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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE:           | Maine      |
| COUNTY:          | Knox       |
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| ENTRY DATE       | MAY 2 1974 |

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Thomaston Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Runs through Blue Star Memorial Highway  
Various bet. Wadsworth Street and M2. 131

CITY OR TOWN: Thomaston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st; Hon. Peter N. Kyros

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

COUNTY: Knox

CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESIDENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural          | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational           | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment         | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   |  |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Various

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Thomaston

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Knox County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockland

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS - 3 Buildings

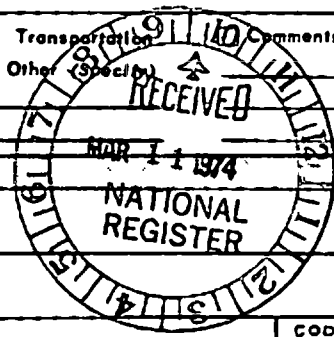
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D. C.



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HBS 0E486540  
 2E484740  
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| CONDITION | (Check One)                                 |  |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                 |  |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The District contains the following buildings worthy of special mention (numbers refer to those on reverse of photographs):

1. The Edward E. O'Brien House. This Gothic Revival house was built in 1845-50 for Edward Ellis O'Brien, at one time a leading shipping magnate on the East Coast. He was reportedly worth several million dollars at the time of his death.
2. The Captain Dunbar Henderson House was built by Captain Dunbar Henderson, a local sea captain who died off the Tortugas on July 20, 1829. The house was probably built in the 1820's. It is an unusual example of a Federal style cape which has a highly finished facade of matched boarding and a fan doorway.
3. The Rita Smith House was built for her by her father, Sidney Smith, a banker, circa 1875. It is an imposing example of High Victorian Italianate style.
4. The William Henderson House was built about 1848 in the Greek Revival style by Captain William Henderson, a nephew of Captain Dunbar Henderson, who married Susan Amelia Jordan.
5. The Captain Charles Ranlett House was built and probably designed by Captain Charles Ranlett in 1848, according to his grandson who still lives in Bangor, Maine. Captain Ranlett married Anna Maria Jordan, sister of Susan Amelia (Jordan) Henderson, who lived next door. The two houses are strikingly similar Greek Revival style homes.
6. The Second Baptist Church was built in 1828 and remodelled circa 1875 in a Victorian manner.
7. St. John Baptist Episcopal Church (HABS). This board and batten Gothic Revival church was built in 1868-69. While similar to Richard Upjohn's designs, it is not exactly copied, although his influence is clearly felt. The bell tower was added circa 1872 by Francis H. Fassett, architect from Portland, Maine.
8. Commercial Buildings. These were built at various times in the mid to late nineteenth century. Portions were built as early as 1869 and as late as 1891. With the exception of the Mansard roofed block at one end, most of the structures are late examples of the straight forwarded Greek Revival style popular in nineteenth century Maine commercial buildings.

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9. The Richard Elliott House, on Elliott Street, just off Knox Street, was built circa 1855. The Elliott family were local sail and block-makers in the shipbuilding industry. The house is an unusual example of transitional Greek Revival-Italianate architecture with highly ornamental ironwork and bracketing.
10. Thomaston Railroad Station. This unpretentious structure is the only surviving building from the estate of General Henry Knox, which was originally located on this site at the foot of Knox Street. Built in 1795, it was originally the cookhouse.
11. The Walsh House was built for a member of the Walsh family, successful merchants in 1848 by Albert Morton, a shipbuilder in company with C. Lermond and L.B. Gilchrist. The house is a dignified example of the Italian style executed in wood.
12. Brick commercial building, Main Street was probably built in the 1850's or 1860's. This block has arched windows on the first and third stories which reflect the Italian style.
13. The Hezekiah Prince Jr. House. Prince, who was customs inspector and insurance agent, kept a detailed journal from 1822 to 1828. He contracted with William R. Keith in August of 1828 "for building a house for me another year." The agreed price was \$1,150, but Prince confided to his journal that he would pay \$1,200 "if the work shall be done faithfully." The house was probably built in 1829 and is a handsome example of the Federal style which Keith used in Thomaston.
14. The Howard Seymour House (HABS) was also built by William R. Keith in the 1830's or 1840's. The Greek Revival design may be based upon Edward Shaw's "Doric Cottage" in the Rural Architecture, which was published in 1843.
15. The Robinson House (no photo), home of Hon. Edward Robinson, a prosperous shipmaster, merchant, State Senator, and candidate for Governor. The house was built in the Federal style by William R. Keith, probably in the 1820's.
16. The Williams House. F.L.S. Morse, in his Thomaston scrapbook says: "Sometime before 1875, Captain Williams acquired the place (a house had been built on the site in 1819) and much later replaced the house with the Victorian structure now known as the Lucette. Andrew McFarland did the work and the cost was \$9,000." The house was probably built around 1880 and is an

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imposing Mansard roofed dwelling with an Italianate tower.
- 17. The John Ruggles House (HABS), was designed in the Federal style by John Ruggles for himself and built in 1827. Ruggles was a State Senator, served in both Houses of Congress, and was a Judge on the Maine Supreme Court. Ruggles was one of the town's leading citizens, and one of the few who were invited to play whist with the Widow Knox.
- 18. Montpelier, the home of General Henry Knox and his family from 1796 to the mid 19th century. It was originally standing on the banks of the Georges River until it was razed in 1871. The reproduction on the present site was built in 1929. At the time it was built by Ebebezer Dunton, from plans probably supplied by Charles Bulfinch, it was said to be more splendid than Mt. Vernon. Construction reportedly cost \$50,000.
- 19. The Cole House. Prince notes in his journal on June 21, 1824 that "Mr. Cole raised his house to the south of Healy's this day." The house is a large two and a half story structure with a handsome Federal style doorway.
- 20. The Leonard Fales House. Fales was a local man, born in 1768, married in 1790, and died in 1826. His modest Federal style house probably dates from the early part of the nineteenth century.

The remaining photographs show various scenes within the District, on Main and Knox Streets. Several of the houses listed above can be identified in them.



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## 7. DESCRIPTION

The Thomaston Historic District is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the intersection of the center line of U.S. Route 1 and the center line of Kossuth Street; thence northerly along the center line of Kossuth Street to a point in the center line of said street; thence easterly crossing George and Booker Street in a straight line which corresponds to the rear property lines of the buildings along U.S. Route 1, to a point at the intersection of the center line of Starr Street with the center line of Park Avenue; thence easterly again to a point at the intersection of the center line of Starr street with the center line of Beechwood Street; thence northerly along the center line of said Beechwood Street 80' + to a point in the center line of said Beechwood Street; thence easterly crossing Erin Street in a straight line which corresponds to the rear property lines of the buildings along U.S. Route 1 to a point at the center line of Dwight Street; thence northerly along the center line of Dwight Street 110' + to a point in the center line of Dwight Street; thence easterly crossing Elm, Pleasant, and Riverside Streets in a straight line which corresponds to the rear property lines of the buildings along U.S. Route 1 to a point at the center of Mill River; thence northeasterly 430' + to a point west of the Old County Road; thence easterly 540' crossing the intersection of the Old Country Road and U.S. Route 1 to a point just south of U.S. Route 1; thence southeasterly 1000' + to a point east of Route 131; thence westerly crossing Route 131, the Mill River, Pine, Roxbury, Robinson and Gilcrest Streets to a point east of Knox Street and South of U.S. Route 1; thence southerly and roughly parallel to Knox Street in a straight line which corresponds to the rear property lines of the buildings along Knox Street to a point in the center line of Thatcher Street; thence easterly along Thatcher Street 250' + to a point in said Thatcher Street; thence southerly crossing the Maine Central Railroad tracks to a point in the St. George River; thence Westerly at a 90 angle to another point in the St. George River; thence northerly partially along Knox Street to a point at the intersection of the center line of Knox Street and the Maine Central Railroad tracks; thence north-westerly along the Maine Central Railroad tracks to a point at the intersection of the Maine Central Railroad tracks with the center line of Elliot Street; thence easterly along the center line of Elliot Street to a point at the intersection of the center line of Elliot Street with the center line of Dunn Street; thence northerly along the center line of Dunn Street crossing Hyler Street to a point west of Knox Streets; thence westerly 340' + crossing Green Street to a point just west of Green Street; thence westerly again crossing School Street in a straight line which corresponds to the rear property lines of the buildings along U.S. Route 1 to a point at the center line of Wadsworth Street; thence northerly along Wadsworth Street to a point at the intersection of the center line of U.S. Route 1 and the center line of Kossuth Street, said point being the point of beginning.

There are now approximately 125 acres contained within these boundaries.

**E. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian:       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The town of Thomaston, on the banks of the Georges and Mill Rivers, is a showpiece of nineteenth century architectural styles, from the Adam to the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, and French Second Empire. Its growth and conformity to these styles, each in its turn, has been unmarred by the coming of the twentieth century with its own special emphasis. The town today is much as it was a century ago, and each of the buildings listed has its own special history, usually connected in some way to the sea.

The site of modern Thomaston was first seen by white men in June of 1605, when Captain George Weymouth sailed up the river which now bears his name. He declared the river to have no rival in the world, with its deep coves and stands of timber suitable for masts.

The area was not settled until 1630, when a truckhouse was erected at what is now the foot of Wadsworth Street. This was used for trading between Plymouth Plantation and the Indians until the Indian Wars of 1675.

In 1719-1720, two blockhouses were built, and the old trading house was remodelled into a fort, complete with palisades. Also erected were a double sawmill on Mill Creek, thus naming it, and thirty frames for houses. The tiny settlement was protected by a garrison of twenty men under the leadership of Captain Thomas Westbrook.

A series of Indian attacks in 1722-1723 was successfully repelled. These stemmed from the disputed ownership of the land. The English claimed that the area had been sold in May, 1694 by Madockawado to Sir William Phipps of Pemiquid, who passed it to President John Leverett of Harvard, and later to Samuel Waldo. The Indians, however, claimed that Madockawado had sold property which never belonged to him in the first place. The dispute was settled forcibly, and the Indians relinquished their claim.

In 1735, eleven years after he took possession, Waldo engaged twenty-seven people to settle there. A grist mill was built in 1740.

