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National Park Service**

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**National 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 Dr. Milton Wedgewood House

and or common Fahey Funeral Home

2. Location

street & number 101 Pine Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Lewiston,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:Funeral Home

4. Owner of Property

name John L. Forrest

street & number 101 Pine Street

city, town Lewiston,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine 04240

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds

street & number Court Street

city, town Auburn,

state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes no

date federal state county local

depository 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Occupying a corner lot in a densely built-up urban area, the Wedgewood House is located within two blocks of Kennedy Park and four blocks from the central business district. The surrounding buildings date from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century and consist mostly of multi-family tenements or single family houses converted into apartments.

The Wedgewood House is a three story structure with a mansard roof and a four story tower. Constructed of wood with match-board siding, the exterior was sheathed in aluminum siding in circa 1955. The cornices, window and door trim and bay windows are wood construction. The mansard roofs have slate shingles and there is cast iron cresting on the tower. On the first and second floors are one-over-one double-hung sash, while the third story has two-over-two double-hung sash. The tower dormers have single fixed oval lights.

Attached to the south side is a two story carriage barn connected to the house by a one story addition. This section replaced the original connecting piazza and obscures a portion of the barn. Second and third story additions have also been made to the rear of the house above the kitchen.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1873 **Builder/Architect** Charles F. Douglas, Architect, Lewiston

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Designed in the form of an Italianate villa with a French mansard roof, the house is architecturally important as the work of a noted nineteenth century Lewiston architect, Charles F. Douglas. The house is unusual both for its exterior design and asymmetrical floor plan.

Constructed in 1873, the house was built by Dr. Milton C. Wedgewood, a locally successful surgeon who was one of the founders of the Central Maine General Hospital. The architect, Charles F. Douglas, practiced in Lewiston from 1870-1873 where he designed several large textile mills and commercial blocks, as well as the homes of many local citizens. A fashionable architect, Douglas was known for his sophisticated interpretation of the mansard and Italianate styles.

Charles Douglas' importance as an architect rests in part with his ability to offer clients house plans which departed from the traditional room arrangements. The Wedgewood House is noteworthy in this regard as the first floor plan was designed specifically to meet the needs of the client to use as a combined residence and office. The local newspaper, which published the plan (see enclosed), provided a good description of the rationale for these arrangements:

"...The Doctor's office is accessible from the front hall, without passing through any other room. The private office is supplied with sink, water closet, etc. Both offices are finished in hard wood, with a permanent book case."

"...The dining room is opened by large sliding doors into the hall - thus admitting the dining, the main hall and the staircase hall into one room - which, for social gatherings, cannot fail to be pleasing."

The house still retains the essential components of this plan, complete with marble mantelpieces and molded woodwork. Only the rear of the house, where there have been additions to the carriage barn and connecting piazza has been substantially enlarged, is the building significantly altered.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lewiston Evening Journal, December 30, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Lewiston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 19 402960 488130810
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 23B, 101 Pine Street

