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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic CORNET THOMAS WIGGIN HOUSE

and/or common PATRICK R. FLANAGAN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 249 Portsmouth Avenue not for publication

city, town Stratham vicinity of congressional district (1st)

state N.H. code 33 county Rockingham code 015

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Patrick F. & Esther L. Flanagan

street & number 249 Portsmouth Avenue

city, town Stratham vicinity of state New Hampshire

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rockingham County Courthouse/Registry of Deeds

street & number Hampton Road

city, town Exeter state New Hampshire

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Preservation of Historic Areas has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate June 1, 1973 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Rockingham Planning Commission, One Water Street

city, town Exeter state New Hampshire

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>n/a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Cornet Thomas Wiggin House site includes a two and one-half story Federal style dwelling, and a 1½ story restored post and beam carriage barn. It is located on the north corner of the intersection of Portsmouth Avenue (N.H. State Route 101) and Depot Road in Stratham, N.H. These structures are situated on five acres of farmland and oriented towards Portsmouth Ave.

The dwelling is of post and beam construction. The exterior of the building is sheathed in feather-edged clapboard. The exterior planes terminate in narrow wooden cornerboards which rise the height of the building to a boxed cornice which is found beneath the projecting eaves of the gable roof. Interior brick end chimneys with straight stacks and corbelled caps punctuate the ridge line of the building's asphalt shingle sheathed roof.

The principal entrance to the symmetrical structure is located in the central bay of the south facade. This entrance includes an original monumental (extra-wide) door of six flat panels with delicate federal moldings accented by an overscale five light transom which has replaced original detailing (perhaps an arch?). The door and transom are enframed by simple flat tapering pilasters which support a narrow architrave and projecting full entablature cornice. This surround probably dates to a remodeling c. 1830 - interior detail indicates that some updating was done during this period. The first and second story windows are nine light over six light sash enframed by simple surrounds. The principal block of the building, wing and ell are supported by a combined cut granite and rubble foundation.

A one-story, two bay, single cell wing adjoins the north corner of the west elevation. The wing terminates in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The west end of this wing includes an interior end chimney. This wing was used as a cobbler's shop during the first half of the 19th century.

A one-and-a-half story ell extends from the east corner of the north elevation of the principal block. This single pile ell includes an interior brick stove chimney with a straight stack.

Interior inspection has revealed a curious configuration. The eastern half of the structure and the rear ell have thicker walls than the western half -- seemingly to accomodate the sliding shutters found only in this section. This irregularity might indicate that this half of the house is of somewhat earlier date or that thicker walls and shutters were necessary for thermal reasons, this being the colder side of the house. Detailing throughout (including these shutters) is consistent and fits with the estimated period of finish work by Nathan Barker between 1776 and 1792. No evidence of an earlier structure is visible in either the cellar or attic.

The barn associated with the Cornet Thomas Wiggin House is 1½ stories, of post and beam construction. It measures 60' X 40' and is oriented laterally to Portsmouth Avenue. It is possible that this structure is contemporary with the house. The lateral orientation and framing structure make this seem likely. The barn was restored in the 1970's, receiving new clapboards, board and batten siding on the east elevation and doors in the two main bays. Other details include irregular square fenestration with 3/3 sash and a small attached shed on the southwest elevation.

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The five acres associated with the site are all that remain of the historic twelve-acre land holding. The open fields have not been recently cultivated and are returning to bramble and woods. The wooded area provides a visual screen from recent development which has taken place on the north and east. The age of the growth, size of the barn, and original size of the parcel indicate an 18th century subsistence farm which was probably maintained as such until the decline of New Hampshire agriculture at the turn of the century.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1770 - 1780 **Builder/Architect** Cornet Thomas Wiggin, Nathan Barker

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Cornet Thomas Wiggin House is architecturally significant as a remarkably well preserved example of a vernacular interpretation of the federal style as popularized in the Exeter/Portsmouth area of New Hampshire. Many farm houses survive locally from this period, but the Cornet Thomas Wiggin House is particularly notable due to having survived virtually intact. Its vernacular idiosyncracies will be of special interest to architectural historians studying local building patterns. In addition, the Wiggin House retains integrity of site by its retention of the five acres of farmland still associated with the structure. Historically, Route 101 was the main thoroughfare between Exeter and Portsmouth, and because it has remained so, this major artery has been upgraded to serve modern needs. The Cornet Thomas Wiggin House, barn and land serve as critical reminders of the historic development of this route.

Cornet Thomas Wiggin, representing the fourth generation of this politically prominent local family (which traces its Stratham origins back to c. 1640) is responsible for the initial building of the Wiggin House at 249 Portsmouth Avenue. Born in Stratham in 1701, Cornet (local militia) Wiggin was active in community affairs. He purchased the 12-acre site at 249 Portsmouth Avenue in 1760. He constructed and lived with his wife as well as his daughter Ann and her husband Nathan Barker, in the present house prior to his death on April 24, 1776. The earliest reference to a dwelling on the site is found in the March 14, 1786 Court Inventory of the estate of Thomas Wiggin. This inventory refers to the site as the twelve-acre "home place where he lived." Wiggin's estate was entangled and took 10 years to settle. Nathan Barker (his son-in-law, a farmer and tanner) was appointed by the Court as administrator and later purchased the property from the estate in 1789. Before Barker sold the property to Sarah Wiggin in 1792, he completed work on the structure (most likely the interior finish work) begun by Cornet Thomas Wiggin.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet #2-

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 ±

Quadrangle name Newmarket, NH

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification: Parcel containing approximately five acres designated Map 12, Parcel 34 in the tax records of the town of Stratham, New Hampshire.

See Continuation Sheet #3-

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	n/a	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Compiled by Lynne E. Monroe, Researched by Margery P. Brooke

organization Rockingham Planning Commission date August 8, 1982

street & number One Water Street telephone 603-778-0885

city or town Exeter state New Hampshire 03833

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 [Signature]

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

date February 8, 1983

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 3/24/83

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet #2 - REFERENCES

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Nelson, Charles: History of Stratham, (1866).

Registry of Deeds, Rockingham County Courthouse, Hampton Road, Exeter, New Hampshire.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Page</u>
1786	122	138
1789	133	171
1789	133	172
1790	127	99
1791	148	377
1792	134	193

Stratham Town Records, Vol. I & II, Stratham Town Hall, Stratham, New Hampshire.

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Continuation sheet #3 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Boundary Justification:

The property associated with the Cornet Thomas Wiggin House is approximately five acres. The irregularly shaped plot is bounded on the south by New Hampshire Route 101, west by Depot Road, and on the north and east by surveyed property lines. The parcel is congruent with the tax maps of the Town of Stratham, New Hampshire. The parcel of five acres is all that remains of the original farm tract. The fields have grown back to woods which visually protect the site from recent development taking place to the north and east.

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION:

The photos of the Cornet Thomas Wiggin House are still representative of the site. No changes have taken place since they were taken.

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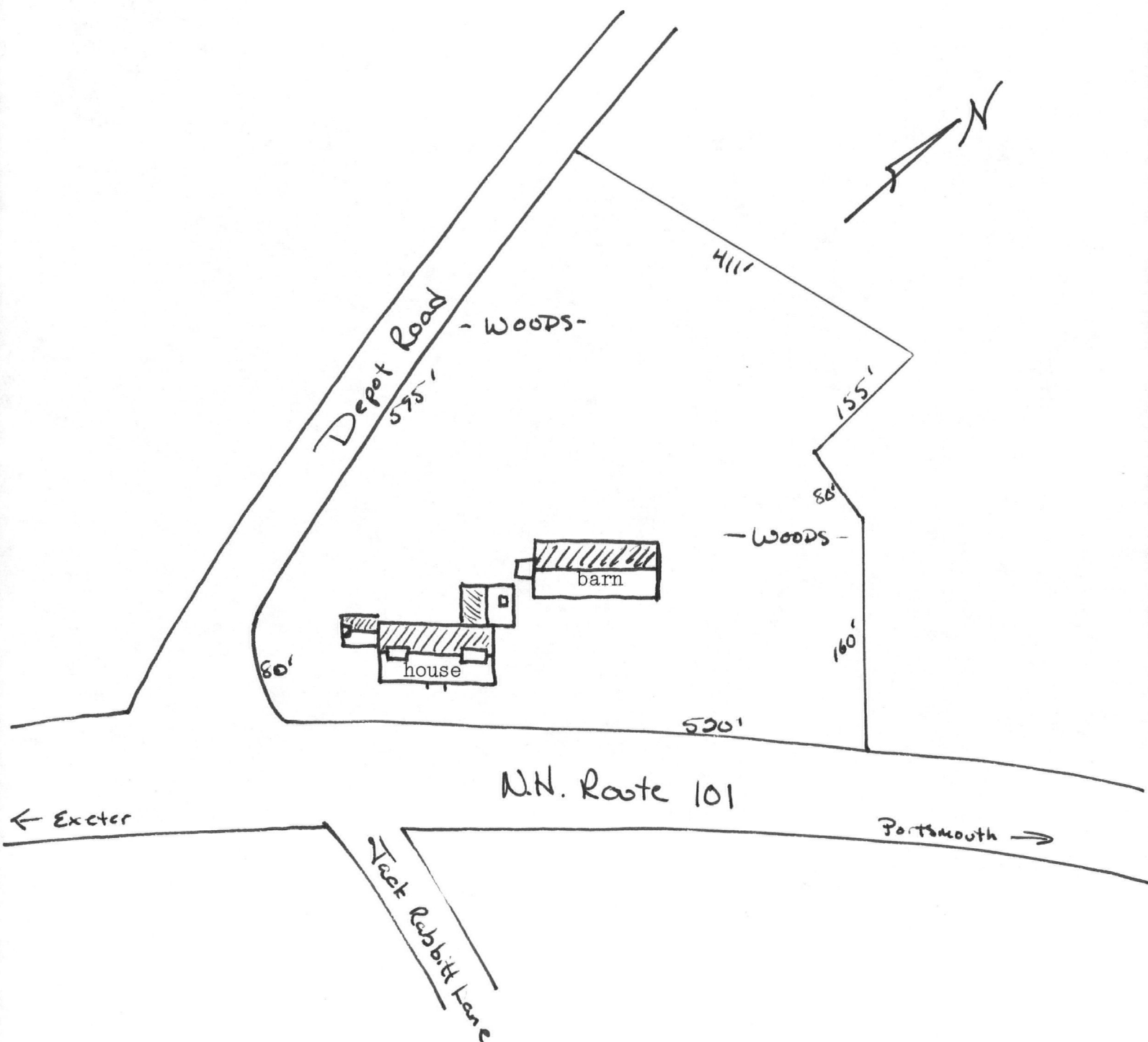
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DOCUMENTATION

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Sketch map for Cornet Thomas Wiggin House/Stratham, N.H./NR-N
(5 ± acres)



United States Department of the Interior
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Wiggin, Cornet Thomas, House
Rockingham County
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Working No. FEB 25 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84

Date Due: 3/24/83 - 4/11/83

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 3/24/83

Entered in the ☐ RETURN
National Register ☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____

Reviewer _____

Discipline _____

Date _____

☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USGS Reference _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Phone: 202 272-3500



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Historic Name: CORNET THOMAS WIGGIN HOUSE

Common Name: PATRICK F. FLANAGAN HOUSE

NR District: n/a

Address: 249 Portsmouth Avenue

City/Town/State: Stratham, New Hampshire

Photographer: Roger Brevoort

Negative with: Rockingham Planning Commission

Description: 3/4 view depicting principal facade and east elevation.

Photographer facing N NE E SE S SW W NW **Photo Date:** December 1981 **Photo Number** 1 of 2



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Historic Name: CORNET THOMAS WIGGIN HOUSE
Common Name: PATRICK F. FLANAGAN HOUSE
NR District: n/a
Address: 249 Portsmouth Avenue
City/Town/State: Stratham, New Hampshire
Photographer: Lynne E. Monroe

Negative with: Rockingham Planning Commission

Description: 3/4/ view of barn and house depicting the south and east elevations.

Photographer facing N NE E SE S SW W NW Photo Date: November 1982 Photo Number 2 of 2



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NAME: CORNET THOMAS WIGGIN HOUSE
NR DISTRICT: n/a
CITY/TOWN/STATE: Stratham, NH

Map by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and New Hampshire Geodetic Survey
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Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1956
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS chart 229 (1953)
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Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1973. This information not field checked

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FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
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NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GEORGE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

TELEPHONE 603 271-2411

January 31, 1983

Carol Shull, Acting Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

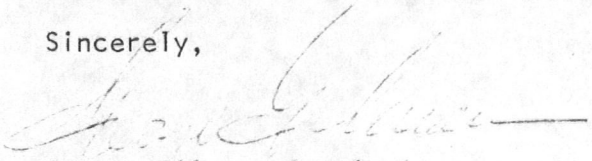
Dear Ms. Shull:

As New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer, I am pleased to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

Richmond Community Church/Richmond, NH
Hills House/Hudson, NH
Central Square Historic District/Bristol, NH
Rochester Commercial/Industrial Historic District/Rochester, NH
Deacon Samuel & Jabez Lane Homestead/Stratham, NH
John Crockett House/Stratham, NH
✓ Cornet Thomas Wiggin House/Stratham, NH
Stonyfield Farm/Wilton, NH
Historic Resources of So. Hampton, NH/So. Hampton, NH
Colony's Block/Keene, NH
Ashland Jr. High School/Ashland, NH
Ashland Town Hall/Ashland, NH
Eli Morse Farm/Dublin, NH
First Freewill Baptist Church and Vestry/Ashland, NH

The National Register Inventory-Nomination forms have been reviewed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Review Board. The owners have been notified and any comments received are enclosed.

Sincerely,


George Gilman, Commissioner
NH State Historic Preservation Officer

GG:g

cc: Sandra L. Moyer
Arlene G. McIntyre
David Ruell
Rockingham Planning Commission
Christopher W. Closs
Cynthia Milliken
Anne Fernald Niles