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STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STRUCTURE	ВОТН	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDENC
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OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jacob Randall Homestead in Pownal, Maine, built between 1796 and 1804, is a very fine rural example of early Federal style domestic architecture. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ story house is rectangular in plan and is of brick construction with gabled roof, internal chimneys, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces east, is 5 bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance consists of a recessed single door with fan-light. First-story fenestration is 6/6, while the second story contains 12/8 windows - an unusual arrangement. gable-ends of the house are 2 bays wide.

A $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story brick ell is attached to the south end of the building. This was a later addition, but its date has not been established.

The Jacob Randall Homestead is in good condition and well represents the middle class prosperity in Maine of the early Federal period.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X_1800-1899	COMMERCE	XEXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		
SPECIFIC DAT	es c. 1800	BUILDER/ARCH	HITECT	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In addition to its significance as an excellent and extremely well preserved example of rural Federal architecture executed in brick, the Jacob Randall Homestead is closely tied to the early history of Pownal.

In 1796, Jacob Randall, originally from Weymouth, Massachusetts, purchased 105 acres in North Pownal from a North Yarmouth man whose name is unknown. This land included the site of the house as well as several hundred feet on both sides of the Chandler River across the road. There Randall erected a dam about 1800 and began operation of a saw and grist mill. The dam is largely in place and still holds a fairly sizable head of water.

At the first town meeting held in 1808 in the newly incorporated Town of Pownal, Jacob Randall was elected selectman, indicating his stature in the community. He continued to hold this office almost continuously until his death in 1836.

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ORGANIZATION		DATE
	Maine Historic Preservation Commission	July, 1978
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	242 State Street	207-289-2133
CITY OR TOWN		STATE
		Maine

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIG	SNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY	
NATIONAL	STATE	LOCAL V

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 ce	ertify that it I	nas been	evaluated	according	to the
criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Servic	e.			•			
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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE FOR NPS USE ONLY I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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This house typifies the rural Maine version of Federal architecture in several respects. The front door has no side lights but does carry above it a semi-circular rather than elliptical fan. The second floor rooms are low ceiled as indicated by the close proximity of the windows to the very simple cornice. The 12/8 windows on the second floor are original and would have been matched on the ground floor. but roughly hewn granite blocks used for the foundation and exposed above ground for nearly two feet are also typical. The two interior chimneys near the ends of the house on the front part of the roof supplied fireplaces in the end walls of paired front rooms on both floors. kitchen which stretched nearly the length of the house in the rear was supplied by a single chimney (not visible in the photograph) in the rear portion of the roof. The rear chambers on the second floor were unheated.