

INDIVIDUAL INVENTORY FORM

NHDHR INVENTORY # WEB0003

Name, Location, Ownership

- 1. Historic name Old Webster Meeting House
- 2. District or area _____
- 3. Street and number 1220 Battle Street
- 4. City or town Webster
- 5. County Merrimack
- 6. Current owner Society for the Preservation of the Old Meeting House in Webster, N. H. (Webster Historical Society)

Function or Use

- 7. Current use(s) Museum
- 8. Historic use(s) Town Hall, Church

Architectural Information

- 9. Style Georgian
- 10. Architect/builder Samuel Jackman
- 11. Source Coffin, History of Boscawen & Webster
- 12. Construction date 1791
- 13. Source Coffin, History of Boscawen & Webster
- 14. Alterations, with dates Remodeled, two floors, 1844; restored, 1902; moved, 1942; new foundation, 1979
- 15. Moved? no yes date: 1942

Exterior Features

- 16. Foundation Concrete, poured; granite
- 17. Cladding Clapboard
- 18. Roof material Asphalt shingles
- 19. Chimney material Does not apply
- 20. Type of roof Cross gable
- 21. Chimney location Does not apply
- 22. Number of stories Two
- 23. Entry location Facade, center
- 24. Windows Double hung, 16/12
Replacement? no yes date: 1902

Site Features

- 25. Setting Agricultural/farm
- 26. Outbuildings Shed, wagon or carriage
- 27. Landscape features Cleared/open fields
- 28. Acreage 0.52 (less than one acre)



- 35. Photo #1 Direction: Camera facing northeast
- 36. Date February 1, 2020
- 37. Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0401

- 29. Tax map/parcel # 000003-000063-000000
- 30. State Plane Feet (NAD83) X=970828.690433; Y=302583.553404
- 31. USGS quadrangle and scale Penacook NH (1956) 15 min.

Form prepared by

- 32. Name James L. Garvin
- 33. Organization for Webster N. H. Historical Society
- 34. Date of survey January 2020

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41. Historical Background and Role in the Town or City's Development:

42. Applicable NHDHR Historic Contexts (please list names from appendix C):

43. Architectural Description and Comparative Evaluation:

The following changes have occurred to the Old Webster Meeting House since the property was entered in the National Register on March 7, 1985:

1. The wood-shingled roof, mentioned under 7. DESCRIPTION, was changed to an "architectural" asphalt shingle roof in 2008.
2. The "window sashes . . . with muntin profiles typical of the Federal period," mentioned under 7. DESCRIPTION, have been found upon further research to have been installed as part of a deliberate restoration of the building in 1902. This project was part of an observance by the Town of Webster of the recently established New Hampshire Old Home Week, a statewide celebration of the state's beauty and traditions. The 1902 restoration of the Old Webster Meeting House was one of the most ambitious celebrations of Old Home Week yet identified during the early years of the event, which continues as an annual celebration in many New Hampshire towns.

To commemorate this project, the Webster Old Home Day Committee placed a bronze tablet now over the front door of the meeting house in 1902, proclaiming the building to be "A sacred legacy from the past. Guard it well."¹

44. National or State Register Criteria Statement of Significance:

45. Period of Significance:

46. Statement of Integrity:

47. Boundary Discussion:

48. Bibliography and/or References:

To the Bibliography supplied in the National Register nomination of 1985, add:

Bachelor, N. J., ed., *Fourth Annual Report of Old Home Week in New Hampshire, August 16 to 22, 1902*. Concord, N. H.: The Rumford Press, 1902. Report of the Town of Webster, pp. 44-5.

Garvin, James L. "Report on Moisture Conditions in the Old Webster Meeting House, 1220 Battle Street, Webster, New Hampshire," January 11, 2019 (unpublished report).

Surveyor's Evaluation:

NR listed: individual _____
within district _____

Integrity: yes _____
no _____

NR eligible: individual _____
within district _____
not eligible _____
more info needed _____

NR Criteria: A _____
B _____
C _____
D _____
E _____

¹ James L. Garvin, "Report on Moisture Conditions in the Old Webster Meeting House, 1220 Battle Street, Webster, New Hampshire," January 11, 2019.

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Date photos taken: February 1, 2020



Photo # 2 Description: Façade of the Webster Meeting House.
Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0407

Direction: Camera facing east.



Photo # 3 Description: Webster Meeting House, west (front) and north elevations.

Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0402

Direction: Camera facing southeast.

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Date photos taken: February 1, 2020



Photo # 4 Description: Webster Meeting House, south (side) and east (rear) elevations.
Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0405 Direction: Camera facing northwest.



Photo # 5 Description: Horse shed (1972 and 1979), built to display horse-drawn equipment.
Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0403 Direction: Camera facing southeast.

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Date photos taken: January 2, 2019



Photo # 6 Description: Town Hall on first story, showing original gallery columns and floored-in opening overhead.
Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0614 Direction: Camera facing southeast.



Photo # 7 Description: Town Hall on first story, showing original gallery columns and staircase enclosure.(rear).
Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0604 Direction: Camera facing northwest.

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Date photos taken: January 2, 2019

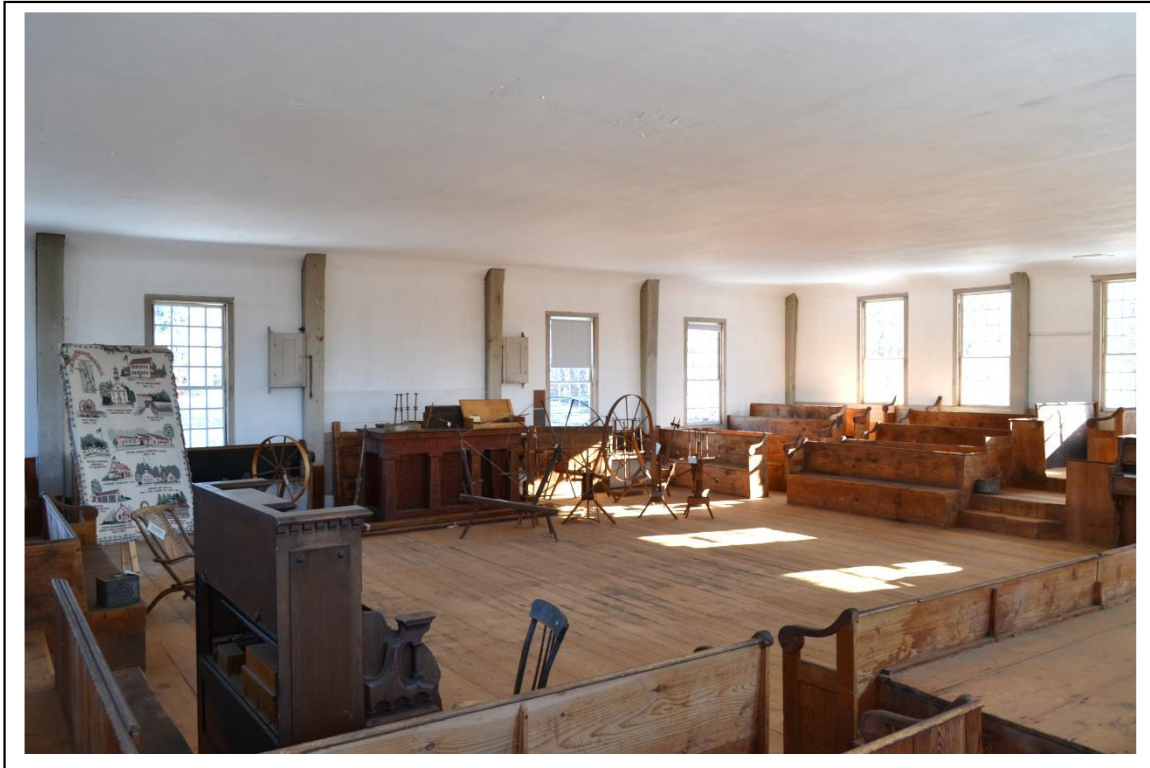


Photo # 8 Description: Second-story chapel with reading desk at rear center.

Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0619

Direction: Camera facing southeast.



Photo # 9 Description: Second-story chapel, showing elevated platform and seats facing the reading desk.

Reference (file name or frame#): DSC0620

Direction: Camera facing southwest.

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(Color photos must be professionally printed.)
The negatives or digital files are housed at/with: _____.

SIGNED:

FOR STATE REGISTER LISTING ONLY!

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____ a photo CD with digital images included in the nomination (does not apply if film photography was used)

____ the State Register Contact Information sheet