Chittenden County and Houghton House, Franklin County, Vermont. These properties are being submitted under the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Pinney
Director
Historic Sites Division
State Liaison Officer

WBP:nd

Enclosure

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Chittenden	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER:	DATE:

1. NAME

COMMON: Follett House
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 63 College Street			
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 type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Clubhouse</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Veterans of Foreign Wars		
STREET AND NUMBER: 63 College Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Burlington	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: City Clerk's Office		
STREET AND NUMBER: Burlington City Hall (no street number)		
CITY OR TOWN: Burlington	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Vermont Division of Historic Sites			
STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building			
CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier	STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	

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STATE: Vermont
COUNTY: Chittenden
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DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of Stories: Basement plus 2½ stories.

Number of Bays: The west (front) elevation is 5 bays wide.

Shape of Plan: The building is rectangular in plan.

Foundation: The foundation is constructed of cut stone blocks.

Wall Construction: The walls are constructed of brick. A brick pilaster is located at each corner of the structure. The window and door sills and lintels are made of cut stone.

Structural System: Load-bearing masonry.

Roof: The building has a gable roof sheathed with slate.

Dormers: Gable dormers are located along the north and south sides of the roof. They were added in the 1880's.

Chimneys: The building has four brick end interior chimneys dating from the 1880's.

Porches: The visually dominant feature of the Follett House is the large entrance portico with its colonnade of five hollow, wooden, fluted Ionic columns supporting a shallow unornamented entablature. A balcony stretches across the front elevation at the second story level. A smaller one story portico is located at the north side entrance of the building.

Cupola: The central, flat-roofed cupola was also added in the 1880's.

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8. 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) 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brief History:

The Follett House was built in 1840 by Timothy Follett, prosperous Burlington developer and former county judge. Follett later became president of the Rutland Railroad. He lost the house, along with his personal fortune, when the road went bankrupt in the early 1850's. The house was bought by Henry R. Campbell, superintendent of the rival Central Vermont Railroad in 1853. In 1865 the building again changed hands. The new owner was Dr. B. S. Nichols, Burlington industrialist. The Nichols were the last family to occupy the building. From 1885 to the present Follett House has had a long succession of institutional owners. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, who currently use the building as their clubhouse, bought the structure in the late 1940's. The house is located on the fringe of an urban renewal area and sits amid the rubble-strewn expanses which once formed the lake front district of Burlington.

Significance:

Follett House is one of the last remaining great lake front mansions in Burlington. It is an outstanding surviving example of the work of architect Ammi B. Young, designer of the Vermont State House in Montpelier. The building is also one of the finest Greek Revival structures in the State. Although there are no definite plans for its destruction, because of its proximity to the urban renewal area, the Follett House is considered to be in danger by the Burlington "Mayor's Committee on Historic Preservation." The structure has outstanding adaptive-use potential and could be a significant feature in a "redeveloped" Burlington waterfront.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Carlisle, Lillian Baker ed. Look Around Burlington, Vermont.
 Burlington: Chittenden County Historical Society, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		44° 28' 37"	73° 13' 05"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: under one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Chester H. Liebs, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION: Vermont Division of Historic Sites DATE: April 5, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Finney

Title Director
Vermont Div. of Historic Sites

Date April 5, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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VERMONT DIVISION OF
HISTORIC SITES

