

**Grassemount**

Burlington

April 23, 1973

Dr. Edward C. Andrews, Jr.  
President  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Dr. Andrews:

We are pleased to inform you that both Grassemount and the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm have been officially entered on the National Register of Historic Places.

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

Sincerely yours,

William B. Pinney  
Director

WBP/jp

cc: Larry Schneider, Director, Division of Administrative  
Resources  
Gordon H. Paquette, Mayor of Burlington  
William Preston, Burlington Historic Sites Comm.



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the National Park Service

Ronald H. Walker

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

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

APR 11 1978

Date Entered

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Stone Mill	Middlebury Addison County
Grassemount	Burlington Chittenden County
North Bennington Depot	North Bennington Bennington County
University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm	Weybridge Addison County
Chittenden County Courthouse	Burlington Chittenden County
Strong (General Samuel) House	Vergennes Addison County

**COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION**

Also Notified

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

December 12, 1972

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
The National Register  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find National Register nomination forms for Grassemount, Chittenden County and the Chittenden County Courthouse, Chittenden 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 and State Liaison Officer

WBP:md

Enclosure

December 12, 1972

Mr. Edward C. Andrews, Jr.  
President  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Mr. Andrews:

We are pleased to inform you that Grassemount has been submitted to the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation for consideration for entry on the National Register of Historic Places. A leaflet describing the National Register program is enclosed for your information. Notification of acceptance or rejection of the property will follow.

Please feel free to contact us if any further information is desired.

Sincerely yours,

William B. Pinney  
Director

WBP:md

cc: Walter Bruska, Office of Development, University of Vt.  
Gordon H. Paquette, Mayor of Burlington  
William Preston, Jr., Burlington Historic Sites Comm.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Vermont	
COUNTY: Chittenden	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Grassemount

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Thaddeus Tuttle House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
411 Main Street (U.S. Route 2)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE: Vermont	CODE: 50	COUNTY: Chittenden	CODE: 907
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
State of Vermont - University of Vermont

STREET AND NUMBER:  
411 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE:  
Vermont

CODE:  
50

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Clerk, Burlington City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:  
N.W. Corner of Church and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Burlington

STATE:  
Vermont

CODE:  
50

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
National Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of the Interior

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
11

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STATE: Vermont

COUNTY: Chittenden

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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## 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

Grassemount is a large oblong-shaped two story brick house with low hip roof, roof balustrade, cupola, and an elaborate facade. The walls are of brick painted pink and the trim is in white. The house is about 52 feet wide and 44 feet deep. The main (north) elevation is five bays wide and its first-story bays have semi-circular blind arches with square-headed windows set beneath their arches. The main entrance occupies the center bay. A prominent belt course marks the second floor level and from this base six Ionic pilasters rise the height of the second story to the cornice. The spaces between the cornice and the flat-arched second-story windows are decorated with alternating oval and oblong-with-reentrant-angle shaped swag panels. The windows are framed by molded architraves and adorned by exterior louvered shutters. The center door has a fan light and flanking side lights filled with colored glass and is sheltered by a one-story Doric portico with four fluted columns and two pilasters. A similar, but slightly smaller, Doric side-entry porch is located on the center bay of the east elevation. A wood balustrade surmounted with urns extends around the edge of the low hip roof. The center of the roof is crowned by a one-story oblong-shaped columned cupola with round arch windows and a heavily modillioned cornice. The cupola, added around 1850, is centered between two massive interior chimneys.

The west (side) elevation has been somewhat altered by the addition of one-story Doric porch which extends along four of its five bays. The three Doric porticos were probably added around 1823. A large two-story brick service wing, built in the same style as the main house, has been added to the south, or rear, elevation.

The front (north) door opens into the 11-foot wide center hall which extends through the main house and divides the four first-floor rooms into pairs. The hall itself is divided by means of a partition into front entry hall and rear service hall. The entrance hall contains the main curved staircase and a service stairs is located in the rear hall. To the left, or east, of the hall is the library and behind this room, the kitchen; to the right of the hall is the parlor, and the dining room is located in the southwest corner. The fireplace in the library is flanked by recessed arches and its mantel, and also the parlor one, is of marble. Windows are recessed and have panels set below them. The limited woodwork is simple.

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**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) 1804

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    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History

Erected by Thaddeus Tuttle in 1804, Grassemount was later the home of Cornelius P. Van Ness, Governor of Vermont from 1823 to 1826. In 1895 the mansion was acquired by the University of Vermont and has been utilized since that date as a women's dormitory.

Significance

Grassemount is one of the finest and most elaborate examples of a large Adamesque-Federal styled mansion in Vermont. The structure, along with H. H. Richardson's Billings Library, is one of the outstanding landmarks in the architecturally and stylistically rich University district of Burlington.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1. Great Georgian Houses of America (2 vols, New York, 1933-37)
2. Vermont, A Guide to the Green Mountain State (American Guide Series) (Boston, 1937), 67, 109.
3. Dorothy and Richard Pratt, A Guide to Early American Homes-North (New York, 1956), 81.
4. Herbert W. Congdon, Old Vermont Houses (New York, 1946)

(This submission is substantially based on a National Register form prepared for the National Historic Landmarks Survey of 1970 by Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian, Division of History, Office

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National**

Park Service.