In 1777, the town was incorporated under the name of Thomaston, so called for Major General John Thomas of Massachusetts, who distinguished

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Kirker, Harold, The Architecture of Charles Bulfinch, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press), 1969.  
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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER  | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
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| NW  | 44° 04' 42"             | 69° 11' 33"             |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
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| SE  | 44° 04' 24"             | 69° 09' 56"             |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SW  | 44° 04' 10"             | 69° 11' 23"             |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 125 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Charles H. Ashton

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: January, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta, STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: James H. Mundy  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date: March 4, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

A. R. Mortensen  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/2/74

ATTEST: Wm. Mundy  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5.1.74

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himself in the Revolution. It is believed by some, however, that the name is from Thomaston, Ireland, home of some of the early settlers. The population at the time of incorporation was fifty, in a seven mile circumference. In 1848, the town was divided into three parts: Thomaston, South Thomaston, and East Thomaston, presently Rockland.

The first major industry, and that which gave birth to those which followed, was lime burning. This process for making plaster from the limestone which was so abundant in the region, consists of keeping a fire burning for over a week with pieces of limestone amid the flames. The operation took place in large stone kilns, several of which are still standing in the town. This was begun in 1734.

Naturally, all the plaster produced could not be used in one small town, so the shipping and shipbuilding industries grew up, with their attendant rigging and sailmaking shops. The plaster was shipped in casks, which were made locally, giving birth to a flourishing cooperage trade.

Whether from its greater importance, or greater romantic appeal, it is for the seafaring days that Thomaston is best remembered. Practically every family in town of any importance was connected to the sea in some way; either a shipbuilder, a captain, a merchant, or a rigger. The families intermarried extensively, so that there were numerous cases of one's father, brother, and husband, for example, all being seagoing men. Boys were signed on for voyages as early as age ten, sometimes rising to be a captain at the salty old age of nineteen or twenty. Wives would frequently accompany their husbands on voyages, and it was not uncommon for neighbors or even blood relatives to ship together.

As in every sea-oriented community, there was more than the average amount of excitement, and sometimes tragedy. Ships would go aground coming up the river. A new arrival would mean goods from all over the world, news of national events, mail, and sometimes word that a certain ship had gone down, all hands presumed drowned. Thomaston shipping, with its frequent cargoes of plaster, was more vulnerable than others, since if the plaster became wet, it would heat up tremendously and increase greatly in bulk and weight, causing serious damage to the hull of the ship. For example, in 1829, the schooner ANN, (built in Thomaston in 1819, 134 tons) loaded with lime and headed for New York, left Chatham early on March 22nd, was wrecked on the eastern shore of Nantucket during a violent storm. The crew attempted to make their way to some place of shelter from the fury of the storm. The first mate and the steward, sons of the captain, Reuben Mosman, became exhausted with fatigue and cold. Finding that they were unable to walk, the captain, with the energy and fortitude of an affectionate father, bore them

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alternately on his shoulders for about a mile. However, both boys died of exposure. Such stories occur frequently in the town's history.

With the Embargo in 1807, shipping fell off somewhat but was not destroyed, as in so many other sailing communities. The population continued to grow, but more slowly. It nearly doubled in the decade 1790-1800, from 799 to 1,407, then surged to a peak in 1840 of 6,227, then declined in ten years to 2,753. In 1970 it was 2,646.

In 1820, when Maine became a state, it was necessary to remove Maine's prisoners from the Massachusetts jails. The decision was made to locate the state prison at Thomaston, where it was completed in 1824. The cells, incredibly, were underground, where the prisoners were lowered each night after a day's work in the lime quarries or vegetable gardens. In 1843, above ground cells were constructed, and through improvements, the prison is still located there.

Perhaps the most famous of Thomaston's families was that of General Henry Knox. He was born in 1750 in Boston and married Lucy Flucker in 1774. Her families were Tories, her father being Secretary to the Governor of Massachusetts. Knox was a friend of George Washington, and distinguished himself at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Monmouth, and Germantown. He is best remembered in the Revolution for bringing artillery from Ticonderoga nearly two hundred miles to Boston. For this feat, Washington appointed him chief of artillery. After the War, the Major General became Washington's Secretary of War, a position he held until 1795. At that time he moved, with his family, to Thomaston, which, it will be recalled, had been part of Samuel Waldo's holdings. Waldo happened to be the grandfather of Lucy Knox, so there was some family attachment to the region.

Beginning in 1794, Knox ordered construction of his magnificent baronial home, christened Montpelier, built by Ebenezer Dunton from plans probably supplied by Charles Bulfinch. Construction took until 1795, on a panoramic site on the banks of the Georges River. The cost was reported to be \$50,000. The family moved to the new house in June of 1796, and quickly became the social arbiters of the town. Besides the mansion, which was more imposing than Mt. Vernon, there were several outbuildings, the only remaining one of which became the town's railroad station.

While the General tried to fit into the fabric of the town, Mrs. Knox fancied herself far above the other residents socially. When on errands around town, she refused to enter the homes of any of her neighbors, sending a servant to make the call instead. Once, when her carriage broke down and

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was immobilized, she and her children stood in the mud rather than accept hospitality from neighbors until repairs were completed.

The General was not only prodigiously wealthy, but he was also a very large man physically. During the Revolution he weighed 280 pounds. His death came suddenly, when, on October 22, 1806, he swallowed a chicken bone which lodged in his stomach. The resulting infection proved fatal on October 25. He was buried with full military honors. His business affairs at that time were somewhat shaky, and his small empire went quickly downhill. Lucy remained in the decay of Montpelier until her death in 1824. The mansion continued in increasing disrepair until it was razed in 1871 to make way for the railroad. However, it was duplicated in 1929 on a site overlooking Mill River, where it stands today.

Thus, Thomaston is rich in heritage from three centuries. Its houses especially, are tangible reminders of what was once a smoky village of lime kilns, then a busy port town. Today it is a quiet, unhurried town, much like many others in many ways, but with the exception of the two mile long main street which is included in the boundaries of the District. It is on this street that many of the more prominent houses are located; and it is because of this street, which with Knox Street forms an impressive field museum of the past, that the Thomaston Historic District is nominated for inclusion in the National Register.



PROPERTY Thomaston Historic District STATE Maine

WORKING NUMBER 3.11.74.404

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS 2/

MAPS 2

CONTROL REVIEW

not incorrect

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HISTORIAN

Houses are beautiful - Accept with better boundaries. [Guess copy of Montpelier α]

R Luce  
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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Boundaries need to be revised to reflect real property boundaries - Should all of cemetery be included since it is historically sig. to town? Need verbal descrip. of boundaries. Phone consult w/ Jim Mundy 3/12/74

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JT 3/13/74

ARCHEOLOGIST

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back 3.18.74

Federal Register entry \_\_\_\_\_

Re-submit 4.2.74

Entered \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED. DATE: 3-18-74

NAME OF PROPERTY Shawston Hunt Seat, Me

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

1. Name. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Owner of Property. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys. \_\_\_\_\_

X 7. Description. Please revise district boundaries to reflect real property boundaries. Also please include a verbal description of the district boundaries.

8. Statement of Significance. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Bibliography. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data. \_\_\_\_\_

a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates. Longitude (or Latitude) appears to be off by about \_\_\_\_\_ Please check.

b. Acreage. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Form Prepared By. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Certification. \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

Map Coverage. \_\_\_\_\_

X Other. We'll expedite if you can get this back to us quickly so you can meet deadline.

Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy the National Register criteria in full.

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked. Thanks,  
SIGNED: Charles Atkins



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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
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**1. NAME**

COMMON

Thomaston Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

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MAY 2 1974

**2. LOCATION**

STATE

Maine

COUNTY

Knox

TOWN

Thomaston

STREET AND NUMBER

Various

**3. MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE

USGS Thomaston Quadrangle

DATE

1955

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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW





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| NEGATIVE FILED AT:<br>Thomaston Town Hall   |            |                 |             |
| 4. IDENTIFICATION   |            |                 |             |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>#1 The Edward E. O'Brien House - View towards the Northeast |            |                 |             |



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#1 The Edward E. O'Brien House  
View towards the Northeast

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#2 Dunbar Henderson House  
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| 4. IDENTIFICATION   |            |                 |             |
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#3 The Rita Smith House  
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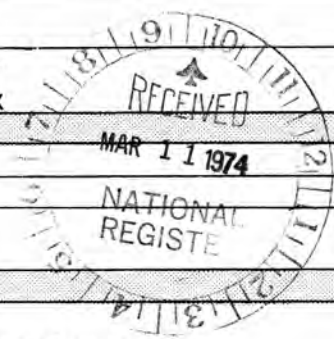
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| 1. NAME   |                             |         |      |
| COMMON:   | Thomaston Historic District |         |      |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:                                      |                             |         |      |
| 2. LOCATION   |                             |         |      |
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| CITY OR TOWN:   |                             |         |      |
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| 4. IDENTIFICATION                                     |                             |         |      |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.                        |                             |         |      |
| #3 The Rita Smith House - View towards the northeast. |                             |         |      |



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#4 The William Henderson House  
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| 1. NAME  |  |                             |         |
| COMMON:  |  | Thomaston Historic District |         |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:   |  |                             |         |
| 2. LOCATION  |  |                             |         |
| STREET AND NUMBER:   |  |                             |         |
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| CITY OR TOWN:  |  |                             |         |
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| DATE OF PHOTO:   |  | November, 1973              |         |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT:   |  |                             |         |
| Maine Historic Preservation Commission                       |  |                             |         |
| 4. IDENTIFICATION  |  |                             |         |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.                               |  |                             |         |
| #4 The William Henderson House - View towards the northwest. |  |                             |         |



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#5 The Ranlett House  
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| <b>1. NAME</b>                                     |      |         |
| COMMON: Thomaston Historic District                |      |         |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:                                   |      |         |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>                                 |      |         |
| STREET AND NUMBER:                                 |      |         |
| Various  |      |         |
| CITY OR TOWN:                                      |      |         |
| Thomaston  |      |         |
| STATE:   | CODE | COUNTY: |
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| DATE OF PHOTO: November, 1973                      |      |         |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT:                                 |      |         |
| Maine Historic Preservation Commission             |      |         |
| <b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>                           |      |         |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.                     |      |         |
| #5 The Ranlett House - View towards the northeast. |      |         |
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View towards the Southwest

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| COMMON: Thomaston Historic District                       |      |         |      |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:  |      |         |      |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |      |         |      |
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| <b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>                                  |      |         |      |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.                            |      |         |      |
| #6 The Second Baptist Church - View towards the southwest |      |         |      |



