

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building  
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): Historic Bergin Block
- 2. Principal Street Address: 330 Lisbon Street
- 3. Other Street Address: Spruce Street
- 4. Present Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Ownership: public \_\_\_ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Original Owner: multiple
- 8. Use: original commercial/ residence 9. Accessibility to public:  
 present same exterior visible from public road X  
 interior accessible: (explain) yes, public access to streetlevel store.

Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August 1984  
 Address: Cornell University, Ithica NY 14350 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position: volunteer \_\_\_ professional consultant \_\_\_ intern XX  
 other, (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 4 Bays 4 Attic \_\_\_ Basement X
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: \_\_\_ wood frame, light members: \_\_\_  
 System: masonry load bearing: X metal, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Photo \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Map \_\_\_\_\_

*Average - 1/4*

DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle\_\_\_ wood shingle\_\_\_ slate\_\_\_ concrete\_\_\_  
Material: composition x metal\_\_\_ tile\_\_\_ other\_\_\_  
Walls: wood\_\_\_ stone\_\_\_ cast iron\_\_\_ brick x stucco\_\_\_  
other orange brick cladding  
Foundation: brick
15. Present excellent\_\_\_ good x fair\_\_\_ poor\_\_\_ deteriorated\_\_\_  
Condition: explain fair or poor condition metal cornice is corroding
16. Integrity: original site: yes x no\_\_\_ if moved, when\_\_\_  
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

**No evidence of major alteration.**

17. Threats to Building: none x zoning\_\_\_ roads\_\_\_ developers\_\_\_ deterioration\_\_\_  
other\_\_\_
18. Related Outbuildings: none  
barn\_\_\_ carriage house\_\_\_ garage\_\_\_ privy\_\_\_ shed\_\_\_ shop\_\_\_  
landscape features\_\_\_  
other\_\_\_
19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land\_\_\_ woodland\_\_\_ industrial x  
densely built-up x commercial x scattered buildings\_\_\_  
residential\_\_\_ other\_\_\_

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

**The large size and elaborate cornice piece of this building are well suited to the corner location at the intersection of Spruce and Lisbon Streets. Further south, a modern bakery facility is followed by a streetscape of diverse buildings reflecting the mixed use character of the area. This is the last strong element of relatively continuous buildings depicting the commercial character on the east side of Lisbon Street.**

DESCRIPTION

21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

Classical style features of this sizeable, flat-roofed, light orange, brick clad block include a deep metal cornice with projecting arched pediment supported on oversized metal consoles enriched with relief acanthus foliage. Relief lettering on the tympanum depicts the name "Bergin Block, 1913." Surmounting and surrounding the pediment, the roofline is embellished with large molded rinceaus. Strip pilasters with granite bases and corbeled capitals, rise from above display windows to a brick corbel table over the fourth story windows. The regular fenestration pattern includes rectangular window openings with rock-faced granite sills and reticulated brick, flared lintels. Spandrel panels between floor levels are embellished with patterned brickwork.

The east iron storefront retains many original details including:

- o Square columns with paneled shafts supporting a substantial lintel with projecting cornice that separates the storefront from the upper stories.

-CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE-

SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1913

23. Architect: unknown Address: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Builder: unknown Address: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

This structure contributes to the architectural depiction of Lisbon Street's evolving commercial and residential character. Its facade exhibits a notable similarity to the nearby LaPlante building, (319 Lisbon Street). Common features include the light orange cladding brick, panels of patterned brickwork between floor levels, and the large, ornate metal cornice. These elements suggest the possibility of a common builder, contractor or architect.

The building originally accommodated the Bergin's tavern, reputed to be the finest north of Boston. It is attributed with the distinction of being the first tavern in Maine with the capability of pumping beer up to the streetlevel bar from barrels located in the cellar.

26. Sources:

Tax assessment records, Assessor's Office, City Bldg., Lewiston.

Deed research, Registry Department, Androscoggin County Bldg., Auburn.

Interview with present owner, Julius Wise, August 1984.

21. Notable Features.....cont'd

- o original storefront windows with wood sash and division bars, wood panels below and toplights above;
- o brick strip pilasters at the south facade streetlevel with prominent corbeled capitals supporting the lintel;
- o a recessed entry, elevated on a granite base, featuring a wood paneled ceiling and mosaic tile floor and original door with brass hardware.

The interior retains an original metal ceiling, with relief embellishment and mosaic-tiled floor.

