

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 **WHIPPLE HOUSE**

AND/OR COMMON
WHIPPLE HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
4 Pleasant Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

___ VICINITY OF

2

STATE

New Hampshire

CODE

33

COUNTY

Grafton

CODE

009 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Town of Ashland

STREET & NUMBER
10 Highland Street

CITY, TOWN

Ashland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

New Hampshire

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Grafton County Registry of Deeds**

STREET & NUMBER
Grafton County Courthouse, Route 10

CITY, TOWN

North Haverhill

STATE

New Hampshire

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

This 1½-story dwelling rests on a cut granite foundation and is constructed of brick laid up in eight-course American bond. It is five by four bays; the central four-panel door is recessed behind a three-centered arch and framed by rectangular transom and side lights. The 12/8 sash windows have rectangular granite lintels, wooden sills, and louvered shutters. Two gable dormers punctuate the gable roof's front slope. Two interior chimneys in the end position are found on each slope.

Inside there is a first floor central hall with two rooms to either side. This plan is duplicated upstairs. The frame ell to the rear contains first floor kitchens featuring flushboarded walls, panelled overmantels, and large fireplaces with ovens and laundry kettles. There are two bedrooms above.

Frame sheds are located to the north and south of the block. Each contains a kitchen, woodshed, privy, and loft. That to the south has its gable to the street, while the northern shed has a shed roof.

Since its construction in 1837, the house has undergone some changes. Its present windows, for example, are a restoration and are at least the third set the structure has had. Dormers date from 1916. The rear ell, originally one story, had the second story added to accommodate two bedrooms. A later porch on the front face has since been removed. The house served as a dwelling until 1970, when it became a museum.

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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1837

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Whipple House is typical of a 1½-story house-type prevalent in New England in the second quarter of the 19th century. It is a type which derives from the center chimney Cape, but reflects the change in heating technology from open fireplaces to stoves. Although the door treatment of transom and sidelights is common, the three-centered arch enclosing it is unusual.

This dwelling has added significance because of its association with Dr. George Hoyt Whipple - pathologist, researcher, and educator. Whipple, born here in 1879, was educated at Phillips Andover, Yale, and Johns Hopkins Medical School. Rather than become a practicing physician, he went into pathological medicine and joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins, becoming an Associate Professor in 1911. His work gradually came to concentrate on the liver and the blood.

In 1914 Whipple moved to San Francisco to organize and direct one of the first medical research institutes in America, the Hooper Foundation. He was appointed Dean of the University of California Medical School in 1920. In that year he was asked to organize and set up a medical school at the University of Rochester. He served there as Dean until 1953 and as chairman of the Department of Pathology until 1955.

Whipple's research at Rochester concentrated on the effects of diet on blood regulation. The studies he produced encouraged Drs. George Minot and Walter Murphy of Boston to work on a treatment for pernicious anemia, an incurable and invariably fatal disease which took an average of 5,000 American lives annually. They successfully used a liver diet to combat the ailment. True to Whipple's suspicions, pernicious anemia was a deficiency disease. The essential element has been isolated from liver extracts and is now known as Vitamin B-12. In 1934 Whipple, Minot, and Murphy received the Nobel Prize for Medicine for this work.

Dr. Whipple's later research was not as dramatic as his work on anemia, but contributed significantly to our understanding of human body functions. His work included studies on the role of iron in the body, bile salt metabolism, cholesterol elimination in the bile, hemoglobin production, plasma proteins formation, and the transfer of proteins across cell walls and other barriers. Dr. Whipple and two colleagues were the first to use radioactive iron in medical research. Dr. Whipple discovered the dynamic equilibrium of body proteins, and his research on amino acids in the blood led to advances in intravenous feeding.

Dr. Whipple received a number of honors in his lifetime, including election to the National Academy of Sciences and Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Institute, as well as honorary degrees, medals, and other awards. He retired in the 1950's and died in 1976. Although Dr. Whipple's accomplishments are little known outside the medical profession, their impact is indirectly felt throughout the world.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Corner, George W. George Hoyt Whipple and His Friends. J. P. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, 1963.
 Serotkin, Jeff. "Ashland's Whipple House," New Hampshire Profiles, Vol. XXII, No. 9, September, 1973.
 Whipple, George Hoyt, "Autobiographical Sketch," Perspectives in Biology and Medicine. Vol. 2, No. 3, Spring, 1959.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8

QUADRANGLE NAME Holderness, NH

QUADRANGLE SCALE 15' series

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 | 28 | 78 | 15 | 10 | 48 | 41 | 11 | 5 | 10
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C | | | | | | | | |

D | | | | | | | | |

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see phone slip

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

David L. Ruell, Curator

ORGANIZATION

Ashland Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

16 Hill Street

CITY OR TOWN

Ashland

DATE

October 7, 1977

TELEPHONE

603-968-7716

STATE

New Hampshire

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

Commissioner, NH Dept. of Resources & Economic Development
 NH State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE December 16, 1978

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

ATTEST: for Charles G. [Signature]
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
[Signature]
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 12-13-78

DATE 12/12/78

Property

Whipple House

State N. H.

