

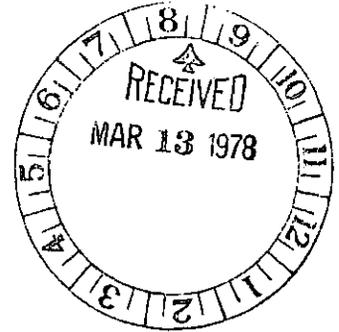


United States Department of the Interior

HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:



The Director of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

Chris Therral Delaporte

is pleased to inform you that the historic property listed on the enclosed sheet has been nominated by the State Historic Preservation 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

Date Entered **FEB 23 1978**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Union Meeting House	Ferrisburg Addison County

Also Notified

Hon. Robert T Stafford
Hon. Patrick J Leahy
Hon. James M. Jeffords

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STATE OF VERMONT

AGENCY OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY (802) 828-3211

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Vermont Travel Division 828-3236
Vermont Life Magazine 828-3241

March 17, 1978

Mr Alfred Jerger
Chairman of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ferrisburg
Town Hall
Ferrisburg, VT 05456

Dear Mr Jerger

We are pleased to inform you that the Ferrisburg Christian Reform Church has been officially entered on the National Register of Historic Places

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

Sincerely,

DIVISION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

William B. Pinney
William B Pinney
Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

WBP/tt

cc Michael Preziose, Executive Director, Addison County
Regional Planning & Development Commission

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Union Meeting House

AND/OR COMMON

Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 7

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Ferrisburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

Vermont

STATE

Vermont

CODE

50

COUNTY

Addison

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Town of Ferrisburg

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Ferrisburg

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Vermont

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Town Clerk of Ferrisburg

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Ferrisburg

STATE
Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE
Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

__EXCELLENT

XGOOD

__FAIR

__DETERIORATED

__RUINS

__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

__UNALTERED

XALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on U.S. Route 7, the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church stands at the head of a green in Ferrisburg Center. The church is constructed in a style which combines Gothic pointed arch fenestration with a plan and massing commonly found on New England Federal style ecclesiastical architecture

The main (west) elevation of the gable front building is two stories, three bays, constructed in brick, laid in American bond, resting on an ashlar limestone foundation. Two front entrances, slightly recessed with paneled reveals and doors, flank a central triple-hung Gothic-arched window topped with intersecting tracery. Each of the flanking doorways is topped by a Gothic-sash window. All windows have stone lug sills

The north and south elevations, also three bays, and the rear elevation of two bays, have triple-hung Gothic-arched windows with intersecting tracery. A slate roof covers the building, and is capped by a two-tiered frame tower. The tower has a Gothic-arch window on the lower tier and triple-louvered openings with an ogee-arch wood surround on the top tier. The tower is an exact copy of the original tower, destroyed in a fire on July 4, 1976.

Two bronze plaques have been added to the facade of the building, both commemorating the town's citizens who served in World War I and II. A wooden sign decorates the front facade and reads, "Building erected by Union Society, 1840, Purchased by Town of Ferrisburg, 1898 "

The interior of the church was considerably altered when the town took possession of the building in 1898, including removal of the box pews and sanctuary. The rear balcony, although lacking its original pews, remains. Theatre seats now provide seating for the religious services

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE		CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A striking example of Vermont vernacular architecture the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church stands as an important environmental feature of the intersection of Route 7 and Kingsland Bay Road, Ferrisburg's remaining "Town Center". Surrounded by small residences, a town clerk's office, a school, and various commercial establishments, it is clearly the focal point of the townscape of Ferrisburg Center. The small green, which fronts the church and separates it from Route 7, acts as a forum for many social events.

The building was erected in 1840, by the religious denominations in Ferrisburg at a cost of \$2,200. As time progressed, the expansion of the town's religious congregation witnessed the erection of individual meeting houses, until the acquisition of the "Union Church" by the town in 1898.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Child, Hamilton, Gazetteer & Business Directory of Addison County,
1881-82

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Co-extensive with the property line of the Ferrisburg-Vergennes Baptist Church.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Richard C. Cote, Terry Winters, Architectural Historians	DATE
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation	May, 1977
Pavilion Building	802-828-3226
Montpelier	Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE	<i>William B. Pinney</i>	DATE	8-29-77
TITLE	William B. Pinney Director/State Historic Preservation Officer		

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER.

