

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hepburn Library

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1 Hepburn Street [] not for publication

hamlet Norfolk [] vicinity

state New York code NY county St. Lawrence code 089 zip code 13667

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [X] locally. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Handwritten Signature]

7/20/04

Signature of certifying official/Title : Commissioner for Historic Preservation

Date

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
 - entered in the National Register [] see continuation sheet
 - determined eligible for the National Register [] see continuation sheet
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register
 - other (explain)

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall date of action 9/29/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Non-contributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

NA

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION; library

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION; library

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

early 20th Century: Classical/Georgian Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick/stone

walls brick

roof shingles

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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Hepburn Library
Norfolk, St. Lawrence County, NY

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Description

The Hepburn Library, built in 1919-20, is a handsome, Georgian Revival style brick building in the heart of the hamlet of Norfolk in the predominantly rural town of Norfolk. Located on the east side of Hepburn Street, the imposing brick building sits on an irregular, roughly L-shaped lot whose two longest dimensions are 158' [i.e., the west frontage along the road] and 198' [i.e., the southern line of the parcel]. It is located 150 feet south of Main Street, the hamlet's primary east-west thoroughfare. Lawns dotted with mature Blue Spruce trees surround the building on the north, west and east sides. A gravel parking lot occupies the south end of the property. Hepburn Street features a variety of late 19th/early 20th single family dwellings on small village lots; the buildings along Main Street just north of the library consist of mostly free-standing or semi-detached commercial or professional buildings, many of which date from the late 19th/early 20th centuries. However, most of the dwellings and commercial/professional buildings have been altered over the decades, thereby precluding the possibility of a National Register historic district.

The library is a T-shaped, cross-gable roofed brick building resting on a full, raised basement that sits on a wide stone sill. Oriented on a north-south axis, the edifice is distinguished by massive, round-arched, multi-paned windows; a series of slightly recessed, decorative stone or brick panels above and below main-story window openings; a denticular cornice; slightly raised gable-end parapets; decorative brick interior end chimneys; a bold stone watertable; and louvered oculi in the north, east and south gable ends. The front façade of the five-bay-wide, two-bay deep main block is dominated by a monumental, central entrance portico, accessed via a two-tiered flight of concrete steps. The portico features massive Ionic order stone columns supporting a prominent cross-gable, beneath which two smaller, Corinthian order stone columns and two Doric order stone pilasters support a Classically embellished entablature and a large, smoothly hewn stone arch articulated by a bold keystone. The portico shelters a deeply recessed, stone-trimmed doorway that contains a modern door beneath the original, traceried transom light. Tall, narrow sidelight-like windows flank the entrance. The remainder of the front façade features four large, symmetrically placed round-arched windows (containing 18/18, double-hung sash and large fanlights with radiating tracery) surmounted by radiating brick voussoirs accented with scrolled keystones. Basement level windows contain rectangular, 10/10 double-hung sash with brick lintels accented by simple stone keystones. Of particular note is the large Palladian window on the rear (east) elevation.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [X] A Property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

- [] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location
[] C a birthplace or grave
[] D a cemetery
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
[] F a commemorative property
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance:

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education

Architecture

Period of Significance:

1919-20

Significant Dates:

1919-20

Significant Person:

NA

Cultural Affiliation:

NA

Architect/Builder:

E.K. Rossiter

Narrative Statement of Significance: See continuation sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

Costa, Edith. Top O' The State, 1967.
Norfolk Town Board meeting minutes of 29 October 1918.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by historic American Building Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal Agency
[] Local Government
[] University
[X] Other: St. Lawrence County Historical Society research files

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Significance

The Hepburn Library (1919-20) is historically and architecturally significant as one of seven public libraries in St. Lawrence County built under the auspices of A. Barton Hepburn, a regional philanthropist born in 1846 in the nearby village of Colton. All seven Hepburn libraries (located in Norfolk, Colton, Edwards, Hermon, Lisbon, Madrid, and Waddington), still survive with a remarkably high degree of integrity, and all continue to serve as public libraries. To date, only the Waddington library is listed in the National Register, although a preliminary review of the others reveals that all are clearly worthy of preservation. The Hepburn Library is additionally significant as an remarkably intact, highly sophisticated example of Georgian Revival style public architecture in Norfolk.

According to local tradition, the first white man of European descent to occupy the settlement later known as Norfolk was James LeRay, who arrived in 1811 and built a crude shelter; by 1812 the first crop of wheat was growing. Other settlers, attracted by the potential waterpower of the swiftly flowing Raquette River, soon joined LeRay. Within a few years, the hamlet boasted a number of hydro-powered manufactories (including a three-story gristmill whose top story served the religious needs of the community) that provided employment to dozens of workers. (Edith Costa, *Top O' The State*, 1967, p. 39). A number of comfortable frame houses were built in the hamlet of Norfolk during the second quarter of the nineteenth century and variety of service-related enterprises were created to meet the needs of the workers and their families. The economic mainstay of the community during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were lumbering and related paper milling ventures; Norfolk prospered as a center of social, commercial, religious and educational activity for the surrounding township.

