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The Thomas Goodall House of 1871 is a good example of a Victorian mill owner's residence. Designed in the French Second Empire style, the home was modified at the turn of the century in the Colonial Revival style.

The Goodall House is square in shape, stands three stories high, and has a mansard roof with a square cupola. The foundation is of granite, while the remainder is of frame construction.

Originally, the Goodall House had a symmetrical facade with Italian style trim. The first story central doorway was surrounded by a simple Italianate portico. This doorway and portico were flanked on either side by a projecting bay with arched windows. These arched windows were repeated on the second story facade. The central bay contained a double arched window, which was flanked on either side by a triple arched window.

The first two stories of the remaining three walls each have four windows. On each wall of the Goodall House, the cornice was ornamented with five symmetrically spaced pairs of brackets. Each corner of the house was sheathed in rustication. The three dormers on each side of the mansard roof possessed ornamental carving at their bases. Like the cornice of the house, the cupola cornice had three pairs of symmetrically placed brackets on each of the four sides.

Several important changes occurred to the Goodall House when it was remodelled in the Colonial Revival manner at the turn of the century. The simple Italianate portico gave way to a more elaborate balustraded front porch and porte-cochere. The second story facade window arrangement was completely altered. The central double arched window was replaced by an enclosed porch, while the flanking triple arched windows were each made into two single windows. The Italianate rustication was removed from the corners, while the paired cornice brackets on both the house and the cupola were replaced by modillions. The ornamental carving at the base of the mansard dormers was stripped off, but the Victorian touch of a decorative pinnacle on the cupola was retained.

The Thomas Goodall House reflects two periods of American architectural taste, the Victorian of the 1870's and the Colonial Revival of the early 1900's. Successfully blended together, they create a dignified appearance befitting the home of one of Maine's major industrialists of the last century.

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Before the advent of Thomas Goodall, in 1867, Sanford, Maine was a small, insignificant agricultural village on the Mousam River. By the end of the century it had become one of the most important textile manufacturing towns in the state and remained so until the industry moved south in the 1940's.

Born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England in 1823 and orphaned at the age of three, Thomas Goodall served an eleven year apprenticeship in the burgeoning woolen manufacturing business of which he gained a thorough knowledge. At the age of seventeen he was appointed manager of a factory and shortly thereafter set up his own business in which he was moderately successful.

As did many another Englishman trained in the textile field, he emigrated to the United States in 1846. After employment in Rhode Island and So. Hadley, Massachusetts, where he married Ruth Waterhouse, the daughter of a leading manufacturer, he moved to Troy, New Hampshire in 1852. There he established a business manufacturing fitted horse blankets, of which he was the only producer and which he supplied to the Union Army in large quantities during the Civil War.

Selling his factory in 1865, he returned to England where he travelled for two years and also acted as a manufacturer's agent for English companies dealing with American textile merchants. While abroad he developed an interest in carriage robes and plushes and, upon returning to this country in 1867, purchased a small flannel factory, a grist mill, and a saw mill in Sanford.

There he began the manufacture of robes, blankets and horse blankets and his financial success was established. The Goodall Mills were incorporated in 1873 and new mills were constructed. By 1874 over one hundred workers were employed and by 1900 nearly one thousand persons were on the payroll.

Goodall was an enlightened employer for the times and demonstrated his concern for his employee's welfare by purchasing the old town hall and converting it into what might now be termed a recreation hall. He was also instrumental in founding the Sanford Public Library and served as its first president. This tradition of public service was carried (See Continuation Sheet)

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on for many years by the family through beneficent acts including the establishment of the Goodall Memorial Hospital.

Thomas Goodall retired from the business in 1883, but remained active in the community until his death in 1910. Goodall Mills continued to thrive under his three gifted sons, Louis, George and Ernest.

The elegant mansion which Goodall built in 1871 is a significant example of a prosperous 19th century manufacturer's residence. It was filled with ingenious devices including an indoor croquet court in the cellar which was lighted, as was the rest of the house, by gas manufactured on the premises.

The two older sons, twins, built handsome houses across the street and the youngest, Ernest, occupied the mansion upon his father's death and effected the Colonial revival alterations which exist today.



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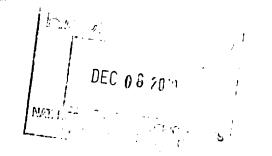
## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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### **National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet**



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