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# 7 St John Baptist Episcopal Church  
View towards the South east

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| 2. LOCATION  |            |                 |             |
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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>#7 St. John Baptist Episcopal Church - View towards the southeast. |            |                 |             |



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View towards the Northeast*

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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>#8 Commercial Buildings - View towards the northeast |            |                 |             |



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9. The Richard Elliot House  
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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br><br>#9 The Richard Elliot House - View towards the Northwest. |            |                 |             |



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10 # 10 Thomaston Railroad Station  
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| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |            |                 |
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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>#11 The Walsh House - View towards the North. |            |                 |             |



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~~12~~ # 12 Commercial Building  
View towards the Southeast

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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br><br>#12 Commercial Building - View towards the southeast. |            |                 |             |



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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>#13 Hezekiah Prince, Jr. House - View towards the northeast. |            |                 |             |
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#13 Hezekiah Prince Jr. House  
View towards the Northeast



#14 The Howard Seymour House  
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| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br><br>#14 The Howard Seymour House-View towards the southeast. |            |                 |             |



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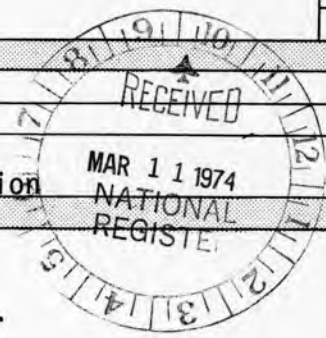
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#16 The Williams House  
View towards the North



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# 17 The John Ruggles House  
View towards the Northeast

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| #17 The John Ruggles House - View towards the northeast. |      |         |      |



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#18 Montpelier  
 View towards The East

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 COMMON: Thomaston Historic District  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
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 CITY OR TOWN:  
 Thomaston  
 STATE:  
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#18 Montpelier - View towards the east.



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*# 19 The Cole House and # 20 The Leonard Fales House*  
*View towards the Northeast*

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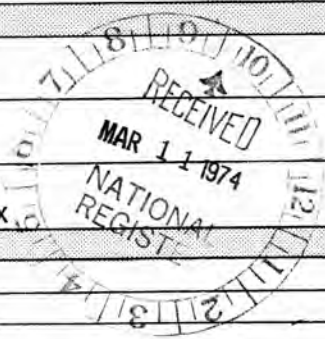
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View towards The East

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#22 Main St. View towards The Northeast

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| 2. LOCATION                                   |      |         |      |
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| #22 Main Street - View towards the Northeast. |      |         |      |

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# 23 View of Knox St. towards the North

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| #23 View of Knox Street towards the north. |      |         |      |



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Thomason Knox Co.



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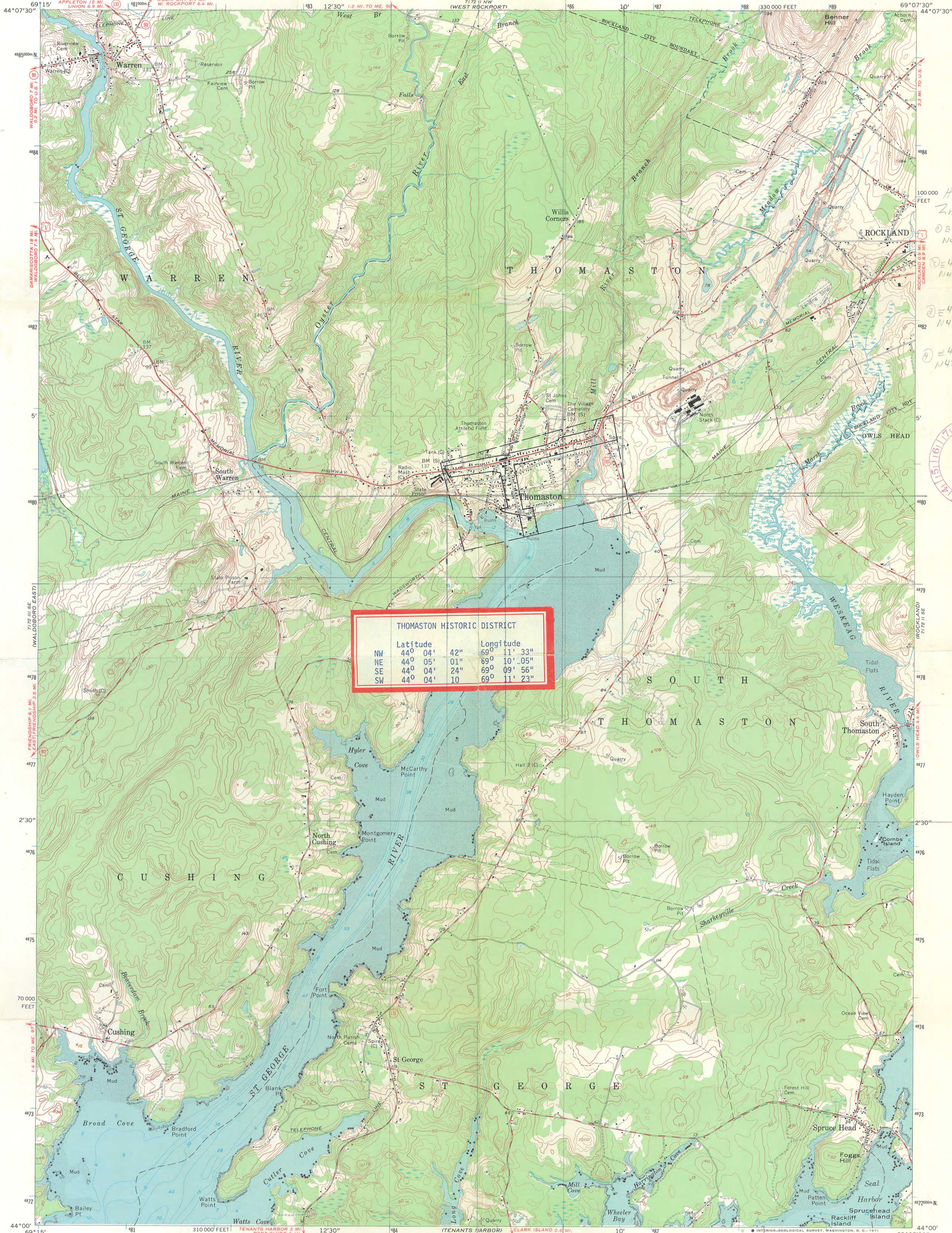
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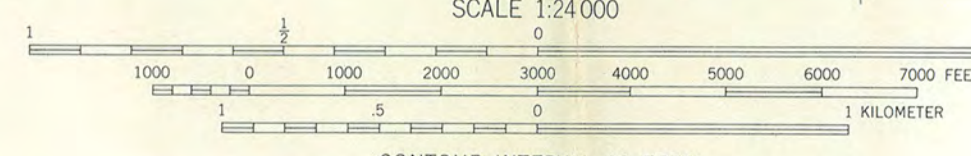
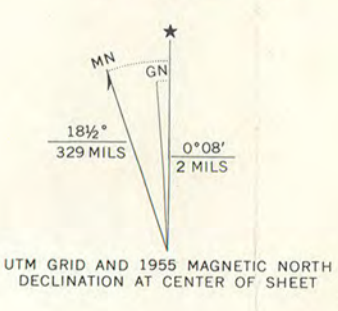


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Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



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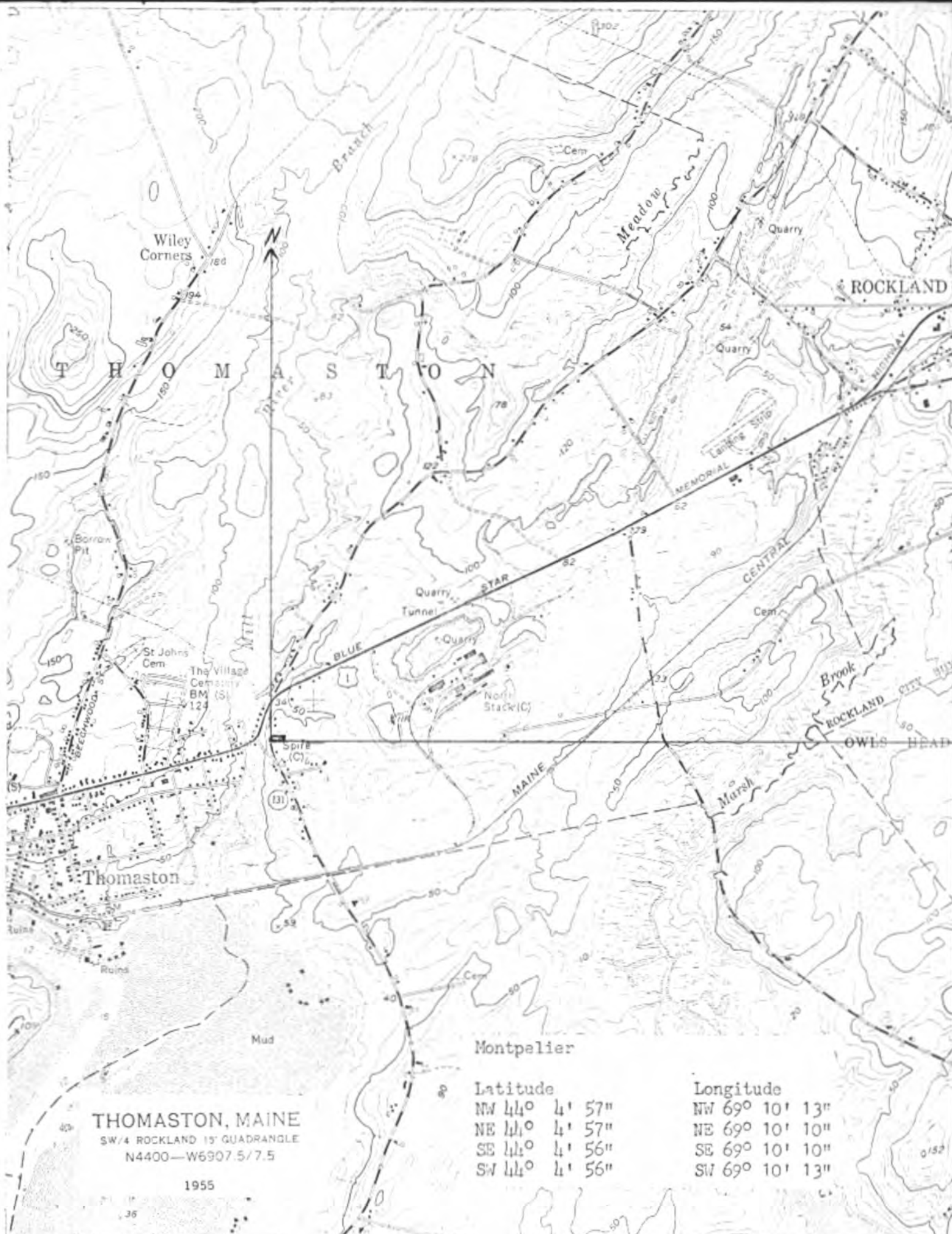


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THOMASTON, MAINE  
SW 1/4 ROCKLAND 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4400—W6907.5/7.5

1955  
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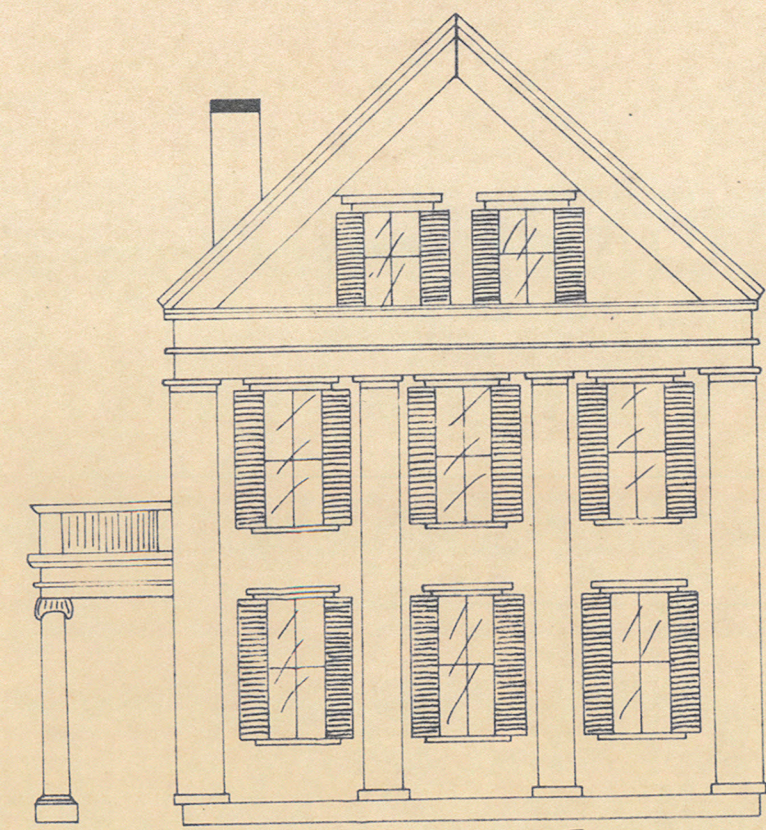


