

BARRETT STREET



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 on for Historic Preservation  
 Montpelier, VT 05602

HISTORIC SITES & STRUCTURES SURVEY  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

COUNTY:	Chittenden
TOWN:	Burlington
LOCATION:	6-10 Barrett St.
COMMON NAME:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	dwelling
OWNER:	
ADDRESS:	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/>

SURVEY NUMBER:	
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	78-A-286
UTM REFERENCES:	Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	
PRESENT USE:	apartments
ORIGINAL USE:	warehouse
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/>
STYLE:	
DATE BUILT:	c. 1790

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone  Brick  Concrete  Concrete Block
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post & Beam  Balloon
  - Load Bearing Masonry: Brick  Stone  Concrete  Concrete Block
  - Iron  d. Steel  e. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard  Board & Batten  Wood Shingle  Shiplap  Novelty  Asbestos Shingle  Sheet Metal  Aluminum  Asphalt Shingle  Brick Veneer  Stone Veneer  Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood  Iron  Steel  Concrete
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate  Wood Shingle  Asphalt Shingle  Sheet Metal  Built Up  Rolled  Tile  Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches  Towers  Cupolas  Dormers  Chimneys  Sheds  Ells  Wings  Bay Window  Other:

Roof Style: Gable  Hip  Shed  Flat  Mansard  Gambrel  Jerkinhead  Saw Tooth  With Monitor  With Bellcast  With Parapet  With False Front  Other:

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 6 x 2 Entrance Location: side

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:	No Threat <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning <input type="checkbox"/> Roads <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES:	Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Massing - Rectangular block with intersecting gable on north-west elevation. Flat roofed vertical sided addition on north-west elevation. Raised gabled entrance porch. Projecting eaves.  
Fenestration - 2/2 sash. Plain trim. Multiple paned windows in addition.  
Entrance - Queen Anne door with square light.  
Enrichments - Corner boarding and fascia board beneath eaves.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

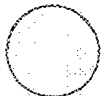
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This large structure was probably built in the decade following the close of the American revolution (c. 1785-95). The frame is of sawn and hewn beams of 12"-16". The siding is of 3 1/2" x 30" x 20' planks pegged onto the frame vertically to cover two stories. A large central chimney has fireplaces on both the cellar and first floor levels. The base of the chimney has a layer of 1" thick boards through it, a foot or so above the dirt floor, to prevent moisture from wicking up the chimney. The size of the timbers used in its construction suggest that the building was erected soon after resettlement began at the Falls c. 1784, when it would have been cheaper to build with large beams and boards, because wood was so plentiful and millpower so scarce. The size and design of the building suggest that it was a storehouse for some trader at the Falls, built for holding large quantities of grain and farm produce which farmers bartered to cover the cost of those things which they needed to purchase. Despite speculation that Ira Allen was the builder (the construction is very similar to the Ethan Allen house on the intervale).

REFERENCES:

Chittenden County History Society Bulletin, December, 1977.

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Land  Woodland
- Scattered Buildings
- Moderately Built Up
- Densely Built Up
- Residential  Commercial
- Agricultural  Industrial
- Roadside Strip Development
- Other:

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10/22/78

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Ira's operations were reportedly all on the other side of the river. Nevertheless, this is a valuable remnant of Burlington's frontier heritage. The present siding is probably c. 1880. The shed on the west side c. 1923.