A. Barton Hepburn, of humble beginnings and a strong Scotch-Irish upbringing, was the first Colton-born child ever to receive a college education. Grateful for the opportunities available to him as a direct result of his access to higher education, Hepburn spent the rest of his life dedicated to hard, honest work and faithful community service. An astute entrepreneur and well-respected businessman, he achieved statewide recognition as a member of the State Legislature from 1875 to 1879 and for his role as superintendent of the New York State Banking Department from 1880 to 1882. Near the end of his life, he financed the construction of seven stylish, state-of-the-art libraries in seven communities of his beloved St. Lawrence County: Colton, Edwards, Hermon, Lisbon, Madrid, Norfolk and Waddington. All

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were (and still are) finely crafted, Classically inspired edifices in the hearts of their respective communities; all were airy and spacious, well-lit with natural lighting streaming through massive, multi-paned windows; all were filled with massive bookcases stocked with the best and latest selections of reading materials designed to stimulate and encourage local citizens to better their lives via learning during their leisure hours. All were also designed to serve as centers of community activity.

In the words of Mr. Hepburn himself, as quoted in the Norfolk Town Board meeting minutes of 29 October 1918:

Experience proves that those libraries are most successful, which are made the centre of social activities. This Library will be provided with a lecture-room, which may also be used as an entertainment room. A Kitchen attachment will be provided so that refreshments may be served. The Library will be a convenient meeting place for the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association or any society connected with any religious denomination; or literary society or business organization, as, for instance, the Grange or Farmers' Alliance; in short, it will furnish conveniences for any activity of an uplift[ing] nature.

As lumbering in New York's North Country decreased during the second quarter of the twentieth century, the prosperity of numerous small mill towns like Norfolk diminished. Commercial and industrial activities shifted to larger urban areas (such as the nearby cities of Potsdam, Ogdensburg and Massena) and the sons and daughters of formerly prosperous farmers and millers sought other means of livelihood. Nonetheless, the Hepburn Library remains a busy center of social and educational activity and the building per se remains a prominent local landmark in this small, North Country village.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

UTM References: **18: 500680/4960800**

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundary of the nominated property coincides with the legal lot lines as delineated on the attached survey map.

Boundary Justification: The boundary coincides with the full extent of land historically and currently associated with the nominated resource.

11. Form Prepared By: (Research conducted by: Mr. Timothy Opdyke, Hepburn Library Board Member,)

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organization Division for Historic Preservation

