



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.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE VERMONT

Date Entered AUG 24 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Baxter, H. H., Memorial Library (Rutland Jewish Center)	Rutland Rutland County
Waterbury Village Historic District	Waterbury Washington County

Also Notified

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

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STATE OF VERMONT

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY (802) 828-3211

MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05602

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Vermont Life Magazine 828-3241

July 17, 1978

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed please find a National Register nomination form
for the following:

Rutland Jewish Center, Rutland, Rutland County, VT

This property is being submitted under the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

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

WBP/CHA:rmd

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Mr. Lewis A. Salander
Administrative Assistant
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Rutland, VT 05701

Dear Mr. Salander:

We are pleased to inform you that the Rutland Jewish Center is being submitted to the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation for consideration for entry on the National Register of Historic Places. Notification of acceptance or rejection of the property will follow.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'William B. Pinney'.

William B. Pinney
Director

State Historic Preservation Officer

WBP/CHA:rmd

cc: Mr. John Vihinen, Rutland Regional Planning Comm.
Mayor Gilbert G. Godnick



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

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Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the nomination of the H. H. Baxter Memorial Library (Rutland Jewish Center), Rutland, Vermont, to the National Register of Historic Places.

Property owners are given 30 days to present written comments on the significance of the property prior to professional review of the nomination at the National Register. The commenting period for the H. H. Baxter Memorial Library ends September 1, 1978, at which time the review of the nomination will be expedited. We will notify you with the usual form notification if the property is entered in the National Register.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely,

CHRIS T. DELAPORTE

Chris Therral Delaporte
Director

cc: Mr. William B. Pinney
Director, Vermont Division of
Historic Preservation
Pavilion Office Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

JAMES R. CALLOWAY
CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

July 28, 1978

Mr. Chris T. Delaporte, Director
Heritage, Conservation and
Recreation Service
233 Interior South
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Chris:

Subject: Rutland Jewish Center, Rutland, Vermont

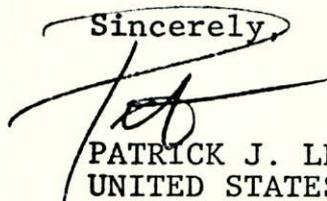
William B. Pinney, the Vermont Historic Preservation Officer, has forwarded to the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation the information about the Rutland Jewish Center needed by OAHP to consider the Rutland Jewish Center for entry on the National Register.

As you know, you and I discussed this project with Lewis Salander, Administrative Assistant for the City of Rutland, at the Revitalization Conference in Montpelier.

I would appreciate your help by keeping me closely informed of OAHP's actions on this project. Margaret Gross of my Washington staff is familiar with this and would be happy to work with you if you need additional information.

Thank you for your usual good work. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



PATRICK J. LEAHY
UNITED STATES SENATOR

PJL/lis
MG/3955

cc: Lewis Salander

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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DATE ENTERED

**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

H. H. Baxter Memorial Library

AND/OR COMMON

Rutland Jewish Center

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

96 Grove Street

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rutland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Vermont

VICINITY OF

Vermont

CODE

50

COUNTY

Rutland

CODE

021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rutland Jewish Center, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

96 Grove Street

CITY, TOWN

Rutland

STATE

Vermont

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

City Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

1 Strong's Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rutland

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

September, 1975

-- FEDERAL STATE -- COUNTY -- LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rutland Jewish Center is a 1-story, gable-roofed, stone structure, built in 1889 as a library in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. The cruciform-plan building is constructed of load-bearing, rock-faced grey marble quarried in West Rutland and laid in random coursing, with grey-tinted mortar used throughout. Erected from designs by Brunner & Tryon of New York, New York, the former library combines the geometrical shapes characteristic of the Richardsonian Romanesque style with hand-carved marble ornament and detailing.

The arched entrance portico has a corner pier and Romanesque column between the two bays on the Kendall Avenue (north) elevation. On this elevation is a centered tower with an open, upper level, whose two arches are carried on short Romanesque columns, and a pyramidal cap detailed with marble modillions. A large, semi-circular wing balances this tower on the opposite side. With the exception of those in the wing, all windows are set in arched openings. Through the arched entrance portico is an elaborate door surround, outlined with large, marble voussoirs. The arched door has wood side panels, hand-carved wood detailing, and a lighted archway above. Red slate tile roofing is used throughout the original structure. The slopes of the gable roof have eyebrow dormers, and the raking eaves are detailed with marble coping crowned by a carved finial.

Dedicated in 1927 as the Rutland Jewish Center, the former Baxter Memorial Library has since undergone two changes. One, evident in the photograph, is the inscriptions on smooth marble panels on the building's facade, including "Rutland Jewish Center." The second change is a 1956 cinder block addition to the rear of the structure to accommodate the need for a social hall. Except for these two alterations, the original design of the building is preserved, as is the highly-finished interior, featuring golden, quartered oak paneling and hand carving throughout. The building is well-sited on a corner lot in a residential section near downtown Rutland.

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Brunner & Tryon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The H. H. Baxter Memorial Library, now the Rutland Jewish Center, is historically significant to the Rutland Community both as a building constructed to memorialize a leading 19th century citizen and as a building dedicated fifty years ago as a house of worship for the Congregation Adath Israel formed in Rutland in 1911. Architect-designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, popular at the time of its construction in 1889, the library is a fine example of period architecture, executed in locally-quarried marble.

Mary E. Roberts Baxter survived her husband, Horace Henry, for eleven years following his death in 1884, after a long career as a financier in New York City. She had the library built in his memory. Although Baxter had sold his interest in the Rutland Marble Company by 1863 and taken up residence in New York, he continued to spend summers in Rutland at his mansion, formerly located across Kendall Avenue from the library and since demolished. He was extremely active in local civic affairs while residing in Rutland. His widow engaged Walter Pomeroy to select the books for the planned library which task he completed in 1891. Apparently the library was opened to the public around 1895, the year of the opening of Library Avenue.

There is no known record of how the library fared following the death of Mary Baxter in 1895. In 1927 the Jewish community of Rutland purchased the library and changed the name of their congregation from Adath Israel to the Rutland Jewish Center, Inc. The domed wing was made the synagogue itself with the addition of the ark and new oak benches, the latter being replaced in 1948. Various improvements to the interior were made subsequently, including the addition of lighting fixtures in the synagogue in 1946.

The Rutland Jewish Center is an excellent example of a sympathetic re-use of a formal, quasi-public building. The structure is significantly reflective of its 19th century origins and its 20th century present use.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A Catalogue of the Books in the H. H. Baxter Memorial Library of Rutland, Vt. n.p.:1892. Pp. V and VI of "Introduction."

Constitution and By-Laws of the Rutland Jewish Center, Inc., Rutland, Vermont: 1961. Pp. 1-4 of "Historical Data."

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Rutland Quad

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of the property of the Rutland Jewish Center, Inc., located at the southeast corner of Grove Street and Kendall Avenue in the City of Rutland.

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

Kathlyn Hatch/Emma Jane Saxe, Architectural Historians

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

April 8, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Pavilion Building

(802) 828-3226

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

William B. Timney

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

July 13, 1978

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

EST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

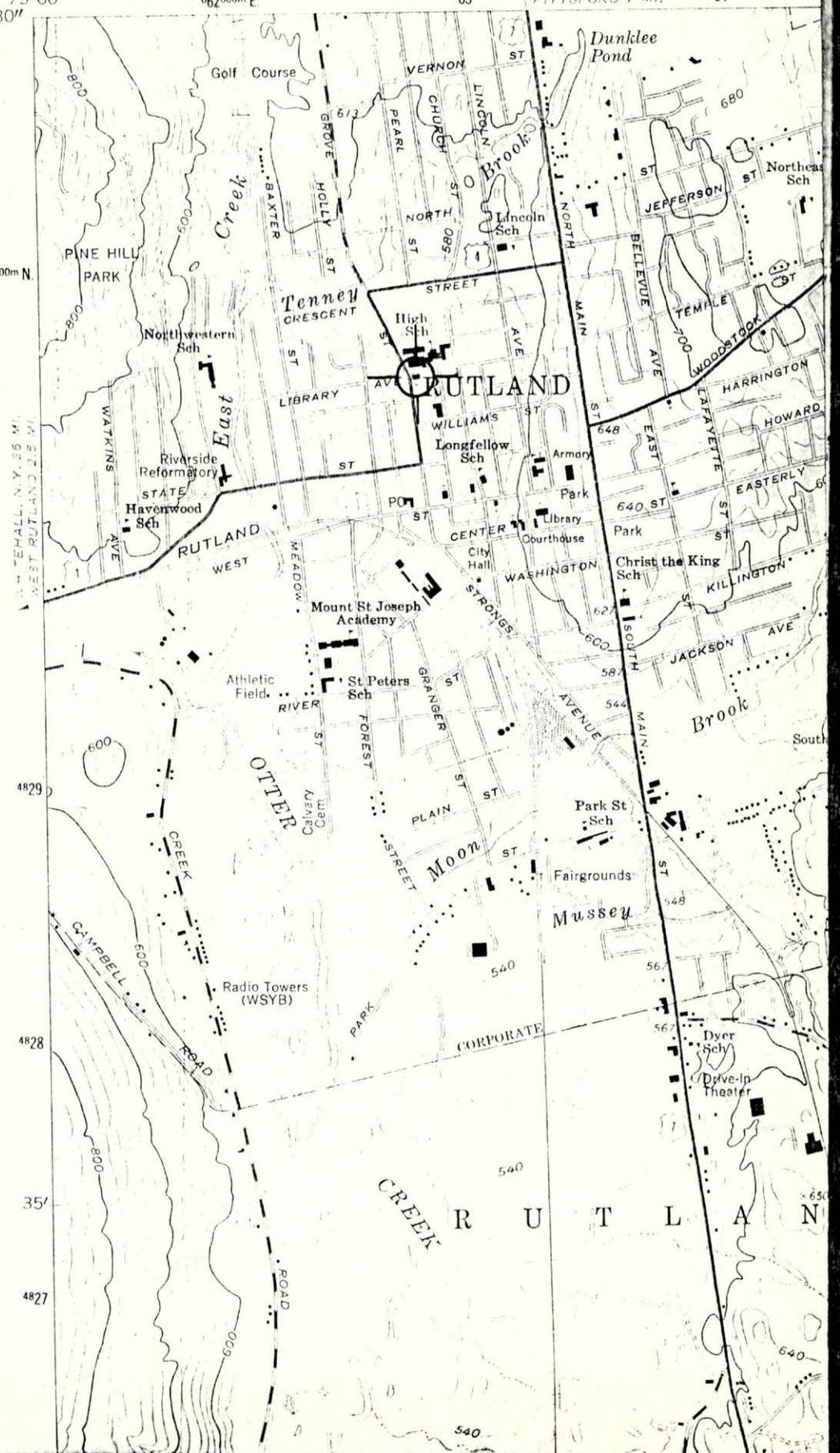
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(PROCTOR)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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43°37'30" BRANDON 14 MI. PITTSFORD 7 MI.

H. H. BAXTER
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY
RUTLAND, VT

UTM COORDINATES:
18/662900/4830570



TEHALL, N.Y. 35 MI.
WEST RUTLAND 25 MI.

4831000m N.

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35'

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C R E E K R U T L A N D



Vt. Div. for Historic Preservation
Rutland County Rutland 9/75
Baxter Library, 1119-29 NE
75-A-62 Kathlyn Hatch