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

NAME OF SITE: Follett House

COORDINATES: NORTH $44^{\circ} 28' 37''$
WEST $73^{\circ} 13' 05''$

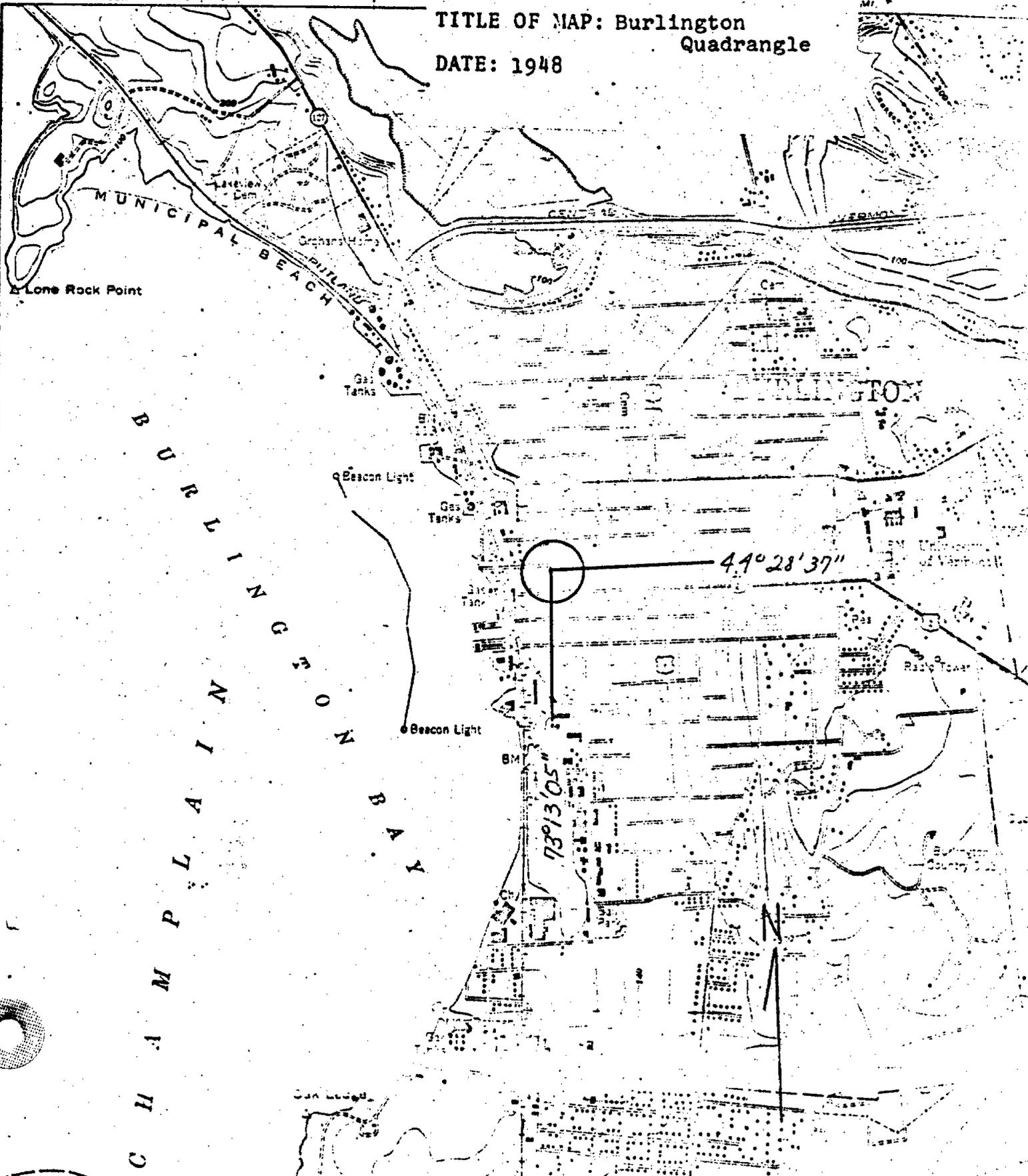
UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF
COURT

TITLE OF MAP: Burlington
Quadrangle

DATE: 1948

73° 15'
30'

ETHAN ALLEN PARK



BURLINGTON
CHAMPLAIN BAY

$44^{\circ} 28' 37''$

$73^{\circ} 13' 05''$

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

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COUNTY Chittenden	
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CITY OR TOWN:			
Burlington			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Vermont	50	Chittenden	007
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Map, 7.5 minute series			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1948			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



VERMONT DIVISION OF HISTORIC SITES

COUNTY Chittenden TOWN Burlington
 SUBJECT Follett House
 DATE FEB 1972 FILE # 72-A-1
 CREDIT CHESTER H. LIEBS
 VIEW Looking East

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

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COUNTY		Chittenden
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CITY OR TOWN:			
Burlington			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Vermont	50	Chittenden	007
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		Chester H. Liebs	
DATE OF PHOTO:		February 1972	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Vermont Division of Historic Sites, Montpelier, Vermont	
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View looking east.			