

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC



Edward Little House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

217 Main Street

-- NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Hon. William Cohen

STATE

Maine

VICINITY OF

CODE

23

COUNTY

Androscoggin

CODE

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO other	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Home for

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mario J. DeAngelis

Elderly

STREET & NUMBER

217 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

STATE

Maine

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Edward Little House is situated in downtown Auburn near the corner of Main and Vine Streets and faces east. When the house was erected in 1827, it overlooked the Androscoggin River; but more recent buildings block that view. The industrial community which Little sought to create has now dwarfed his home, the city's only remaining example of the Federal Style.

The Little House is two and a half stories high, forty feet wide and twenty feet deep. It is of frame construction and stands on a granite foundation. Originally sheathed in clapboards, the house is currently covered with asphalt shingles. Its gable roof is also done in asphalt shingles.

Over the central door is an elliptical fanlight, and at each side is a side light. From directly above the doorway projects the triangular pedimented roof of the original portico. Its two supporting columns have been replaced by square iron trellises. Two windows appear on each side of the doorway, and there are five windows across the second story facade. These windows are evenly spaced across the long facade. The current large paned windows once had a six-over-six treatment also occurred in the windows on the east and west or side walls.

Attached to the left of the main house is a two and a half story gable roofed ell, about sixty feet in length. This ell appears to have been built in two sections, each about thirty feet long. Some of the windows retain their original multi-paned arrangement, while most have been replaced by larger paned windows.

While the exterior of the Edward Little House has experienced some alteration, the interior is substantially intact and in a good state of preservation. The interior plan reflects the Federal Style symmetry of the period. The first and second stories each have a central hallway with a room on either side. The focal point of this hallway is a handsome curving staircase. On the first floor, a large dining room is located at the left of the hall, while a double parlor is found on the right. The second floor hallway is flanked on either side by a large bedroom.

The hallway area and all four rooms of the main house contain Federal Style wainscotting, window trim, doorway enframements, and doors. Each room has a working fireplace with a period mantelpiece. In the double parlor, an elaborate arched molding is located over the window on either side of the fireplace.

Despite its present exterior appearance, the Edward Little House has retained its early lines and many of its original features. With the proper commitment and funding, it has the potential to return to the Federal Period dignity which it enjoyed as the residence of Auburn's leading citizen.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1827

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house derives primary significance from its builder, Edward Little, one of the commanding figures in the development of the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the surrounding area. Born in Newbury, Massachusetts, March 12, 1773, he came to Auburn (then part of the Town of Minot) in 1826, built this house, and there spent the last twenty-three years of his life.

Edward Little, was the son of Josiah Little, a wealthy merchant and land owner of Newbury who was the last clerk of the Pejepscot Company, which, since 1714, had held title to a vast tract of land in the lower Androscoggin River Valley running northward from Brunswick and Topsham. Josiah Little passed on to his son extensive holdings inherited from his father, Col. Moses Little, a distinguished Revolutionary soldier. These lands included, much of what eventually became the cities of Lewiston and Auburn as well as the towns of Greene, Leeds, Bland, Minot and Mechanic Falls.

Educated at Phillips Exeter Academy and Dartmouth College, where he took his degree in 1797, Edward Little studied law with Chief Justice Parsons of Newburyport and practised this profession for several years. He also served as County Attorney for Essex County, and representative to the Massachusetts Legislature for a number of sessions.

After the destruction of most of his property in Newburyport by a disastrous fire in 1811, Edward Little moved to Portland, Maine, where, for a time, he was engaged in the book trade. The responsibilities connected with his real estate ownership caused him to move in 1826 to Auburn where, in the following year, he built the house on Main Street.

For the remainder of his life Edward Little was profoundly influential in directing the character and growth of the new town. He gave the land for the first church, paid one-half the cost of the building and for some time provided for the ministry largely at his own expense. He established and endowed Lewiston Falls Academy which gained a high reputation in the state and, when later it became a public high school, it was named for him and his life sized statue was placed before the entrance.

He was the original owner of the water power which later gave rise to the busy manufacturing city of Lewiston and which he sold at low price to secure the introduction of outside capital for industrial development. He aided new industry to the extent of his power and held out inducements to attract the highest quality

(See continuation sheets)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Little, George Thomas, The Little Genealogy, Boston, 1886

History of Androscoggin County, Boston, 1878

A Memorial of Edward Little, compiled by Mrs. Sarah Little Clark, Lewiston, 1875

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Architectural Historian
Frank A. Beard, Historian

ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE 4/2/76

STREET & NUMBER 31 Western Avenue TELEPHONE 207-289-2133

CITY OR TOWN Augusta, STATE Maine

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS.

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE April 8, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 5/12/76

ATTEST:

DATE 5.11.76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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workers.

As much to Edward Little as to any other individual can be accorded the title of "father" to what is now one of Maine's most important urban centers.

Property Little, Edward, House

State Maine

Working Number 4.12.76.3057

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TECHNICAL

Photos /

Maps /

Need letter of Authorization

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other usual

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OK 4.13.76

HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

L. Wengard

28 Apr 76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ACCEPT

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4/28/76

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE IMPLICIT IN ARCH. EXPLICIT IN OTHER FIELDS

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

ACCEPT

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5-5-76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

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5.11.76

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered MAY 12 1976

Federal Register Entry b-1-76

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Edward Little House

Auburn, Maine

Frank A. Beard

3/76

Maine Historic Preservation Com.

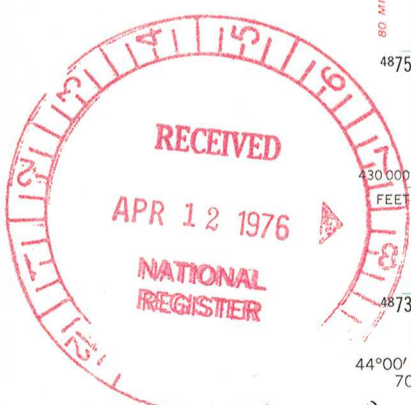
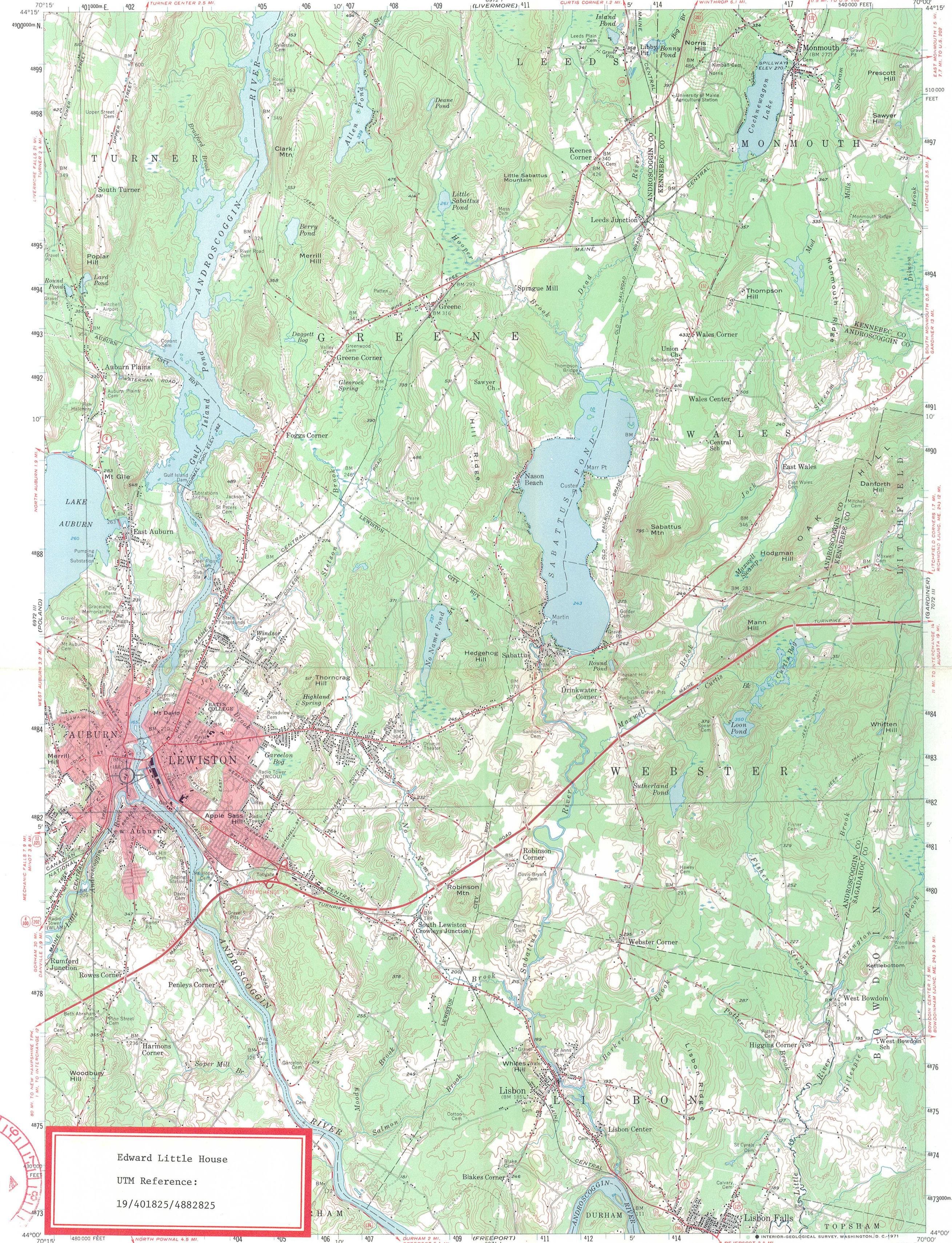
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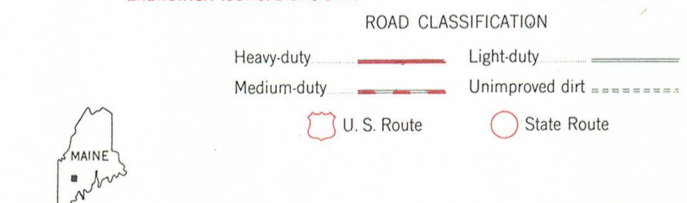
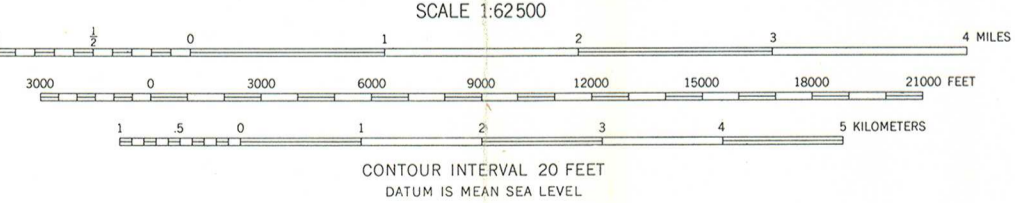
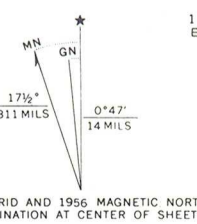
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Edward Little House
UTM Reference:
19/401825/4882825

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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Maine Geodetic Survey
Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsh plotter
Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1956
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maine coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown



LEWISTON, ME.
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Edward Little House 19/401825/4882825

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MAINE

Date Entered MAY 1 0 1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Eunniwell, Richard, House	Scarborough vicinity Cumberland County
Little, Edward, House	Auburn Androscoggin County

Also Notified

Hon. Edmund S. Muskie
Hon. William D. Hathaway
Hon. David F. Emery
Hon. William S. Cohen
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Earle G. Shattleworth, Jr.
Director, Maine Historic Preservation
Commission
31 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330

PR MMott/row 5/12/76

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Little, Edward, House 2 OTHER NAMES: _____ 3 Date of entry: 5-12-76 4 county code: 001

5 LOCATION street & number: 217 Main St. city / town: Auburn vicinity of: _____ state: ME county: Androscoggin 6 NPS REGION: North Atlantic

7 OWNER PRIVATE STATE MUNICIPAL COUNTY MULTIPLE FEDERAL (Specify name) ADMINISTRATOR: _____

8 EXISTING SURVEYS MASS BALE NPL FUNDED? YES NO 9 CONGRESS DISTRICT: 2 10 SOURCE OF NOMINATION: STATE FEDERAL (of state who prepared form) _____

11 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NAME: _____ 12 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NAME: _____ 13 ACREAGE: 1 LOCAL PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

14 CONDITION deteriorated altered original site excellent ruins unaltered moved good unexposed reconstructed unknown fair unexcavated excavated

15 ACCESS YES - Restricted YES - Unrestricted No Access Unknown 16 ADAPTIVE USE YES NO 17 SAVED? YES NO 18 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO

19 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: ARCHITECTURE - 4 ARCHITECTURE - 1 ARCHITECTURE - 2 ARCHITECTURE - 3 ART - 5 COMMERCIAL - 8 COMMUNICATIONS - 7 CONSERVATION - 9 ECONOMICS - 3 EDUCATION - 10 EXPLORATION - 12 HEALTH - 11 INDUSTRY - 13 INVENTION - 14 LANDSCAPE ARCH. - 15 LAW - 16 LITERATURE - 17 MILITARY - 18 MUSIC - 19 PHILOSOPHY - 20 POLITICS / GOVT. - 21 RELIGION - 22 SCIENCE - 23 SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN - 24 SOCIAL / CULTURAL - 30 TRANSPORTATION - 25 RECREATION - 26 SETTLEMENT - 28 URBAN PLANNING - 29 OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

20 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: private residence CURRENTLY: home for the elderly 21 dates of initial construction: 1827 22 CLAIMS: explain 'first' 'oldest' 'only' remaining example of Federal style in city. ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION: _____

23 architectural style(s): _____ 24 architect: _____ 25 master builder: Edward Little 26 engineer: _____

27 landscape architect / garden designer: _____ 28 interior decorator: _____ 29 artist: _____ 30 artisan: _____ 31 builder / contractor: _____

32 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: Edward Little - original owner - developer of Lewiston - Auburn area EVENTS: _____ INSTITUTIONAL: _____

33 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Frame, asphalt siding; 2 stories, rectangular with rear ell, gabled roof, interior end chimneys, front center paneled entrance with elliptical fanlight and side lights, pedimented portico with metal supports; exterior alterations, ell additions. Only remaining example of the Federal style in city; built for Edward Little, early founder and developer in Lewiston - Auburn area.