date June 2004

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city or town Waterford

state NY zip code 12188

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

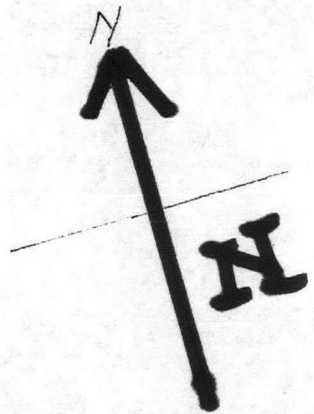
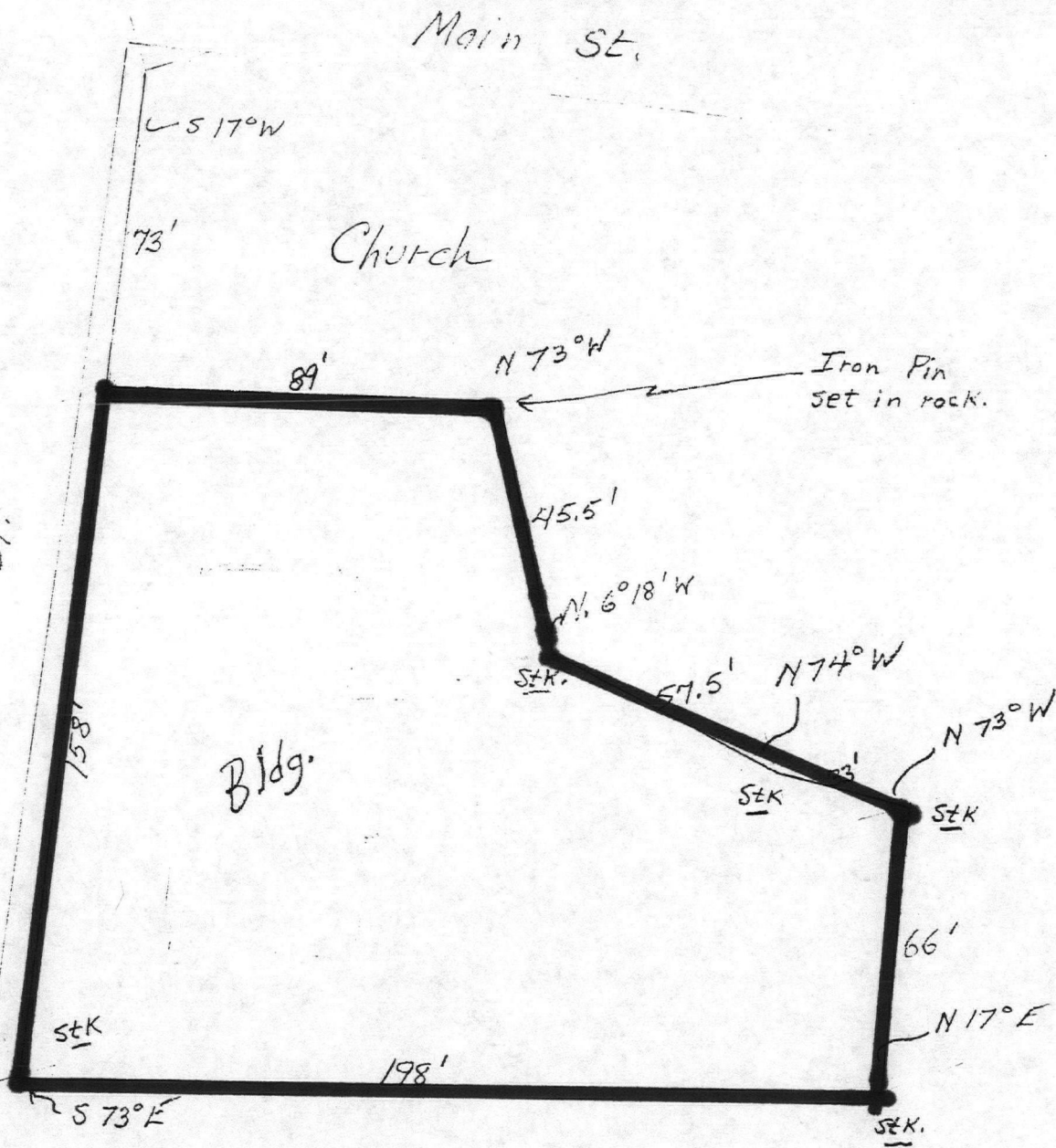
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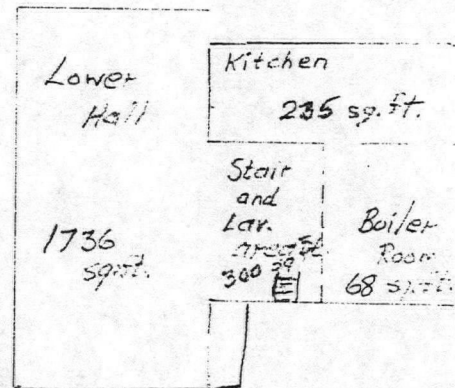
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Hepburn Library
 Norfolk, St. Lawrence County
 Heavy black outline defines boundary of
 nominated property

Hepburn St.
 Hepburn Street



Lower Floor division.



Tot. (Bldg.) - 4816

Norfolk Library Land Desc.

40 Scale

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Hepburn Library
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, St. Lawrence

DATE RECEIVED: 8/13/04 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/08/04
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/23/04 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/26/04
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 04001056

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/24/04 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Hepburn Library
Norfolk, St Lawrence Co.

Photo & Neg: N. Todd, 2004, OPRHP

View: front (west) facade



Hepburn Library

Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co.

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View: west & south elevations



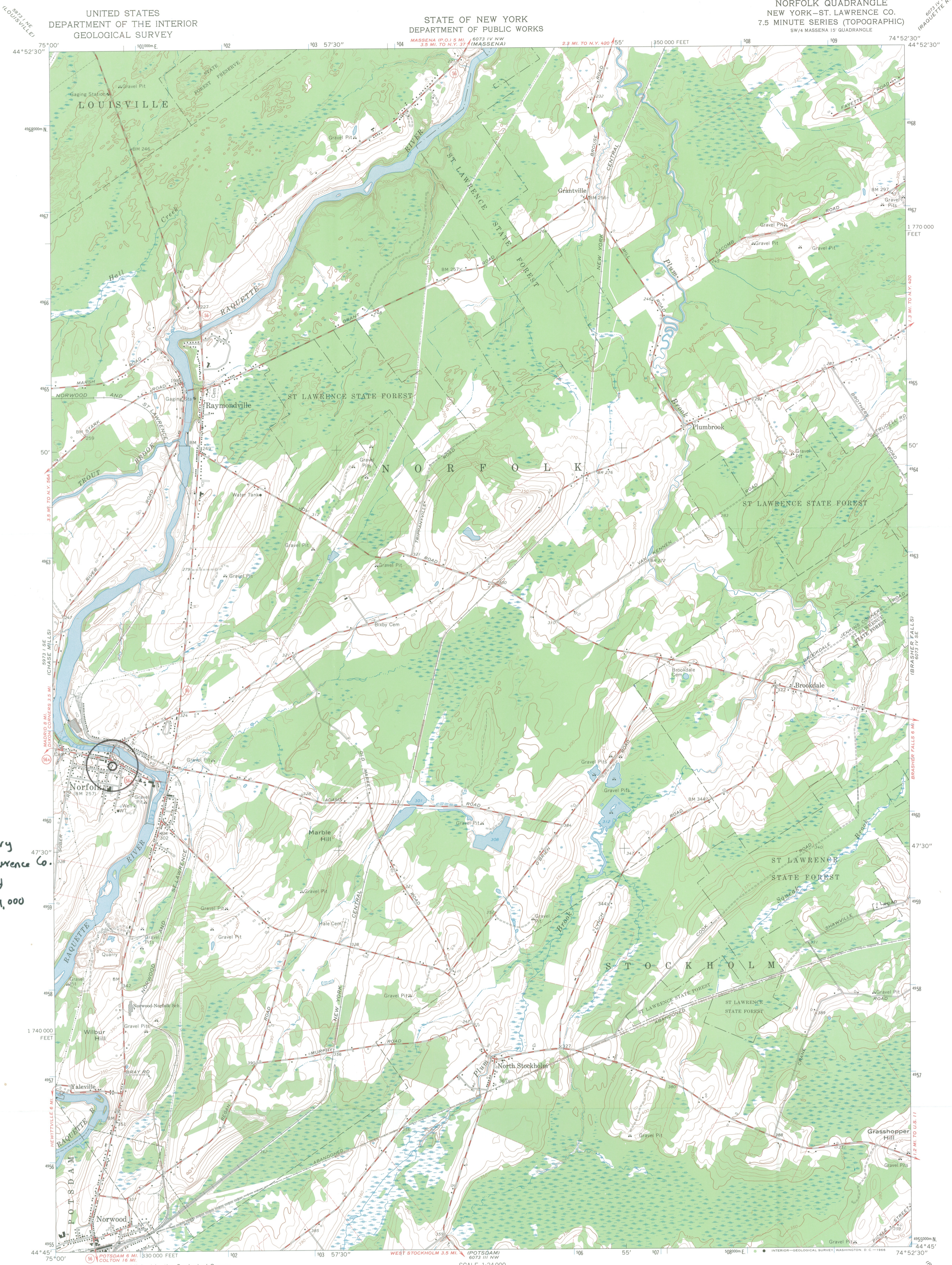
Hepburn Library
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View: Interior detail

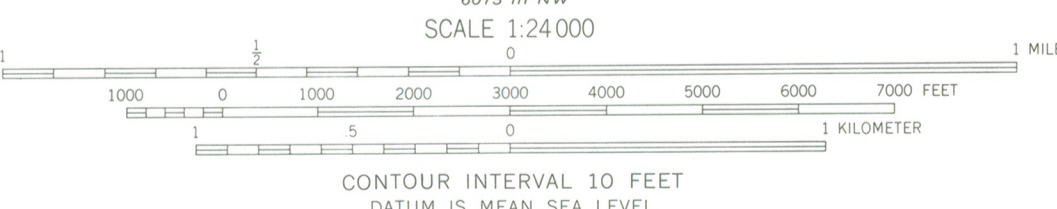
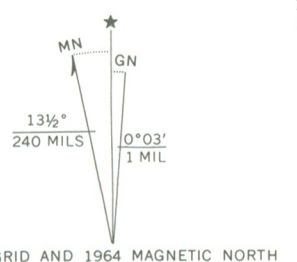


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View: Interior detail



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Norfolk, St Lawrence Co.
Norfolk Quad
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N: 4960800

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs
This information is unchecked



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NORFOLK, N. Y.
SW/4 MASSENA 15' QUADRANGLE
N4445-W7452.5/7.5

1964

AMS 6073 IV SW-SERIES V821

STATEMENT OF OWNER SUPPORT

Before an individual nomination proposal will be reviewed or nominated, the owner(s) of record must sign and date the following statement:

WE, The Town of Norfolk,

(print or type owners names)


are the owners of the property at

1 Hepburn Street
Norfolk, NY 13667

We support its nomination to the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Sign and date below, and provide legal mailing address(s) of owner(s)

Thomas Chatterson, Supervisor
Town of Norfolk
PO Box 481
Norfolk, NY 13667



Signature

4-3-09
Date