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Bergin Block (Lisbon Street MRA)  
Androscoggin County  
MAINE

Substantive Review

JUL 18 1985

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 8/15/85 — 9/1/85

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 8/30/85

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*NO CASE FOR ELIGIBILITY IS MADE.*

Recom./Criteria RETURN

Reviewer Mike PORGAN

Discipline ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

Date 8-30-85

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property *Please provide owner name & address*

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect  
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

IF THIS BUILDING IS ARCHITECTURALLY OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT, THE FORM NEEDS TO DEMONSTRATE ELIGIBILITY WITHIN THE APPROPRIATE CONTEXT. ALTHOUGH NO CASE IS MADE, IT APPEARS THAT IT IS AN UNUSUALLY INTACT EXAMPLE OF ITS TYPE AND PERIOD.

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

X UTM References Please provide own references

X Verbal boundary description and justification

Please provide VBI

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed James M. Driggs Date 8-30-85 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

UTM:19 A 402690/488740 B \_\_\_\_\_  
C \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_

**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Bergin Block
3. Street or rural address: 330 Lisbon Street  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 18D Lot 330
5. Present Owner: Julius Wise Address: 330 Lisbon Street  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

**DESCRIPTION**

- 7a. Architectural style: Neo-Classical
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Standing four stories high at the corner of Lisbon and Spruce Streets, the Bergin Block is constructed of brick with stone and metal trim. The two principal elevations (west and south) have yellow brick facing and square headed windows with one over one double hung sash. The flat arched lintels, pilasters and metal cornice supported on brackets are neo-classical features. The cornice has a large round arched pediment with scroll-shaped cresting. The name and date of the building is in relief in the pediment. The first story is, like the upper stories, unaltered. A shopfront with cast iron pilasters and wooden and glass display windows and a doorway to the upper floors extends around the elevations. The interior of the store contains original metal ceiling, tile floor and hardware.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1912
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 1/4 acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
4/85

3/17/86

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good  Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_ Densely built-up   
 Residential \_\_\_ Industrial  Commercial  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known  Private development \_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_  
 Public Works project \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site?  Moved? \_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

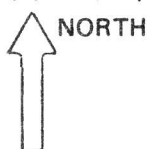
This building is architecturally important for its remarkably unaltered character and distinctive design, once typical of many structures on Lisbon Street. Historically it is important as the site of the Bergin Tavern, one of the most famous taverns in Maine in its day.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture  Arts & Leisure   
 Economic/Industrial \_\_\_ Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_ Military \_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_  
 Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Interview with owner, August, 1984

22. Date form prepared 12/85  
 By (name) Roger Reed  
 Organization MHPC  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Lewiston Commercial District MRA  
~~Lisbon Street MRA~~ (Lewiston Commercial Dist MRA)  
State Androscoggin County, MAINE

*Coner Patrick Andrus*  
4/25/86

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- |  |                    |            |                               |
|--|--------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Bergin Block  | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 2. Lord Block at 379 Lisbon Street                                   | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 3. Callahan Building   | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 4. Callahan <del>Building #2</del> <sup>Block</sup>                  | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 5. Lewiston Trust & Safe Deposit Company                             | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 6. <del>Lisbon Block--College Block</del> <sup>College Block--</sup> | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 7. Lyceum Hall   | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 8. Maine Supply Company Building                                     | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 9. Manufacturer's National Bank                                      | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |
| 10. McGillicuddy Block   | Substantive Review | for/Keeper | <i>Patrick Andrus</i> 4/25/86 |
|  |                    | Attest     | <i>Beth L. Sarge</i> 4-25-86  |

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MAINE

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Working No. 7/18/85  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87  
Date Due: 4/27/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 4-25-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
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Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Remarkably unaltered Neo-classical inspired commercial building with fine original storefront, interior metal ceiling, tile floor & hardware. Locally significant.*

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer Savage  
Discipline Architectural History  
Date 4/25/86  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

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ARCH  
BLOCK

CASH  
MONEY  
BUY - SELL  
TRADE

GUNS WISE TRADING CO. JEWELRY

- WISE -  
TRADING CO.

GUNS GUITARS  
PAWN SHOP

PAWN SHO

GUNS - JEWELRY - GUITARS  
PAWN SHOP

GUNS  
PAWN SHOP

GOLD SILVER

GUITARS - STEREO'S



*Lewiston Commercial District*  
~~Lisbon Street MRA~~  
(Bergin Block)

330 Lisbon Street

Lewiston, Androscoggin, Maine

Roger G. Reed 4/85

Me. Historic Preservation Comm.

View from SW

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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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