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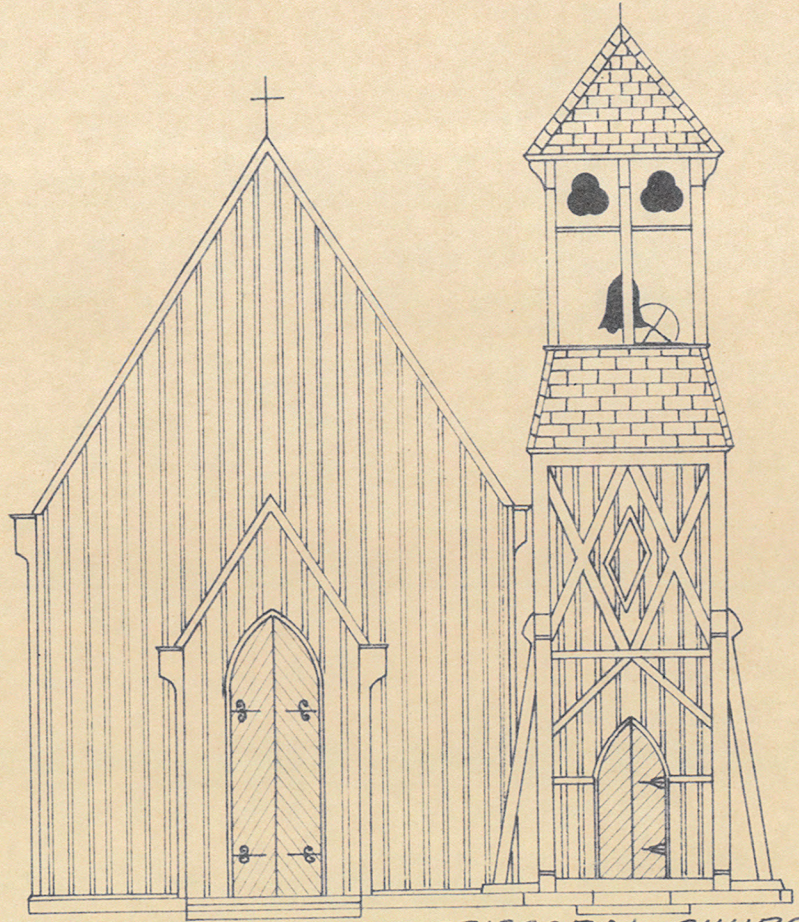
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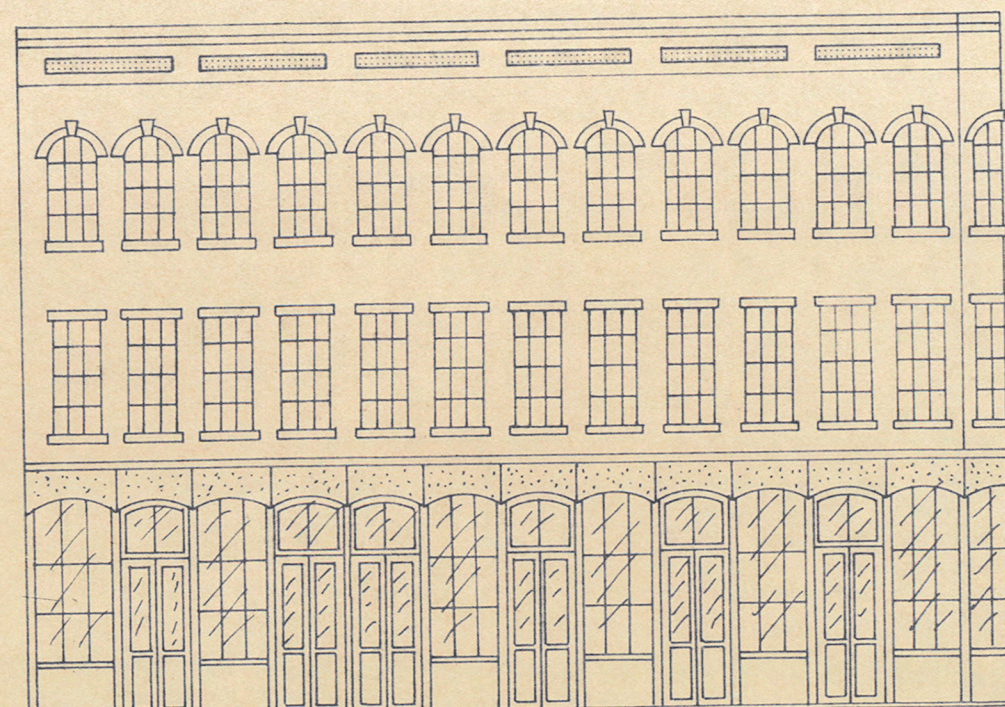
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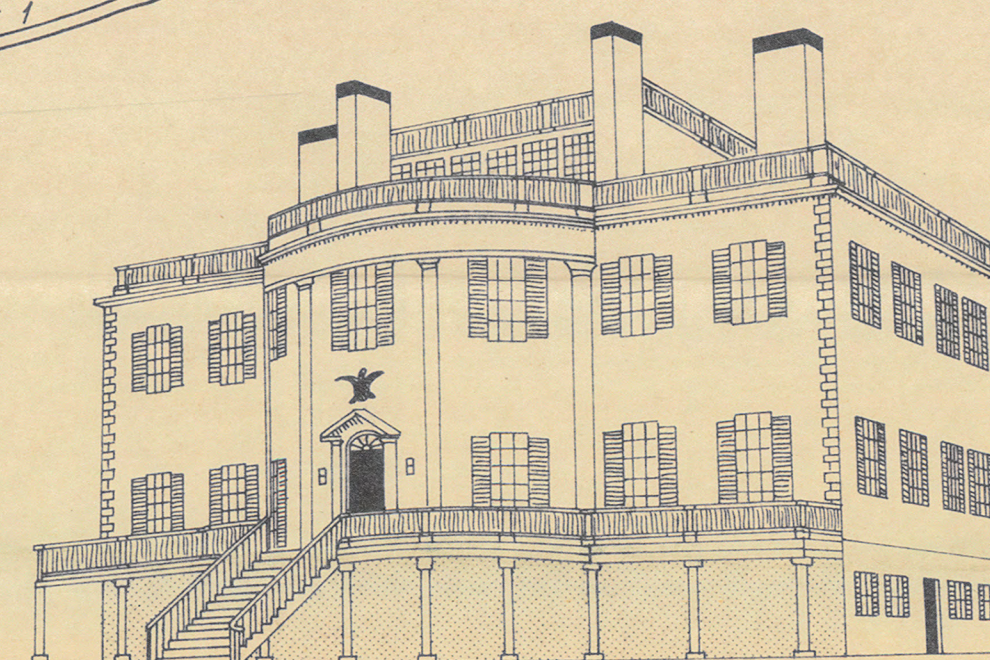
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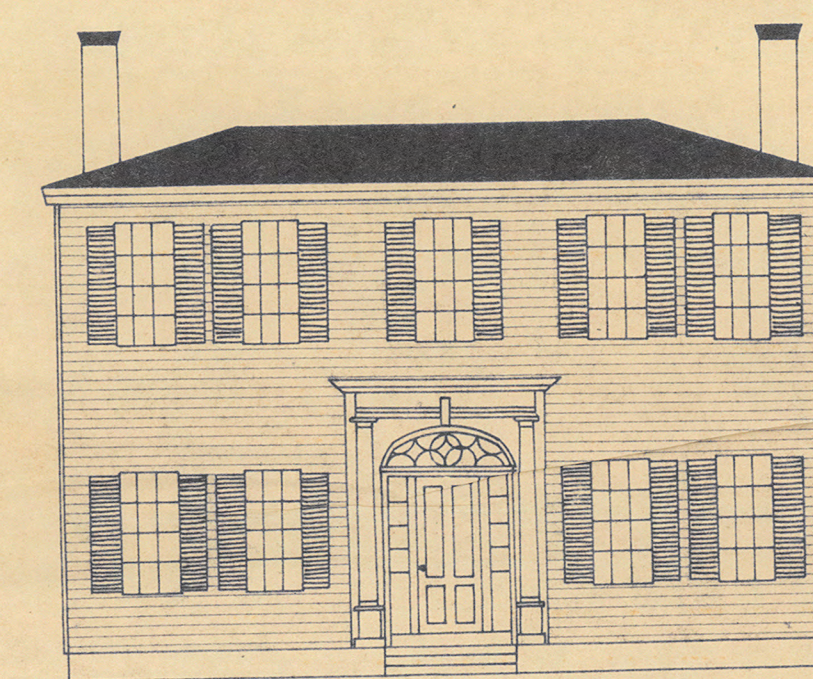
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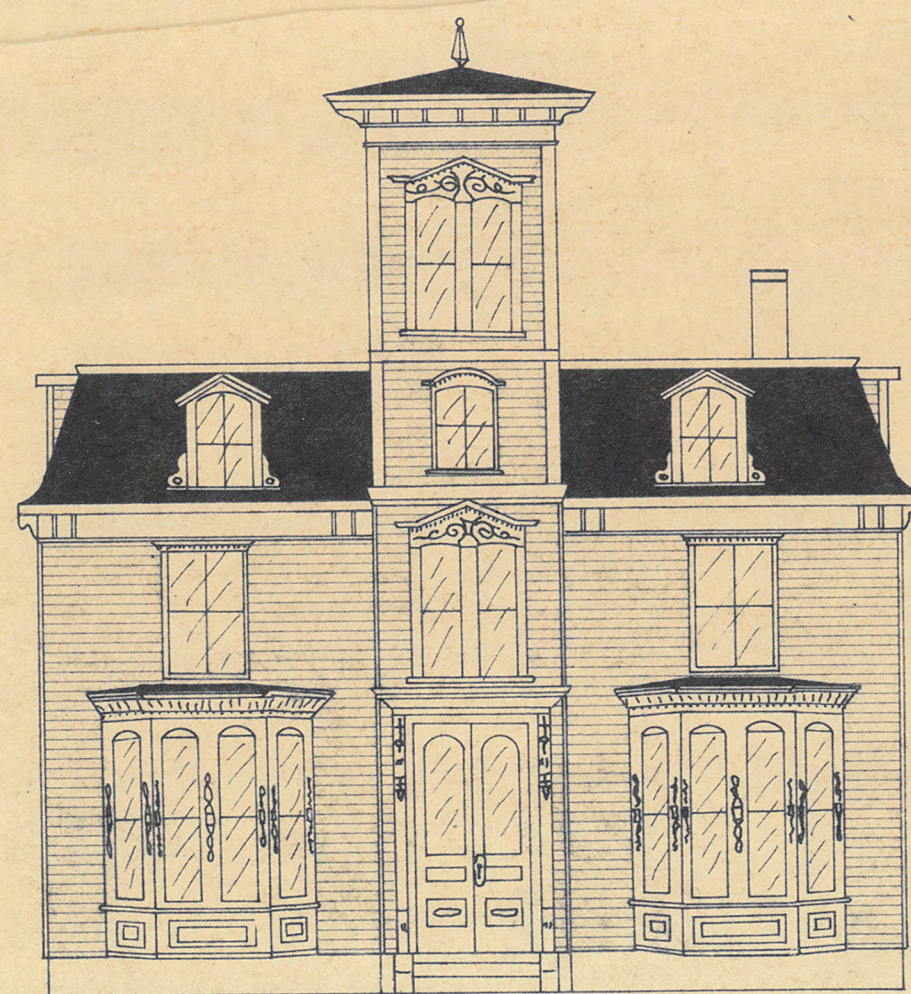
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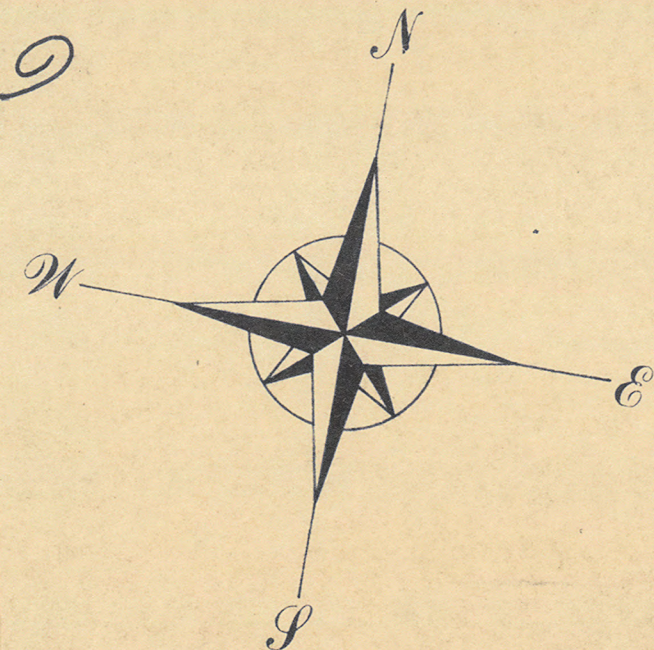
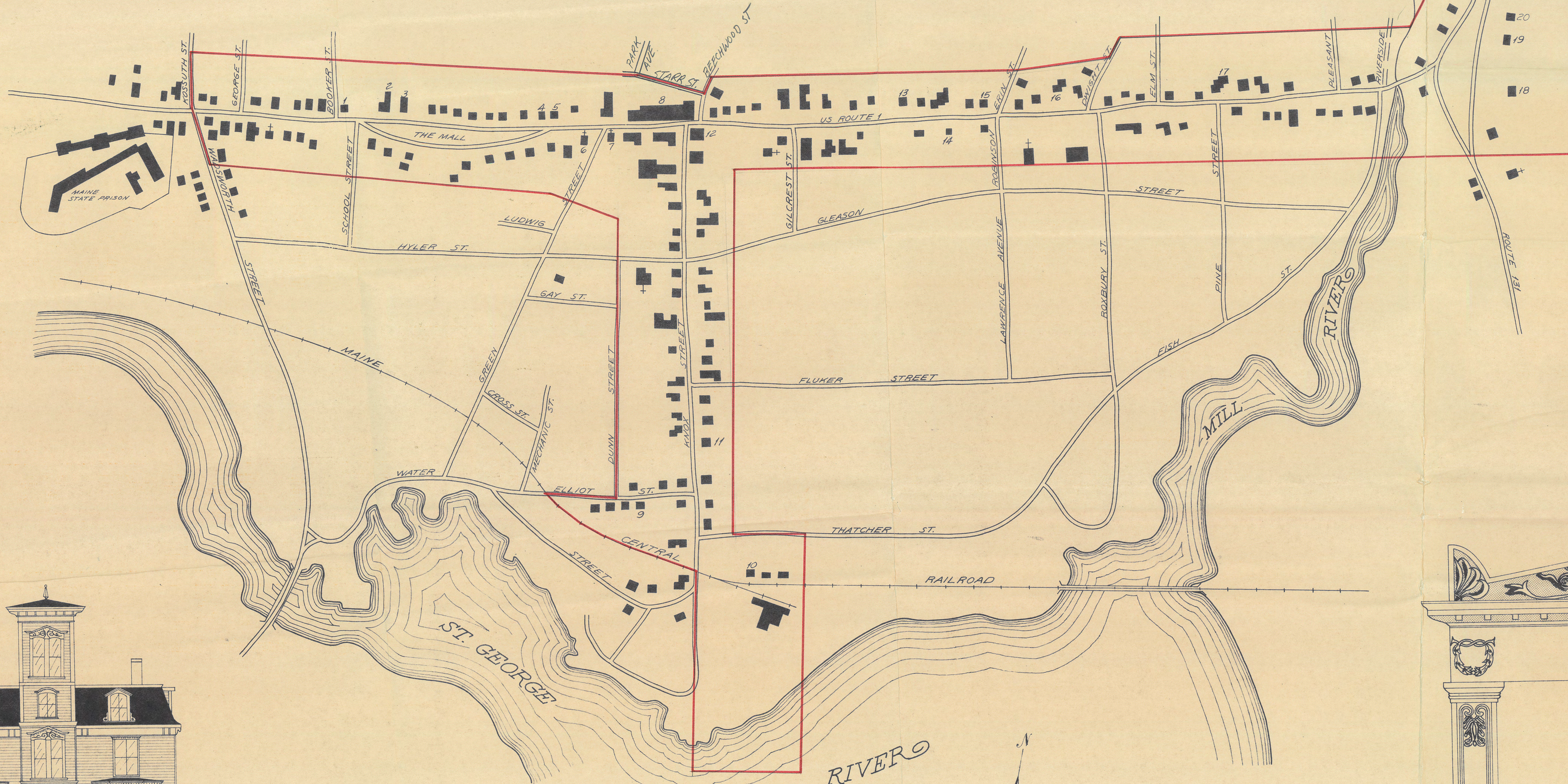


13. HEZEKIAH PRINCE JR. HOUSE



14. WILLIAMS HOUSE

- 1. EDWARD E. O'BRIEN HOUSE; 1845-50
- 2. DUMBAR HENDERSON HOUSE; ca. 1820
- 3. RITA SMITH HOUSE; ca. 1875
- 4. WILLIAM HENDERSON HOUSE; ca. 1848
- 5. RANLETT HOUSE; ca. 1848
- 6. SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
- 7. ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH; 1868-69
- 8. COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
- 9. RICHARD ELLIOT HOUSE; ca. 1855
- 10. THOMASTON RAILROAD STATION; 1795
- 11. WALSH HOUSE; 1848
- 12. COMMERCIAL BUILDING
- 13. HEZEKIAH PRINCE JR. HOUSE; 1829
- 14. HOWARD SEYMOUR HOUSE; ca. 1840
- 15. ROBINSON HOUSE; ca. 1820
- 16. WILLIAMS HOUSE; ca. 1875
- 17. JOHN RUGGLE'S HOUSE; 1827
- 18. MONTPELIER
- 19. COLE HOUSE; 1824
- 20. LEONARD FALES HOUSE



A MAP OF  
**Thomaston**  
 Knox County, Maine  
 AS DELINEATED BY  
 RICHARD D KELLY  
 Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
 1974

SCALE OF FEET

GEORGE C. WING, JR.  
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law  
Savings Bank Building  
No. 81 Main Street  
Auburn, Maine

March 27, 1947

Senator Ralph O. Brewster  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Brewster:

Never have I overburdened you with requests.

Dudley M. Holman, really a Rockland, Maine man, now of Quincy, Massachusetts, president of the United States Mutual Liability Insurance Company, is interested in preserving Montpelier, the home of General Henry Knox in Thomaston.

Congress appropriated a very large sum of money to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., as a memorial to Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Holman thinks that General Henry Knox should have comparable consideration. I hope if he appeals to you for help that you will accord him all that your good efforts would warrant.

I am, sir,

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd) George C. Wing, Jr.

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UNITED STATES SENATE

April 8, 1947

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I enclose herewith a letter which I have received from Mr. George C. Wing, Jr., in regard to preserving the home of General Henry Knox.

I would appreciate your consideration and advice in the matter.

Cordially yours,

(Sgd) Owen Brewster

Owen Brewster, U.S.S.

The Honorable Julius A. Krug  
Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PRS 291.

My dear Senator Brewster:

I have received your letter of April 8, enclosing a communication of March 27 from Mr. George C. Wing, Jr., urging the preservation of "Montpelier," the home of General Henry Knox.

I have considered this proposal with representatives of the National Park Service of this Department and find that no funds are available to assist in the preservation of General Knox's home.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial, to which Mr. Wing refers, was constructed under the direction of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Commission, a body created pursuant to an act of the Congress. Specific appropriations were made for the erection of that Memorial.

Mr. Wing's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) WARNER W. GARDNER

*W.W.G.* Secretary of the Interior.

W. A. Owen Brewster,

United States Senate.

Enclosure 430.

cc: Regional Director, Region One (By NPS), (with a copy of  
Mr. Demaray (2) (By NPS). (Senator Brewster's letter  
Mr. Kahler. ✓ (of 4/8/47 and of Mr. Wing's  
(letter of 3/27/47.

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South Thomaston, Maine.

July 29th, 1948.

Commission of National Parks,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Will you please tell me how the Government decides upon taking over "Parks"? And, is there any chance that Montpelier, the home of General Henry Knox, might be made into a National Shrine?

The members are working toward that. The need is great for immediate assistance for the beautiful memorial. The Knox Memorial was made possible through the foresight and hard work of folks in Thomaston, Maine. The late Mr. Cyrus Curtis helped by giving the major contribution of \$240,000. The memorial stands on a hill on Route 1 in Thomaston and is completely furnished. For anything you can do to assist in keeping this memorial as a permanent shrine, we and the multitudes will be grateful.

For further information you may wish to write to the President of the Knox Association. President - Mr. Dudley W. Holman (Dudley Moor Holman) Quincy, Mass.

Yours truly,

(sgd) Blanche W. Johnson.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

AUG 10 1948

Mrs. Lewis Howes Johnson,  
South Thomaston, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

We have received your letter of August 2 regarding "Montpelier," near Thomaston, Maine, in which you ask how the Federal government selects historical areas for addition to those already included in the National Park System.

The Historic Sites Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666) established an Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments to advise on the conduct of a Nation-wide survey of historic sites to determine which of the many historic sites in this country are of outstanding national historical significance and should be the object of Federal protective effort. In deciding the question of outstanding national significance, the Board has shown a reluctance to declare as eligible for national historic site status reconstructions or replicas of historic buildings, believing that it should recommend instead the designation of historic buildings which have survived to the present day. It is therefore unlikely in our opinion that the Board would favorably recommend "Montpelier" as an addition to the National Park System of historical areas.

However, the National Park Service is anxious to further important state and local historical conservation projects such as the one at "Montpelier," and, while no funds for direct financial assistance are available, seeks to give advisory assistance in planning within the limits of its appropriations for cooperation with the States and localities in such matters. We are therefore sending a copy of your letter and of our reply to Regional Director Thomas J. Allen, Region One of this Service whose offices are at the Mosque, Laurel and Main Streets, Richmond, Virginia, with the thought that he may find it possible to have a member of his staff call upon Mr. Dudley M. Holman in Quincy, Massachusetts, to discuss the problems which face your organization and give such assistance as he can.

Sincerely yours,

SGU) A E DEMARAY

CWP:gjs

cc: Mr. Wirth.  
Mr. Dudley M. Holman.  
Mr. R. F. Lee. ←  
Regional Director, Region One. (2) With cc. of Mrs. Johnson's letter.

A. E. Demaray,  
Acting Director.

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BELLFEATHERS  
2 Pleasant Street  
Candlen, Maine

11/18/59

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President of the United States  
Augusta, Georgia

My dear President Eisenhower:

I hope that some day during your rest period from responsibilities and burdens you will take a few minutes to read this letter concerning "Montpelier" Memorial to Major General Henry Knox in Thomaston, Maine.

I do not know how you feel about such Memorials; I hope that you are sympathetic. When I (a new 3rd Vice President of the Knox Memorial Association) read through the booklet which I have sent you under separate cover, and noted that our Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis was honor guest at the annual meeting in 1926, that at the 1938 meeting greetings were sent from Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Chief Justice Hughes and certain members of Congress, I realized that during the past twenty years we had lost contact and the interest of the leaders of our country.

Reviewing all that General Knox accomplished for our young country against tremendous odds and lack of money (the latter seems to have followed his memory to this day) I would like to think that you will agree with me that the former warm interest by our Government should continue. Two things perhaps you can advise us on. First, is there any way in which this beautiful historic Museum can be made into a National Shrine? Second, are there any Federal funds available to help us meet an immediate financial emergency and to help maintain it in the future?

This is the emergency. We have not enough money to remove the original slate roof and replace it with asphalt shingles, repair damage from water pouring down the interior walls, etc. The reason: the Dragon Cement Plant blasts, and will continue to blast, close to our property and on the same vein on which the building stands, resulting in cracked and flying slates each time.

The estimate for a new roof and gutter repairs, etc. is \$5000. Interior repairs will cost more and have not yet been estimated. We have available only \$3000. in our Saving Fund. I list our only means of income and our average yearly expenditures as follows:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Admissions (about 1800)             | \$1,800.00      |
| Memberships (about 250)             | 500.00          |
| Grant from State of Maine each year | 1,000.00        |
| Income from small endowment         | <u>1,500.00</u> |
|                                     | \$4,800.00      |
| <br>                                |                 |
| Caretaker                           | 1,630.00        |
| Hostesses (summer)                  | 637.14          |
| Electricity                         | 222.00          |
| Telephone                           | 118.68          |
| Insurance                           | 325.00          |
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The State of Maine is not rich; Thomaston and all of Knox County are relatively poor. We have a building containing valuable historical documents, furniture, etc. worthy of perpetual care which we are unable to give it without help from a larger source than we have so far been able to find.

I think how many times General Knox had to ask for financial aid for the Continental Army and other work that he was asked to do and it seems sad that in this day we too have to ask for help to maintain his own Memorial.

I will appreciate your guidance as I respect your courage and wisdom as our President. Also do take care of yourself.

Sincerely yours

/s/ Dorothy Webster Kent

TO SECRETARY  
JAN 5 1960  
FOR SIGNATURE  
ADVANCE COPY

JAN 14 1960

Home of Gen Knox - "Montpelier" - Maine

H. File  
Mrs. McKeown  
L.S. IBH  
Parks

Dear Miss Kent:

Your letter of November 18 to the President, concerning the possibility of the Federal Government giving immediate financial assistance for the repair of "Montpelier", the replica of the home of Major General Henry Knox, at Thomaston, Maine, has been referred to this Office for consideration. In addition to requesting emergency financial assistance, you have asked specifically if this museum in honor of General Knox could be included in the National Park System.

We have been pleased to learn of the longstanding community interest in Thomaston, and on the part of the Knox Memorial Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and other patriotic organizations and individuals, in the reconstruction of General Knox's home, at a point near the original homestead. We are concerned that the Knox Memorial Association is faced with expensive repairs upon the structure and sincerely hope that private means may be found to alleviate this emergency situation.

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We recognize the patriotic contribution of General Knox to American history, both as a Revolutionary soldier and leader, and as a military statesman during his period of office as first Secretary of War. At present, the important phases of General Knox's life are commemorated in three historical areas included in the National Park System. These are Dorchester Heights National Historic Site, in Boston, Massachusetts, at the site where General Knox's Revolutionary artillery forced the evacuation of Boston by the British; and at Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City, and Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, where recognition is given to General Knox's achievements as the first Secretary of War. It is our understanding that the present "Montpelier" is a modern reconstruction, dedicated in 1931, and is a replica of the original home nearby to which General Knox retired in 1795, after he had completed his important contributions to American history. The original structure was demolished in 1871 and its site is today occupied by a railroad right-of-way.

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Because of these latter considerations and the fact that General Knox is already commemorated in three important historical units of the National Park System, it will not be possible for the National Park Service to consider the present day "Montpelier" for permanent preservation as a national historic site. The National Park Service also could not undertake to provide emergency funds for the necessary repairs on the structure, since its appropriated funds must be devoted to the administration and care of sites and structures in Federal ownership which form a part of the National Park System. *maintain*

We regret that we are unable to offer encouragement regarding Federal participation in the preservation of "Montpelier". However, we should like to note that the Knox Memorial Association and associated societies and individuals have made an outstanding record in the development of the patriotic museum at "Montpelier", and we trust that a reactivated community interest may produce the funds necessary to repair and maintain the structure in the future. The Association and the General Knox Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Thomaston, in sponsoring the development of "Montpelier", are carrying out a community responsibility similar to that which has been assumed throughout the United States by many public-spirited groups now endeavoring to save historic sites of this character. We appreciate your interest in writing to the *us* President regarding this matter and hope that the community will meet with success in its effort to insure the future of "Montpelier".

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Roger W. Ernst

Assistant,

Secretary of the Interior

Miss Dorothy Webster Kent  
Bellfeathers  
2 Pleasant Street  
Camden, Maine

Copy to: DCCO

Asst. Secy., Public Land Mgt.  
Div. of Budget and Finance  
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Regional Director, Region Five w/c inc.  
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Branch of History w/c inc.  
Mr. Young (det.) w/c inc.

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United States Senate  
Committee On  
Government Operations

March 1, 1961

Mr. Conrad I. Wirth  
Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wirth:

I recently had a conversation with Mr. John B. Egerton, President, Knox Memorial Association, 29 Main Street, Thomaston, Maine.

The Knox Memorial Association, a non-profit undertaking has the responsibility of the care and custody of the Knox Memorial which is located in Thomaston, Maine. The Memorial was built in the memory of General Knox, who was prominent in the Revolutionary War with General George Washington. They maintain a replica of General Knox's home, which includes all of the furnishings that can be found from the original home of General Knox. The home was reconstructed at a cost of some \$250,000 and has been cared for by this Association for some time.

Primarily, they relied upon contributions to keep the enterprise going. The Association is presently out of funds, and private contributions have not been keeping pace with the expenses which are required to maintain the property. At the present time, the Association is preparing a drive in the hope of raising more funds which will keep the project going.

However, they would like to know if there is any possibility of securing funds from the Government to assist in this project, or if there is any possibility that the Knox Memorial might be made a National monument, cared for by the Federal Government.

I would appreciate very much having your views on this problem.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Edmund S. Muskie

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Hon. Edmund S. Muskie  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Muskie:

Thank you for your letter of March 1 concerning the interest of the Knox Memorial Association in securing financial assistance from the Federal Government for the purpose of maintaining "Montpelier," the replica of the home of Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, at Thomaston, Maine. In addition, we understand the Association would like to know if there is any possibility that this Memorial structure could be made a National Monument and preserved as part of the National Park System.

We are pleased to learn of the long-standing community interest in Thomaston, and on the part of the Knox Memorial Association, in the reconstruction and maintenance of General Knox's home, at a point near the original homesite. We can appreciate the concern felt by the Association when it is faced by the decline of private contributions and admission revenues which it has used for the maintenance of the structure. We sincerely hope that the Association's new drive for funds will be successful.

We recognize the patriotic contribution of General Knox to American history, both as a Revolutionary soldier and leader, and as a military statesman during his period of office as first Secretary of War. At present, the important phases of General Knox's life are commemorated in three historical areas included in the National Park System. These are Dorchester Heights National Historic Site, in Boston, Massachusetts, at the site where General Knox's Revolutionary artillery forced the evacuation of Boston by the British; and at Federal Hall National Memorial in New York City, and Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, where recognition is given to General Knox's achievements as the first Secretary of War. It is our understanding that the present "Montpelier" is a modern reconstruction, dedicated in 1931, and is a replica of the original home nearby to which General Knox retired in 1795, after he had completed his important contributions to American history. The original structure was demolished in 1871 and its site is today occupied by a railroad right-of-way.

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Sincerely yours,

Director

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Regional Director, Region Five } w/c of inc.  
Branch of History } " " "  
Mr. Ben Thompson } " " "

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Knox Memorial Association

Thouaston, Maine

Mr. E. T. Seoyen  
Acting Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25 D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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I wrote you over a month ago asking if you would be kind enough to let me know the three locations where General Knox is already commemorated under units of the National Park System, but up to the present time I have received no reply.

We are most anxious to have this information and cannot quite understand why it has not been given to us. It would seem that we might obtain this information from a department of our governments without having to seek the service of our senator to obtain it for us.

Will you not please be good enough to furnish us with this list of locations. We shall greatly appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

John R. Egerton  
29 Main Street  
Thouaston Maine

/s/ John R. Egerton  
President Knox Memorial Assoc

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*Survey File  
Knox House  
Thomaston, Me*

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June 16, 1961

Mr. John R. Egerton  
President, Knox Memorial  
Association  
29 Main Street  
Thomaston, Maine

Dear Mr. Egerton:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information concerning the areas in the National Park System which commemorate the life of Maj. Gen. Henry Knox. You refer to an earlier letter on this subject, but we regret that this is not available to us.

However, we are happy at this time to supply you with the requested information. The National Park Service has recognized the significant periods of General Knox's contribution to American history during his active career, both as a soldier and as first Secretary of War, at the following three areas in the National Park System: Dorchester Heights Historic Site, in Boston, Massachusetts; at Federal Hall National Memorial, in New York City; and at Independence National Historical Park, in Philadelphia. We believe that the commemorative and interpretive programs at these three important national historical areas adequately represent General Knox's life. It is the policy of the National Park Service to recognize selected historic figures of national significance at suitable key locations which have a bearing on the major aspects of their careers, and we believe that this will be fully accomplished in the progress of the three areas mentioned, in the case of General Knox.

We trust that the foregoing information will be helpful to you. Your interest in writing to us regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) HERBERT E. KAHLER

Herbert E. Kahler  
Chief Historian

Copy to: ~~Regional~~ Director, Region Five w/c of inc.  
Branch of History w/c of inc.

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KNOX MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION  
THOMASTON, MAINE 04861



MONTPELIER

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National Park Services  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I wish to inquire if "Montpelier" the reconstructed home of Major General Henry Knox, of Revolutionary fame and our first Secretary of War, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

"Montpelier" is one of the finest historical museums in our country, as acclaimed by everyone who visits it. It is open from May 30th to September (the second week) daily, and the admission charge is Adults 50¢ children under twelve, Free.

I enclose a brochure in order for you to see its beauty more clearly.

Sincerely,

*John R Egerton*  
President Knox Memorial Association  
Curator of "Montpelier"

John R Egerton  
29 Main Street  
Thomaston, Maine 04861  
December 14th 1969

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Mr. John R. Egerton, President  
Knox Memorial Association  
29 Main Street  
Thomaston, Maine 04861

Dear Mr. Egerton:

Thank you for your inquiry of December 14, concerning "Montpelier," the General Henry Knox Mansion. This property is not presently on the National Register.

If you are interested in nominating "Montpelier" for National Register inclusion, we suggest that you contact the State Liaison Officer for Maine. He is Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park and Recreation Commission, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330. He can give you further details on this subject.

We are also enclosing a brochure concerning the function of the National Register, as well as a sheet outlining the nominating procedure. The third means, through the state, is the method to be followed with regard to "Montpelier."

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Robert S. Gamble, Historian  
National Register

Enclosures

cc:

Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park and Recreation Commission,  
State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Regional Director, Northeast Region

T-Mr. Butterfield

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# STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

December 24, 1969

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LAWRENCE STUART  
DIRECTOR

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
801 19th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Re: Advance nomination of State owned  
properties to the National Register

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

In reading the National Register Newsletter Volume II --- No. 7  
we have been alerted to your call for advance nominations of State owned  
properties. We wish to take advantage of this for the following:

1. Montpelier - Home of General Henry Knox of Revolutionary War fame.  
Thomaston, Knox County, Maine.
2. Eagle Island - Home of Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the  
North Pole, Harpswell, Cumberland County, Maine.
3. Songo Lock - Only remaining operable section of the Cumberland-Oxford  
Canal built in 1832, Naples, Cumberland County, Maine.
4. Popham Colony - Site of the 1607 attempt at English settlement by  
George Popham and Raleigh Gilbert, Popham Beach, Sagadahoc County,  
Maine.

Ten covered bridges - wooden structures

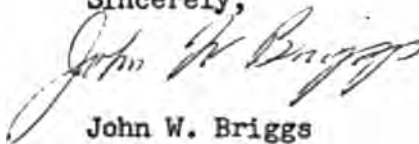
5. Babb's Bridge - Cane Road, Gorham and River Road, Windham, Cumberland  
County (005) Maine (18). Built in 1840, it crosses the Presumpscot  
River.
6. Bennett Bridge - Lincoln Plantation, Oxford County (017) Maine (18).  
Built in 1901 it crosses the Magalloway River.
7. Hemlock Bridge - Fryeburg, Oxford County (017) Maine (18). Built in  
1857, it crosses the Saco River.

8. Robyville Bridge - Corinth, Penobscot County (019) Maine (18). Built in 1876, it crosses the Kenduskeag Stream.
9. Lovejoy Bridge - South Andover, Oxford County (017) Maine (18). Built in 1868 it crosses the Ellis River.
10. Lowe's Bridge - Routes 15 and 16 Sangerville and Guilford, Piscataquis County (021) Maine (18). Built in 1857 it crosses the Piscataquis River.
11. Morse Bridge - once located on Valley Avenue in Bangor over the Kenduskeag stream was dismantled in 1961. It has since been re-assembled down stream at Coe Park. Bangor, Penobscot County (019) Maine (18). It is the largest covered bridge in Maine (212 feet in length) and was built in 1882.
12. Porter-Parsonfield Bridge - Porter, York County (031) and Parsonfield, Oxford County (017) Maine (18). Built in 1858 it crosses the Ossipee River.
13. Sunday River Bridge - Newry, Oxford County (017) Maine (18). Built in 1872 it crosses the Sunday River.
14. Watson Settlement Bridge - Littleton, Aroostook County (003) Maine (18). Built in 1911 it crosses the Meduxnekeag Stream.

We are most mindful of your need for original maps which should accompany nomination forms. May we please take a liberty at this time in respect to maps for the locations of the above listed properties on these advance nominations. We have prepared the actual U.S.G.S. topographic maps. We wish to retain them in our files until the actual separate nominations for the properties are completed for your review and/or not approval. We are then making Xerox copies of our maps which are enclosed for each property location. The original maps will accompany the actual nomination forms at a later date.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John W. Briggs  
Historian

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




Ernest Allen Quinley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

properties have been reviewed and approved for Committee for Historic Sites of the State Park and this is certified by me.

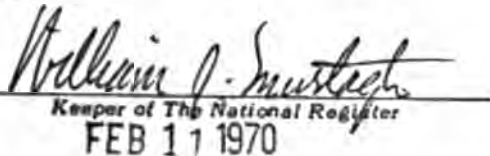
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ATTEST:



Lawrence Stuart, Director  
State Liaison Officer



William J. Smutsky  
Keeper of The National Register  
FEB 11 1970

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

January 13, 1970

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WRENCE STUART  
DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert S. Gamble, Historian  
United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
801 19th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Re: State Owned Properties Advance  
Nominations

Dear Mr. Gamble:

This letter and the information which follows will attempt to provide the needed clarifications for the locations of 14 state owned properties which were named in the advance nomination of December 24, 1969.

1. Montpelier: Home of General Henry Knox - Thomaston, Knox County, Maine, 013. This building is located on Route 131 approximately one mile from the center of the village proper of Thomaston. Route 131 is a road which leaves U. S. Route 1 three quarters of a mile north of Thomaston's village proper. Montpelier lies on a plot of land on the inland side of Route 131 one quarter of a mile from U. S. Route 1.

2. Eagle Island, Harpswell, Cumberland County, 005, Home of Admiral Robert E. Peary. This island is located in the Casco Bay region of Maine's coast. The island lies 1 4/5 miles S.S.E. of Bailey Island, and 15 miles N. N. E. of Portland, Maine.

3. Songo Lock - of the Cumberland-Oxford Canal built in 1832, Naples, Cumberland County, 005. This section of the old canal system is located on the Songo River, which flows between Sebago Lake and Long Lake. This point on the Songo River lies 3 miles E.S.E. of the village of Naples on a side country road which leaves Route 114, 2 miles south of Naples. It is then 1 mile from the Route 114.

4. Popham Colony - site of the 1607 English settlement, Popham Beach, Sagadahoc County 023. This site is located adjacent to the present Fort Popham built in 1861. This point of land a beach area is at the mouth of the Kennebec River or the west side of the river. This lies some 5 1/4 miles due south of Brunswick, Maine on Route 209 at the very end of this State road, Route 209.

### Ten Covered Bridges - Wooden Structures

5. Babb's Bridge-Cane Road, Gorham and River Road, Windham, Cumberland County 005. This bridge crosses the Presumpscott River 2 miles north of South Windham Village and 6 1/2 miles northeast of Gorham and again 10 miles northwest of Portland, Maine.

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Hon. Margaret Chase Smith  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Smith:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Maine and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places." Senator Edward S. Muskie and appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

FEB 16 1970

cc:  
Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park and Recreation Commission,  
State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Duplicate letters sent to:  
Hon. Edward S. Muskie  
Hon. William Dodd Hathaway

Hon. Peter H. Kyros

cc: Regional Director, Northeast Region  
LL-Mr. Melvin  
T-Mr. Butterfield

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Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

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| Montpelier                | Knox County, Maine                   |
| Eagle Island              | Cumberland County, Maine             |
| Songo Lock                | Cumberland County, Maine             |
| Popham Colony             | Sagadahoc County, Maine              |
| Babb's Bridge             | Cumberland County, Maine             |
| Bennett Bridge            | Oxford County, Maine                 |
| Hemlock Bridge            | Oxford County, Maine                 |
| Robyville Bridge          | Penobscot County, Maine              |
| Lovejoy Bridge            | Oxford County, Maine                 |
| Lowe's Bridge             | Piscataquis County, Maine            |
| Morse Bridge              | Penobscot County, Maine              |
| Porter-Parsonfield Bridge | York County and Oxford County, Maine |
| Sunday River Bridge       | Oxford County                        |
| Watson Settlement Bridge  | Aroostook County, Maine              |



# STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

April 21, 1971

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LAWRENCE STUART  
DIRECTOR

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
801 19th Street  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

On December 24, 1969 there were submitted fourteen advance nominations of State owned historic properties. A copy of the accompanying letter of that date is enclosed.

The time is now imminent, May 1, when completed nominations must be received in your office. You will, therefore, find thirteen completed nominations. There will be no nomination for one place and this place, "Montpelier", may need to be removed from the National Register of Historic Places. I know that you are aghast at this development. There are reasons for this and they now follow.

It was on November 6, 1969 that I first assumed duties with the State Park and Recreation Commission. It was in December of 1969 that this office received the National Register Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 7 requesting advance nominations. It was on December 9, 1969 that I first met with the Advisory Committee on Historic Sites to the State Park and Recreation Commission whose members are the Review Body for Maine nominations to the National Register. These people and the National Register program were both new to me. A copy of the minutes of that meeting are enclosed. "Montpelier," was recommended for a nomination and when it came time to forward advance nominations on December 24, 1969 it was included.

An error was made. "Montpelier", in Thomaston, Maine is a building. It was built in 1931 by the Knox Memorial Association through the generous gift of Mr. Cyrus Curtis. This building is an exact replica of the home of Gen. Henry Knox of Revolutionary War fame. Of the above fact I have long been well aware and equally so the Review Body members, as "Montpelier" is now owned by the State and administered by this Commission. This alone would not have excluded a National Register nomination, provided that this replica had been built on the site of the original Gen. Knox home. The site itself would be worthy. My recent investigation has developed the fact that this replica was built on a plot of land which is more than one mile from the original site of "Montpelier."

For your interest and understanding, I have enclosed in an envelope photographs of the replica and additional photos of the site of the original Montpelier. In this present day there remains an out building built in 1795

Dr. William J. Murtagh

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April 21, 1971

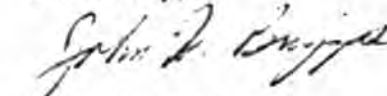
which was associated with Montpelier. The immediate area today about the site of the original Montpelier is crossed on one part by a railroad and over the balance are a construction company's office building and a lumber yard.

It is conceivable that a nomination could be developed for this true site, but the physical environment at this time negates that in my opinion.

If you should have any insights on this problem and will relate them to me, I will do anything I can to correct this problem.

Dr. Murtagh, I deeply regret the implications stated in this letter. It may cause you embarrassment. Errors do creep in.

Sincerely,

  
John W. Briggs  
Historian

JWB/pk

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MAY 20 1971

Mr. Lawrence Stuart  
Director  
State Park & Recreation Commission  
State Office Building  
Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I am writing in regard to John Briggs' letter of April 21 in which he has thoughtfully described to us the problem with the Montpelier advance nomination. It is, of course, most regrettable that this happened, but allow me to say that the gravity of the error is appreciably assuaged when viewed in the context of John's timely correction of it and the high standards that generally have characterized your support of the National Register program.

I agree that we should indeed remove Montpelier from listing, as John requests. At the same time, however, we would ask that this unfortunate incident not be allowed to cause undue reluctance to consider the site of the original Montpelier and the replica as potential nominations on their own merits. Putting it simply, I suggest we let this run as water under the bridge and start, in effect, with a clean slate as to the entire question of the site and the replica. I cannot promise, obviously, that such nominations would qualify, but I would hate to have them denied their competitive opportunity.

For our records, may I ask that you drop us a note indicating your concurrence with this position? And please relay my best regards to John and my appreciation for his concern in setting the record straight.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Martagh (SGD.)

William J. Martagh  
Keeper of the National  
Register

cc: Director, Northeast Region w/cy. inc.

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MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

31 WESTERN AVENUE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

JAMES H. MUNDY  
DIRECTOR

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289-2133

March 4, 1974

Mr. Charles Herrington  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
18th & C Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Charles:

Please find enclosed National Register Nomination forms for three historic districts; the Portland Waterfront, Cumberland Mills, and Thomaston. I would appreciate it very much if you could process these nominations before the April 1, 1974 deadline.

Thank

Jim Mundy

JM/jb

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MAINE

Date Entered MAY 2 1974

| <u>Name</u>                               | <u>Location</u>                        |
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| <b>Cumberland Mills Historic District</b> | <b>Westbrook<br/>Cumberland County</b> |
| <b>Portland Waterfront</b>                | <b>Portland<br/>Cumberland County</b>  |
| <b>Thomaston Historic District</b>        | <b>Thomaston<br/>Knox County</b>       |

Also Notified

**Hon. Edmund S. Muskie**

**Hon. William D. Hathaway**

**Hon. Peter N. Kyros**

**Regional Director, North  
Atlantic Region**

**State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. James Mundy, Director  
Maine Historical Preservation Comm.  
31 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330**

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Advisory  
Council On  
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Preservation

*Knox Co.*

1522 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

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April 22, 1980

Mr. Anthony Scalzi  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
60 State Street  
17th Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

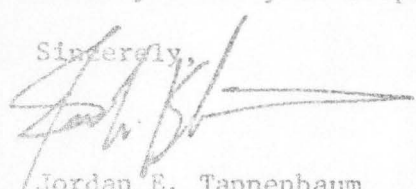
Dear Mr. Scalzi:

On April 16, 1980, the Council received your determination that approval of an application by the Heritage Savings Bank to establish a branch bank in Thomaston, Maine, would not adversely affect the Thomaston Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The determination is premised on the Order of Approval containing a condition giving the Maine State Historic Preservation Officer review and approval of final design plans for rehabilitation of the building to be occupied by the branch bank. In accordance with Section 800.6(a) of the Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800), the Executive Director does not object to your determination.

As provided in Section 800.9 of the Council's regulations, a copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jordan E. Tannenbaum  
Chief, Eastern Division  
of Project Review

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Hold -

Jim Mundy is  
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KNOX CO. MA

1522 K Street NW.  
Washington D.C.  
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Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan  
U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development  
Norriss Cotton Federal Building  
275 Chestnut Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03103

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

The Council has received a determination from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that rehabilitation of the Knox Hotel, Thomaston, Maine, and construction of an addition to that building would not adversely affect the Thomaston Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director does not object to your determination.

A copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

As you know, compliance with the Council's Procedures is a separate process from obtaining "certified rehabilitation" status from the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the Tax Reform Act of 1976. If the project developer wishes to determine if his project qualifies as a certified rehabilitation, the plans and specifications for the project must be submitted to the Secretary for review.

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Myra F. Harrison  
Assistant Director  
Office of Review  
and Compliance

cc: HCRS-NR



These buildings stand on the site of the original "Montpelier"



Farm House a part of the "Montpelier" complex is original built in 1793. Remains in tact. Was used as Railroad Station



Bronze plaque near site of original "Montpelier"



Lime Kiln, the basic foundation of which dates to General Knox's period of operation



4th bell cast by Paul Revere in 1796, placed in Town Meeting House given by Gen. Henry Knox. Cracked in 1822. Recast by Revere's son. Meeting House later North Paris Church and later still torn down. Bell donated to "Montpelier" by Pauline Bill in Oct. 196



Replica of Gen. Henry Knox home "Montpelier" built 1931 by Knox Memorial Association through gift of Cyrus Curtis. Now owned by State of Maine. Administered by State Park & Recreation Commission. Not on original site.

## Unscanned Materials

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