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1985

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *E. S. Felt*

title 11/22/85 S.H.P.O. date 11/22/85

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

Patrick Andrews date 1/10/86
for Keeper of the National Register

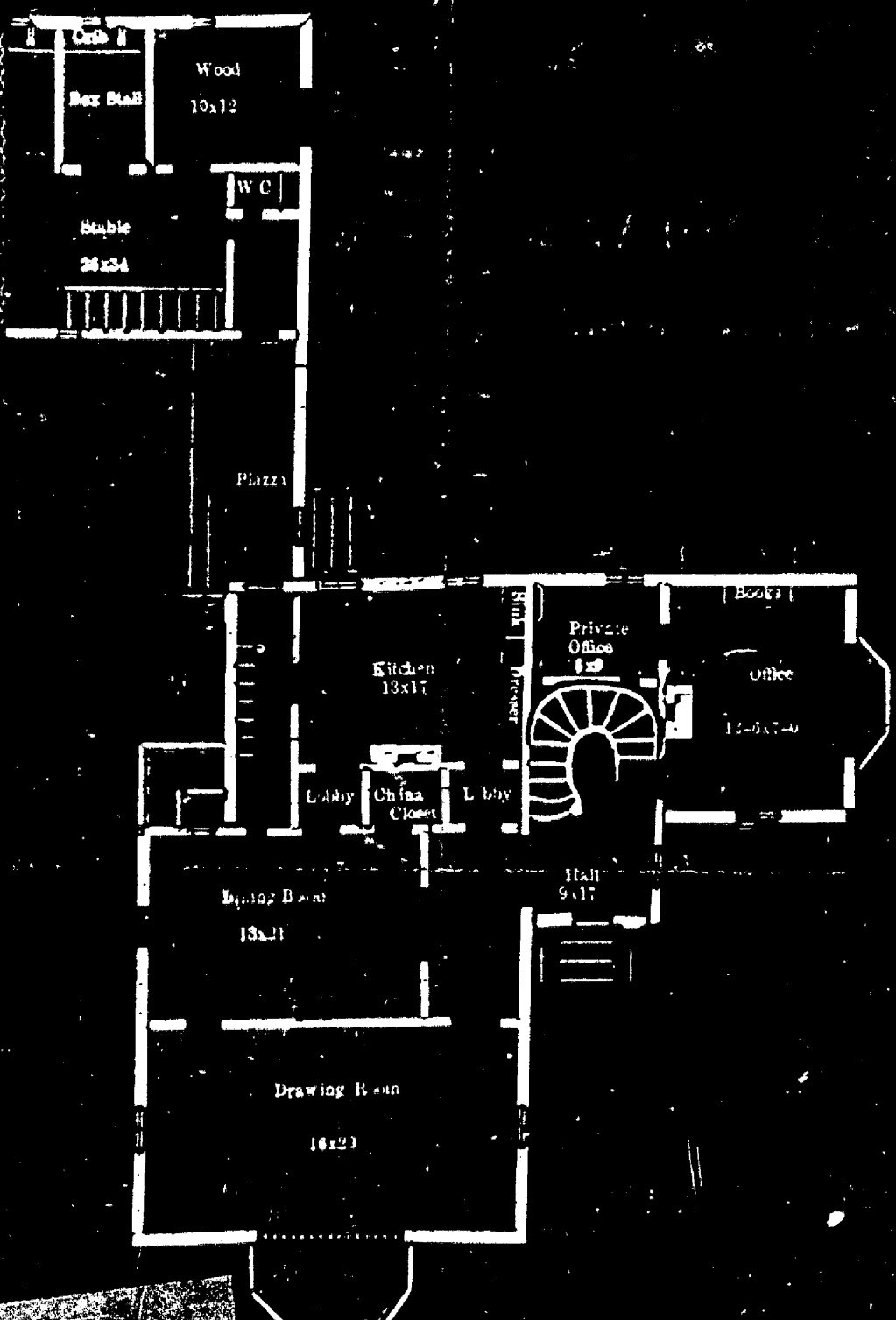
Attest: *Betty K. Savage* date 1-9-86

Chief of Registration

A CONVENIENT DWELLING.

Floor Plan of a new Lewisburg Residence.
 It often helps one to interpret a plan if he can see its execution. A "paper" house may foreshadow and interpret, but it is more satisfactory to know that somebody has had confidence enough in it, to build it. We think there is no better ocular indication of the correctness of the plan set up by us a few weeks since, that there was an improvement in house architecture in Lewisburg than the house erected this season by Dr. Wedgewood, on Pine street. It was built by that faithful and able contractor, Mr. George Hanson, after designs by Mr. C. F. Douglas, architect.

As a sample of a well planned and convenient residence we give a sketch of the first floor plan.



The plan is its own explanation. The Doctor's office is accessible from the front hall, without passing through any other room. The private office is supplied with sink, water closet, &c. Both offices are finished in hard wood, with a permanent book case.

There is one feature which we like. The dining room is opened by large sliding doors into the hall—thus admitting the dining room, the main hall and the staircase hall into one room—which, for social gatherings, cannot fail to be pleasing. The drawing room is an elegant room, with a fine Indian maple mantle, low-down grate and spacious bay window. The kitchen is finished in chestnut, and is supplied with drawers, case shelves, force pump, hot and cold water—an immense amount of convenience being condensed in small space. There are lobbies between the kitchen and dining room and hall with two doors, for the better protection of the house from kitchen smoke and cookery perfume. The rooms are all large, of unusual height of ceiling. The second floor contains chambers, closets and a bath room finely fitted up. The house is finished to the tower, from which there is a fine prospect.

There is a fine cellar, with two furnaces so arranged that one or both can be used, indifferently. The laundry in the basement is supplied with soapstone tubs, hot and cold water, stove, boiler, &c.

The stable is furnished with a box stall, harness room and other conveniences. The house fronts north and west, is situated on a corner lot, and is an ornament to the city.

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