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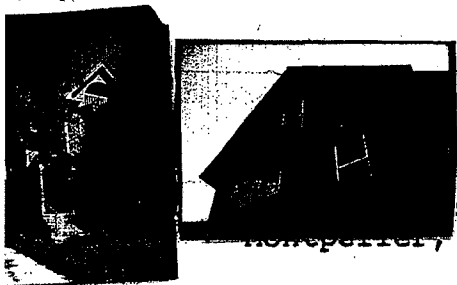
## 17. William Greenleaf House (254 South Union Street); 1887.

This is a handsome Queen Anne dwelling with Stick style elements whose central two story hip roof core is broken on three sides by 2 1/2 story, gabled projections, along with a 2 1/2 story wing in the rear. The gabled front facade features a canted bay window on the first story with flushboard panels above and below each window. A wood-shingled, bellcast roof over this bay rests on jigsawn brackets, and leads to a second story balcony surrounding paired windows. Above this, in the gable, is a recessed balcony with a round-arched opening. The entrance porch on the northwest corner features a pedimented gable with a sunburst motif in the tympanum, which is echoed by radiating clapboards in a small, wedged shaped piece linking the porch roof to the front bay. A one story porch with a canted corner projects from the southwest (right front) corner. The two porches and the balcony feature turned posts on chamfered bases, simple curved brackets forming arched bays, and stickwork balustrades; the two porches rest on brick piers. A distinctive wide frieze of alternating diagonal and vertical boarding ranges along the entire front facade, introducing a Stick style element, which is seen again in the fascia boards at second story levels on the north and south walls. The canted south bay has large, paired brackets with pendant over the angled sections. Plain friezes and simple jigsawn brackets supporting molded cornices characterize each roof line. The stone foundation, plain water table and corner boards, simple bargeboards, and cornice returns further distinguish this house. The gable peaks have fishscale shingling while the remainder of the house is clapboarded; the roof is slate and the foundation redstone.

The house was built for William Greenleaf, an employee at the Customs House in Burlington.

## 17A. Barn/Garage (254 South Union Street); c.1888.

This is a 1 1/2 story, 2 x 2 bay, wood-framed structure with a gambrel slate roof. Sheathed in clapboards, it now features a wide garage door with ribbon windows, above which is a horizontal, 16-paned window. Side elevation windows are mostly multi-paned with architrave surrounds. Most likely this was built immediately after the house, c.1888.



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 Montpelier, VT 05602

**HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY**  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

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|--------------------------|---|
| COUNTY:                  | Chittenden  |
| TOWN:                    | Burlington  |
| LOCATION:                |   |
| COMMON NAME:             |   |
| FUNCTIONAL TYPE:         | dwelling  |
| OWNER:                   |   |
| ADDRESS:                 |   |
| ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:   | Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| SURVEY NUMBER:                   | 254 So. Union  |
| NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:            | 77-A-206   |
| UTM REFERENCES:                  | Zone/Easting/Northing  |
| U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:              |  |
| PRESENT FORMAL NAME:             |  |
| ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:            |  |
| PRESENT USE:                     | dwelling   |
| ORIGINAL USE:                    | dwelling   |
| ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:              | W. O. Spear  |
| BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:              | W. O. Spear  |
| PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> |
| THEME:                           |  |
| STYLE:                           | queen anne   |
| DATE BUILT:                      | 1887   |

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon  frame
  - Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete  Concrete Block
  - Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle  Shiplap  Novelty  Stucco  Sheet Metal  Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer  Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle  Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys  Sheds  Ells  Wings  Other:

Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel  Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast  With Parapet  With False Front  Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: irregular Entrance Location: left side

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

**THREAT TO STRUCTURE:**

No Threat  Zoning  Roads  Development  Deterioration  Alteration  Other:

**LOCAL ATTITUDES:**

Positive  Negative  Mixed  Other:

**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

Massing - barely discernable hipped roof central core with 2 1/2 story gabled facade projection, a 2 1/2 story gabled north wall projection and a 2 1/2 story gabled projecting bay on the south wall. With a 2 1/2 story rear wing.

Penetration - 1/1 sash with wooden molded window caps. Queen Anne colored glass window on south wall and north wall.

Entrance - double door with glazed transom.

Cornice - box cornice - with frieze of verticle boards with alternating beaded and flush boards. Some at diagonals. Angle brackets on south wall bay, with incised vergeboards in gable end. Faciaboard framing. 2 story gambrel roofed barn.

**RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)**

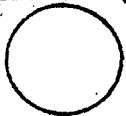
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

This Queen Anne residence is equal to the quality and character of the surrounding structures on Union St. It is particularly distinguished by its verticle and diagonal board frieze. The house was built for William Greenleaf who was an employee at the Customs house.

**REFERENCES:**

BFP 7/19/87; 1890, Sanborn maps; directories

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



**SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:**

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

**RECORDED BY:**

Clark Schoettle

**ORGANIZATION:**

VT Division for Historic Preservation

**DATE RECORDED:**

9/1/77