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre (50 acre campus)

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: Division of Historic Sites DATE: 11/14/72

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN: Montpelier STATE: Vermont CODE: 50

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>William B. Timney</u></p> <p>Title <u>Director of Historic Sites State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>11/14/72</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</u></p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Grassemount, Burlington, Vermont

NPS Photo 1970

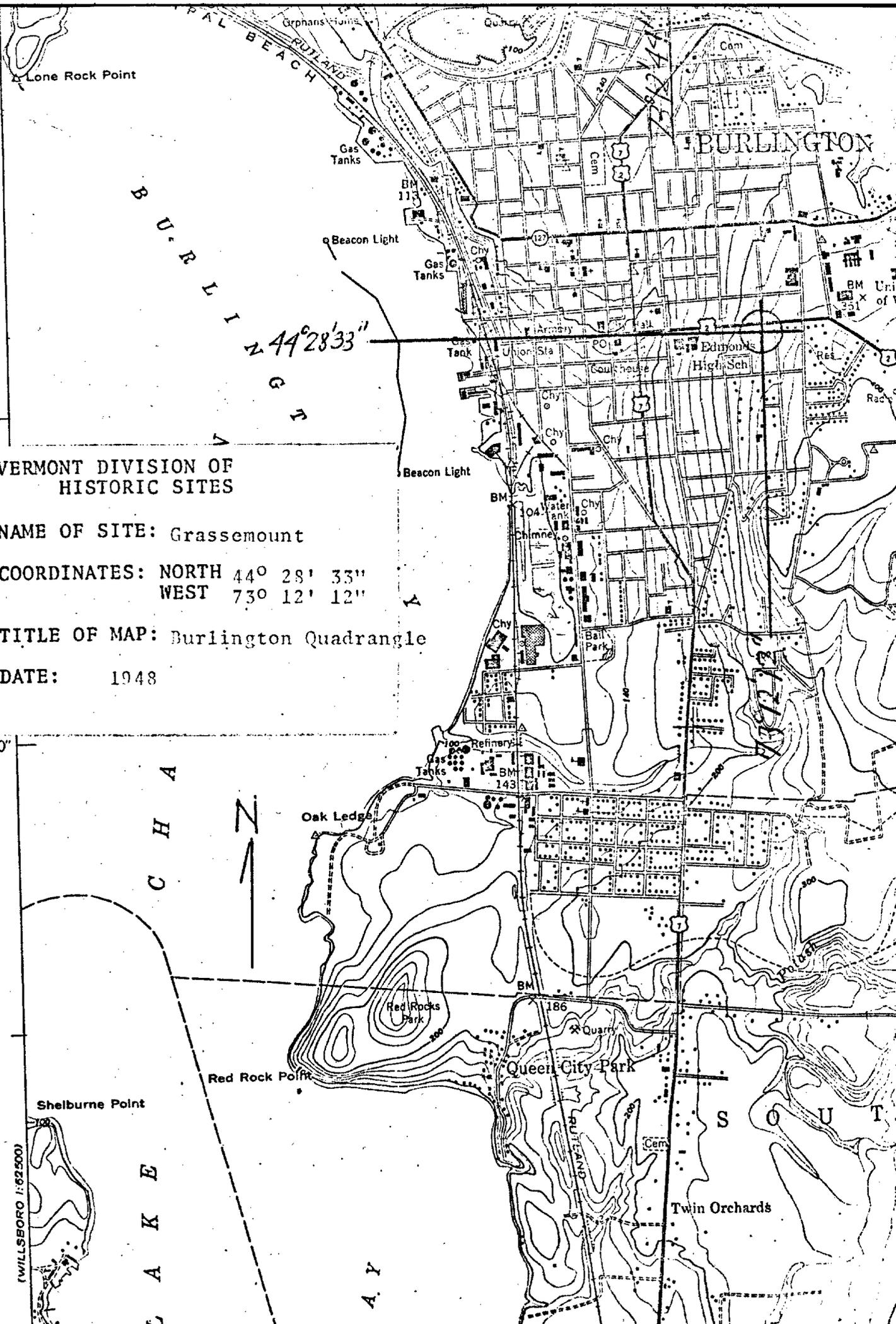
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)
Grassemount	Thaddeus Tuttle House	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Vermont	Chittenden	Burlington
STREET AND NUMBER		
411 Main Street (U.S. Route 2)		
3. PHOTO REFERENCE		
PHOTO CREDIT	DATE	NEGATIVE FILED AT
Chester H. Liebs	November 1972	Vermont Division of Historic Sites
4. IDENTIFICATION		
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.		

View of Grassemount looking south.



VERMONT DIVISION OF  
HISTORIC SITES

NAME OF SITE: Grassemount

COORDINATES: NORTH  $44^{\circ} 28' 33''$   
WEST  $73^{\circ} 12' 12''$

TITLE OF MAP: Burlington Quadrangle

DATE: 1948

$44^{\circ} 28' 33''$

$44^{\circ} 27' 30''$

(WILLSBORO 1:62,500)

Shelburne Point

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BURLINGTON

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Red Rock Point

Oak Ledge

Red Rocks Park

Queen City Park

Twin Orchards

Lone Rock Point

Gas Tanks

Beacon Light

Beacon Light

BM

BM 143

BM

186

Quarry

Cem

Edmonds High Sch

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Chy

Chy

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BM 113

Gas Tanks

Gas Tank

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Form No. 10-301  
Rev. 7-72

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)

STATE	
Vermont	
COUNTY	
Chittenden	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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CITY OR TOWN:			
Burlington			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Vermont	50	Chittenden	007
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Quadrangle 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.			

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