

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Common name: Stacy's
2. Historic name: Kresge Building
3. Street or rural address: 241-249 Water Street  
City Augusta Zip 04330 County Kennebec
4. Parcel number: Map 34, Lot 37
5. Present Owner: Ruth Cummings Address: 243 Water Street  
City Augusta Zip 04330 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private XX
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

**DESCRIPTION**

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

This two story brick building has a bronze and granite storefront and an upper floor with cast stone trim. The storefront, which consists of three polygonnal display windows, two recessed shop entries, and a door to the second floor, is constructed of plate glass, bronze and polished granite. Above the shop is a bronze decorative cornice, partially obscured by a modern sign. Above the first floor the paned windows are enframed by stylized pilasters with cast stone trim. A parapet above the windows is constructed of brick with red diapering and cast stone coping.

Attach Photo(s) Here

See Photo No. 8

8. Construction date:  
Estimated c. 1932 Factual \_\_\_\_\_
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage 1 acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
12/85

13. Condition: Excellent  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: None
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 significant as one of a very few Moderne style commercial blocks in Maine. Moreover, the structure is in an excellent state of preservation and has undergone no serious alterations.

Constructed in about 1932, this building replaced an Italianate style structure identical to the two adjoining blocks. It was built by S. S. Kresge's for a department store with offices on the second floor. When it was completed it was one of the most modern and unusual architectural designs in Augusta.

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).

Augusta City Directory,  
 1931, 32, 33.

22. Date form prepared January, 1986  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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