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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC NAME
Godfrey Ludwig House
AND/OR COMMON NAME

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Route 32 (Maine) ME 32
CITY, TOWN
Waldoboro VICINITY OF
STATE
Maine CODE
023 COUNTY
Lincoln CODE
015

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
A. Howard Worts
STREET & NUMBER
R.F.D. No. 1
CITY, TOWN
Waldoboro, VICINITY OF
STATE
Maine 04572

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Lincoln County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Wiscasset, STATE
Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Godfrey Ludwig House of Waldoboro dates from about 1800, and is a Cape Cod style dwelling of brick construction, with gable roof, granite foundation and two internal end-chimneys. The facade is 5 bays wide with 6/6 windows flanking a central entrance. Under the eaves an unusual row of dentils is found across the entire width.

The entrance consists of a single doorway with recessed sidelights. The ends of the house are 3 bays wide.

A gable-roofed frame ell with clapboard siding extends from the rear of the house.

Internally, the most remarkable detail is hinged panels which separate the central hall from two adjacent rooms. These could be opened to create one very large meeting room, and they were installed at an early date when the house doubled as a Methodist meeting house on the Union Circuit early in the 19th century.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1800

BUILDER/ ~~XXXXXXXX~~

Godfrey Ludwig

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Included in the Muscongus, or Waldo Patent, Waldoboro, then known as Broad Bay, was first settled between 1733 and 1740 by Scotch-Irish and German immigrants brought in chiefly by the influence of General Samuel Waldo, the patentee. Largely destroyed in the early 1740's during Indian conflicts, the settlement was revived after the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle in 1748. In 1742-53, General Waldo's son, Samuel, visited Germany and succeeded in obtaining about 1500 settlers from that country, giving to Waldoboro a Germanic flavor peculiar to itself. In 1772, a German Lutheran church was built in the community which still stands (N.R. 5/19/70).

In 1780, Jacob Ludwig became the first member of this German population to serve as Representative to the Massachusetts General Court which reflected his position of leadership in the community. He was a shrewd, thrifty, intelligent, and ambitious man, entirely self-educated. From the first he had realized that Waldoboro would become an English community and he had set himself, in consequence, to a mastery of the language, law, practices and ways of English life. This knowledge made him a leader among his people and in the 1790's he was the community factotum. Childless himself, he became devoted to his nephew, Godfrey, son of his brother Joseph, and spent long hours training him in the lore and learning which he had acquired. In 1799 he presented his protégé with a generous piece of good farmland on which the latter proceeded to build the sturdy brick cape of ample size.

Though Godfrey never achieved public recognition equal to that of his uncle, he was a widely respected prosperous farmer who, after 1820, became a strong supporter of Methodism to the extent that his house became a stop for circuit riding ministers to conduct services. The Union Circuit, of which the Ludwig House was a part was the earliest established in eastern Maine and extended from the town of Union south-westerly through Waldoboro as far as Round Pond.

The use of the house for services resulted in the construction of its most interesting feature. Erected as it was on a central hall plan with end wall fire places, there was no room large enough for meetings. Consequently the hall walls were rebuilt with hinges along the ceiling so that they could be swung upward into the two front rooms thus combining them, along with the hall, into one large room occupying most of the floor area of the main part of the house, the kitchen being in a small ell.

This white painted brick cape with its black painted trim stands out as a landmark recalling Waldoboro's German heritage as well as the early Methodist circuits in eastern Maine.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stahl, Jasper J., History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro. Portland, 1956.

Pitcher, Fred A., Sketch of Waldoboro, Maine. Typed ms., 1945.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

QUADRANGLE NAME Jefferson

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 466680 4889410

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Assessor's Map R17, Lot 21

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

Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

July, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

242 State Street

207/289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Augusta,

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

Earle S. Felt

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

8/10/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

John Bruce MacDougal
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/22/80

ATTEST:

Patricia Anderson
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

9/18/80