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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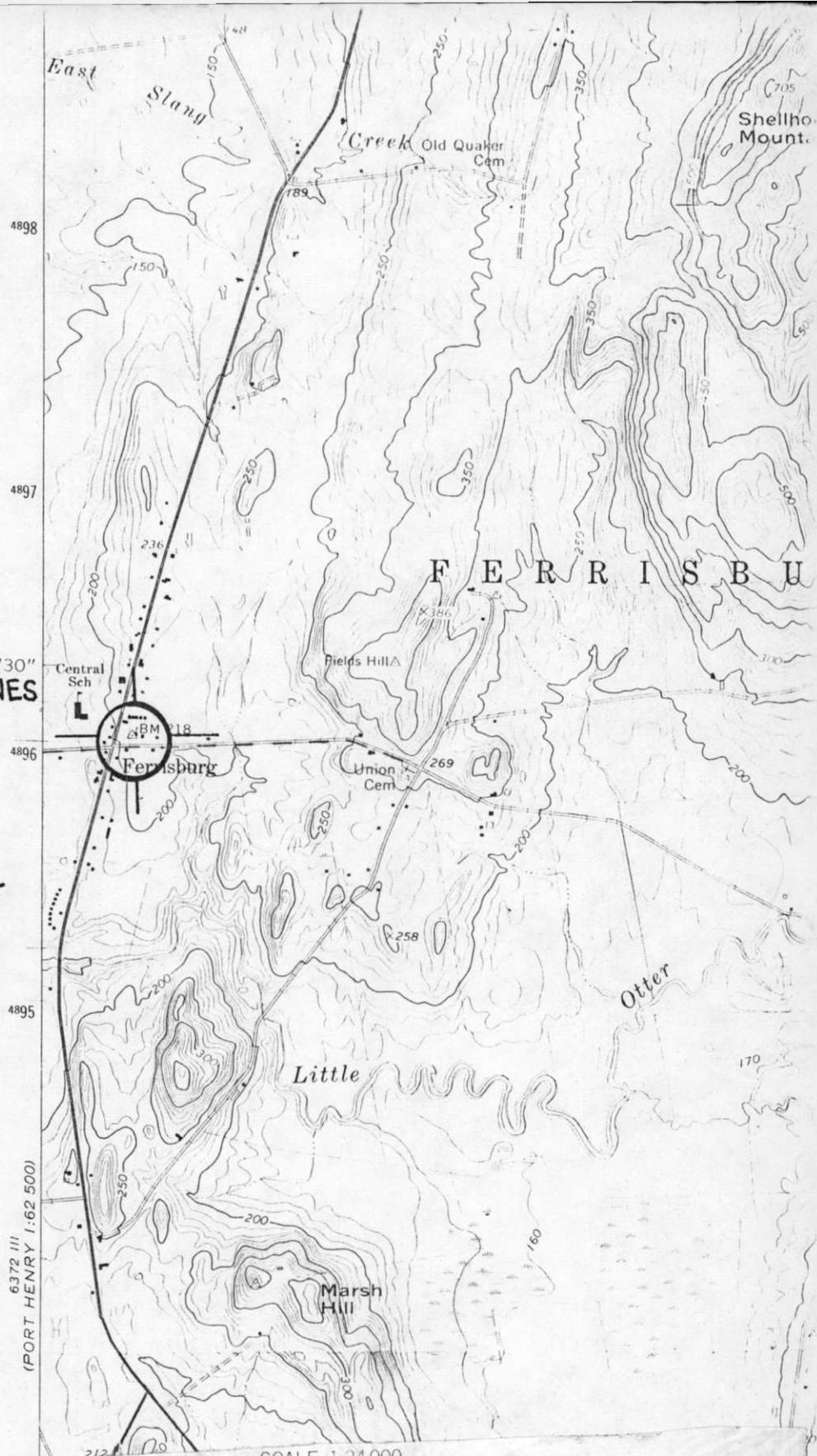
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State Historic Preservation Officer signature
Title: William B. Pinney
Director/State Historic
Preservation Officer

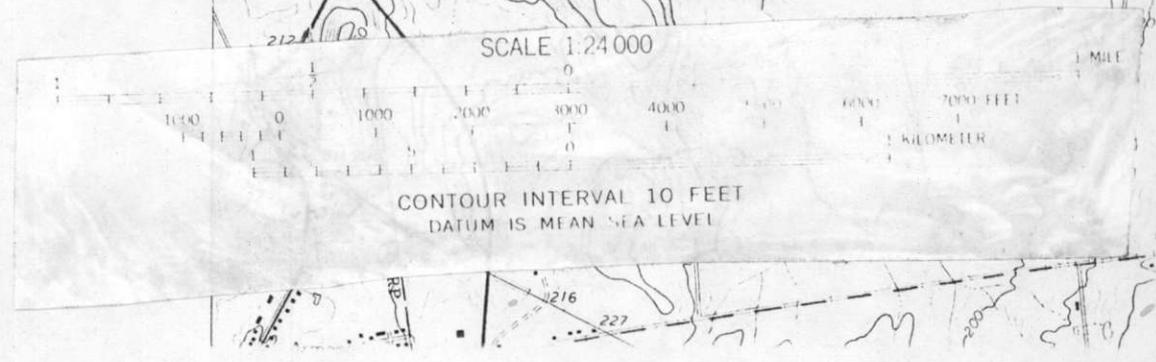
William B. Pinney

Date 2-1-78

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BAPTIST CHURCH
FERRISBURG, VT.
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Ferrisburg Union Meeting House

Ferrisburg, VT.

credit: R.C. Cote

May 1977

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