Working Number 6.27.78.3466

TECHNICAL

Photos 7
Maps

CONTROL

OK 6.28.78

HISTORIAN

With the statement of significance as it now stands, the significance would have to be made in the area of architecture. Upon consultation with the SHPO we may be able to get a stronger historically associative link - Dr Whipple if we cannot accept solely with architectural significance. Significant for association - Dr. Whipple - pathologist Nobel Prize winner, # researcher

Depto Arch. Hist.
Frost 11/15/78
Accept 12/6/78

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Associative link is a little weaker but based on architecture -

Accept
Brisson
8.28.78

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

THE HOUSE IS ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT AS A WELL EXECUTED EXAMPLE OF THE 5 BAY, CENTRAL ENTRANCE, 1 1/2 STORY MID 18TH CENTURY TYPE FOUND THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND. THE RECESSED ENTRY BEHIND AN ARCH IS NOTABLE. THE HOUSE HAS ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANCE DUE TO

ACCEPT
Max Douglas
12/11/78

BRANCH CHIEF

ITS ASSOCIATION WITH DR. GEORGE HOYT WHIPPLE - PATHOLOGIST, EDUCATOR AND RESEARCHER. THE ADDED PORTERS ARE UNFORTUNATE BUT DO NOT OBSCURE ORIGINAL FEATURES.

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 26-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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Whipple House 1 of 2
4 Pleasant St
Ashland

New Hampshire

facing northwest
south (side) and front (east) faces

By: David L. Ruell
16 Hill St.
Ashland, NH
July, 1977

Neg. with: Stephen T. Ruell
418 Boyden St.
Syracuse, NY

DEC 13 1978



JUN 27 1978

Whipple House 2 of 2
4 Pleasant St.
Ashland

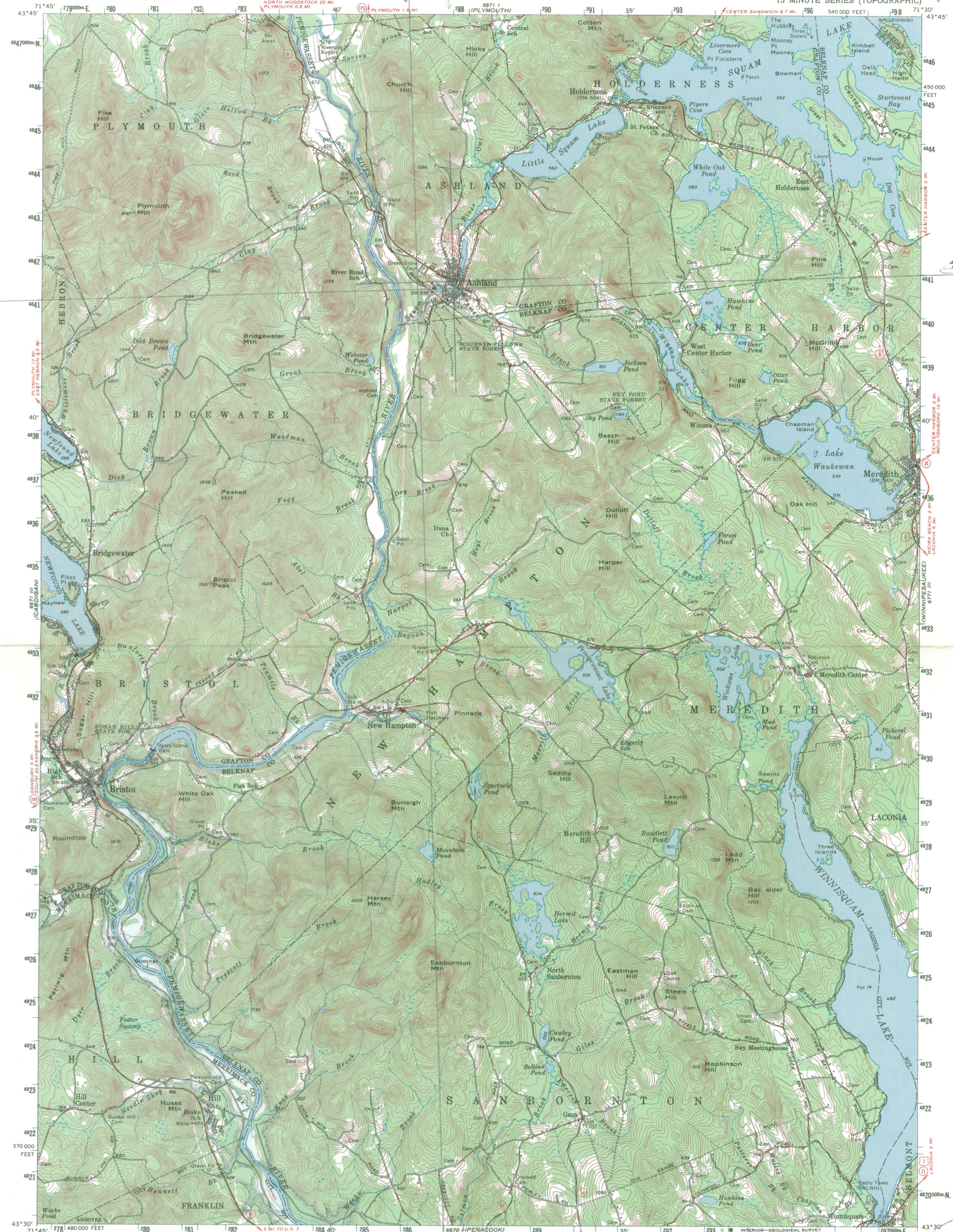
New Hampshire

facing west
front (east) face

By: David L. Ruell
16 Hill St.
Ashland, NH

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DEC 13 1978

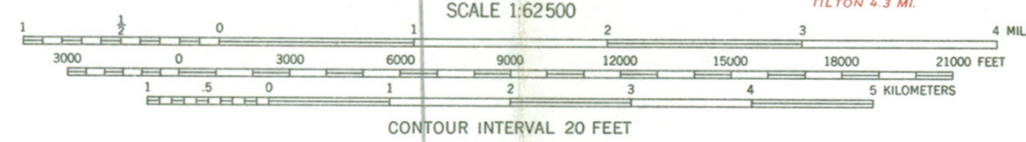
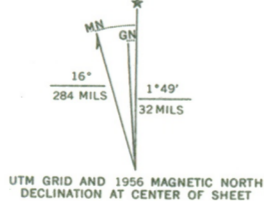


4,841,000 ft N
House
Ashland

WHIPPLE HOUSE

UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	19 2 - 87 - 850	48 - 41 - 150
B	-	-
C	-	-
D	-	-

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and New Hampshire Geodetic Survey
Topography by planetable surveys 1925. Revised 1956
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New Hampshire coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Area covered by dashed light blue pattern is
subject to controlled inundation to 389 feet

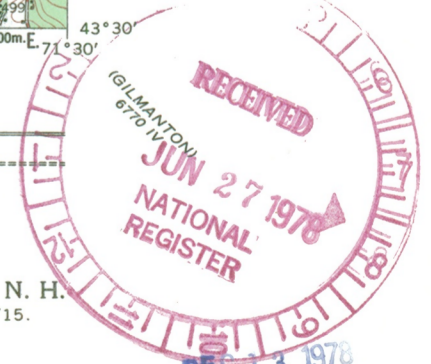



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route (red circle) State Route (black circle)

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

HOLDERNESS, N. H.
N4330—W7130/15.

1956
AMS 6671 II—SERIES V712



Letter to NATIONAL 
Register

Hill Street
Ashland, N.H.
July 24, 1974

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1522 K St. NW
Washington, D.C.
Gentlemen,

The Ashland Historical Society (N.H.) administers an 1837 brick house museum that we feel might qualify for the National Register because of its historical value and as the birthplace and childhood home of Dr. George Hoyt Whipple, 1934 Nobel Prize winner for medicine.

I am writing to inquire about the procedure involved in getting a building onto the Register. As I understand it, recommendations are made by state boards to your national board. I have not, however, been able to discover the address of the New Hampshire board. If you could supply me with that and any other information you have available on application procedure, I would be most grateful.

add: Hill St
Ashland NH 03217

Yours,
David Ruell
Curator, Whipple House
Museum

AUG 23 1974

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C Shull

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Mr. David Ruell
Curator, Whipple House Museum
Hill Street
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

? Grafton Co.

Dear Mr. Ruell:

Thank you for your letter concerning nomination of the Whipple House, Ashland, New Hampshire, to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Whipple House may be eligible for nomination to the National Register. The enclosed leaflet describes the National Register program. Nominations to the National Register are made by the State through the State Historic Preservation Officer. You may wish to consult the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, Mr. George Gilman, Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Post Office Box 856, Concord, New Hampshire 03301, concerning the Whipple House.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Acting

Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosure

cc: Mr. George Gilman, Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development, Post Office Box 856, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. w/cy inc.

Regional Director, North Atlantic Region w/cy inc.

FNP:J Kulczycki:lml 8/21/74
bcc: Director's Reading File
DI
PR w/cy inc.

✓ BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR



NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GEORGE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

June 22, 1978

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service
US Department of Interior
Washington, DC 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

As New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, I am pleased to nominate to the National Register of Historic Places the Whipple House in Ashland, New Hampshire.

The National Register Inventory-Nomination form for the building, prepared by David L. Ruell, has been reviewed and approved by the Preservation Advisory Council and the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Review Board. The Selectmen of Ashland have been notified; comments are on file in the Historic Preservation Office and are available for public inspection.

Sincerely,

George Gilman
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

GG:lw:bf

cc: David L. Ruell

TELEPHONE REPORT

OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROJECT: ~~WINDHAM~~ ~~PLANNING~~ WHIPPLE HOUSE

TO/FROM: ~~LINDA WILSON~~ CHRIS. FONDA

DATE: 11/15/78

ADDRESS: N.H. SHPO

PHONE: 603-271-~~244~~³⁴⁸³

STAFF MEMBER: Mac DeGale

DIVISION: N.R.

REPORT:

QUESTION: IS THIS THE ONLY PROPERTY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATED WITH WHIPPLE?

YES - SINCE HE LIVED THERE FOR SUCH A LONG TIME SHE SAID THAT PEOPLE LOCALY HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF PRIDE IN HIS RESIDENCY.

VBD

REAR SHEDS INCLUDED.

12/6/78 - VBD - rectangular plot of land consisting of the Whipple property owned by the ~~Whipple~~ town of Ashland, facing on Pleasant St.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date Entered DEC 13 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Whipple House	Ashland Grafton County
Cheshire County Courthouse	Keene Cheshire County

Also Notified

Honorable Thomas J. McIntyre
Honorable John A. Durkin
Honorable James C. Cleveland

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. George Gilman
Commissioner, Department of Resources
and Economic Development
P.O. Box 856
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

① NAME as it appears on federal register: Whipple House
 ② OTHER NAMES:
 ③ date of entry: DEC 13 1978
 ④ county code: 09

⑤ LOCATION street & number: 4 Pleasant St.
 city / town: Ashland
 vicinity of:
 state: NH
 county: Grafton
 ⑥ NPS REGION: NA

⑦ OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (agency name)
 ⑧ ADMINISTRATOR:

⑨ EXISTING SURVEYS HABS HAER NHL
 ⑩ FUNDED? YES NO
 ⑪ CONGRESS. DISTRICT: 2nd
 ⑫ SOURCE of NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL
 if state who prepared form? David L. Ruell

⑬ WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES, NAME: NO
 ⑭ WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES, NAME: NO
 ⑮ ACREAGE: LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

⑯ CONDITION deteriorated altered original site
 excellent ruins unaltered moved
 good unexposed reconstructed unknown
 fair unexcavated excavated
 ⑰ features: SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3
 NOT INTACT-0 NOT INTACT-0
 UNKNOWN-4 UNKNOWN-5 UNKNOWN-6
 NOT APPLICABLE-7 NOT APPLICABLE-8 NOT APPLICABLE-9

⑱ ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown
 ⑲ ADAPTIVE USE YES NO
 ⑳ SAVED? YES
 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? yes no

㉑ AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2
 ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1
 AGRICULTURE -3
 ARCHITECTURE -4
 ART -5
 ENGINEERING -11
 ENTERTAINMENT -26
 EXPLORATION -12
 HEALTH -27
 CONSERVATION -8
 ECONOMICS -9
 EDUCATION -10
 LANDSCAPE ARCH. -15
 LAW -16
 LITERATURE -17
 MILITARY -18
 MUSIC -19
 PHILOSOPHY -20
 POLITICS / GOVT. -21
 RELIGION -22
 SCIENCE -23
 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN -24
 SOCIAL / CULTURAL -30
 TRANSPORTATION -25
 RECREATION -28
 SETTLEMENT -29
 URBAN PLANNING -31
 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 ㉒ CLAIMS: explain
 'first'
 'oldest'
 'only'

㉓ functions
 WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
 CURRENTLY:
 ㉔ dates of initial construction:
 major alterations:
 historic events:
 ㉕ ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

㉖ architectural style(s):
 ㉗ architect:
 ㉘ master builder:
 ㉙ engineer:

㉚ landscape architect / garden designer:
 ㉛ interior decorator:
 ㉜ artist:
 ㉝ artisan:
 ㉞ builder/contractor:

㉟ NAMES give role & date
 PERSONAL:
 EVENTS:
 INSTITUTIONAL:

㊱ NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP