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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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**1. Name**

historic Fuller-Weston House

and/or common Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

**2. Location**

street & number 11 Summer Street N/A not for publication

city, town Augusta, N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district	public	X occupied	agriculture	museum
building(s)	private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object		yes: restricted	government	scientific
	N/A in process	X yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
	being considered	no	military	other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Marks

street & number 11 Summer Street

city, town Augusta, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04330

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number

city, town Augusta, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date _____

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This timber frame residence has a large hipped roof, thin clapboard siding and a granite foundation. There are very small modillion blocks beneath the wide over-hanging eaves. The windows consist of six-over-six double-hung sash. Located in the center of the five bay facade is the main entrance, which is in the Federal style and is the main decorative feature. The door is flanked by pilasters and sidelights supporting a louvered fan. The small portico over this entrance has simple square posts and probably dates from the early twentieth century. The house faces south.

## 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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation			
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)			

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	Unknown
1818		

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This house is particularly distinguished by its association with three prominent figures in the field of jurisprudence. Henry Weld Fuller, its builder, acquired the property the same year the house was erected. It was an area of some one-hundred acres in what is now the center of Augusta. This fortunate purchase eventually made him a very wealthy man. He was very active in public affairs, serving in the General Court, as Colonel in the State Militia, and as a very active lawyer serving various of the Plymouth Proprietors. He was eventually appointed Judge of Probate for Kennebec County. Fuller sold the house in 1827 to Hon. Nathan Weston, who, in 1820 had been appointed to the bench of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. In 1834 he was elevated to the Chief Justice of this high court. Weston's daughter, Catherine married the above-mentioned Henry Weld Fuller's son, Frederic A. and, in 1833, gave birth to a son, Melville Weston Fuller. Shortly thereafter, the parents were divorced and the boy went to live with his grandfather Weston. One may suppose that the relationship between these two strongly influenced young Fuller. He continued to live in the house until attending Bowdoin College, graduating in 1853. Receiving a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1855, he returned to Augusta where he practiced and became active in civic affairs, serving as president of the city council. In 1859 he moved to Chicago and worked in several law firms and became distinguished for his ability and scholarship. Always a staunch Democrat, he was a close friend and supporter of Stephen A. Douglas. In 1888, President Cleveland, who had previously offered him high diplomatic posts, which he refused, appointed him Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, a position which he held until his death in 1910. He was highly respected as a jurist and participated in many key decisions including the first income tax cases, the Chinese exclusion cases and the Northern Securities Case.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Cyclopedia of National Biography.

North, James. W., History of Augusta. Augusta, 1870.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Augusta

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
Zone	Easting		Northing	
C	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
E	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
G	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10

B	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
Zone	Easting		Northing	
D	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
F	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10
H	1 19	4 317	8 17 10	4 19 0 17 1 10 10

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 34, Lot 176

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1984

street & number 55 Capitol Street 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 Evan S. Field, FASLA

title S.H.P.O. date 2/10/84

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

J. Delores Byan      Entered in the  
Keeper of the National Register      date 3/22/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration