

Hon. William D. Hathaway

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Washington
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: East Machias Historic District

AND/OR HISTORIC: East Falls

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: High Street, Water Street & Bridge Street

CITY OR TOWN: East Machias

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

COUNTY: Washington

CODE: 029



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Various

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: East Machias

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Register of Deeds, Registry Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: Machias

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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 24954940
 2495430
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

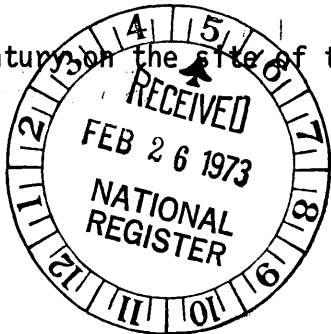
The Town of East Machias is located in central Washington County, the easternmost county in Maine. The village is situated along the banks of the East Machias River. The village is approximately four miles from the County Seat at Machias.

The exact boundaries for the district are as follows: Beginning at a point 200'+ north of Route 1 at the western end of the Pope Memorial Bridge, which point is at the intersection of Latitude 44°44'22" and Longitude 67°23'23"; thence easterly crossing Factory Street; the East Machias River, Route 1, and Bridge Street to a point just east of the church cemetery, which point is at the intersection of Latitude 44°44'18" and Longitude 67°23'07"; thence southerly to a point 450'+ east of High Street, which point is at the intersection of Latitude 44°44'02" and Longitude 67°23'34"; thence westerly crossing High Street and Water Street to a point in East Machias River, which point is at the intersection of Latitude 44°43'58" and Longitude 67°23'18"; thence northerly to the point of beginning.

The boundaries herein described encompass an area of 63 acres± of high ground and water.

1. Pope Memorial Bridge
2. Gaddis Brothers Co. building; built 1841 for S.W. Pope & Co. store.
3. The Daniel Foster House built 1800.
4. The John Foster House built 1785. Burn's Tavern until 1825. This house was occupied by the Pope family for much of the 19th and early 20th Century.
5. The Dennis Garland House built in 1820's. Now occupied by the Warren Lodge of Masonry. This building has been considerably remodeled.
6. First Congregational Church built in 1836 by John E. Seavey.
7. Burrill's Store built mid 19th Century. On the site of the Col. Benjamin Foster House.
8. G. E. Burrill House built early 19th Century on the site of the Deacon Samuel Foster House.
9. The Simon McNeil House built 1817.

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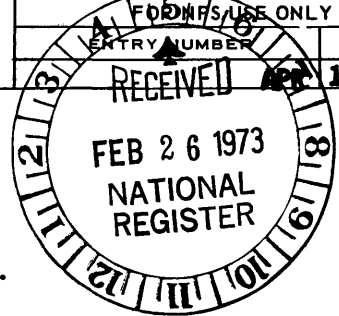


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- 10. The Colonel C. W. Foster House built 1800.
- 11. The Cyrus Gardner House built early 19th Century.
- 12. G. H. Hovey House built ca. 1860. This building is in a deteriorated condition.
- 13. The J. Harris House built ca. 1860.
- 14. Mrs. P. Hyatt House built ca. 1860; remodeled in 1895 by Warren Pope.
- 15. The Old School House built mid 19th Century. This building now houses the East Machias Fire Department.
- 16. The A. F. Kingsley House built early 19th Century.
- 17. The C. S. Gardner House built early 19th Century.
- 18. Mrs. Kahaley House built early 19th Century.
- 19. First Congregational Church Vestry built ca. 1850.
- 20. First Congregational Church Parsonage built ca. 1880.
- 21. The G. D. Gaddis House built ca. 1840.
- 22. The Woodin Foster House built ca. 1805. This house has been substantially modified.
- 23. William Chase House built ca. 1880.
- 24. Washington Academy Building built 1823.
- 25. Church of the Disciples of Christ built 1880. This building is now owned by Washington Academy and is the Albee-Richardson Memorial Building.
- 26. James Foster House built ca. 1805.
- 27. Charles Foster House built 1827. This house is now the residence of the principal of Washington Academy.

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- 28. The J. McNulty House built mid 19th Century.
- 29. Hammond Dennison House built mid 19th Century.
- 30. The B. T. Chaloner House built mid 19th Century.
- 31. The Benjamin G. Chaloner House built 1836.
- 32. The C. P. Hovey House built early 19th Century.
- 33. The Jabez West House built early 19th Century.



SITES:

- A. Site of S. W. Pope and Company Grist Mill. First Grist Mill in East Machias built on this site in 1788 by Captain Peter Talbot.
- B. Site of S. W. Pope and Company Saw Mill. The Mill occupied this site from 1840-1906.
- C. Site of Grist Mill built by James Foster in 1818.
- D. Site of Saw Mill and Grist Mill of the J. M. Wiswell and Company.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

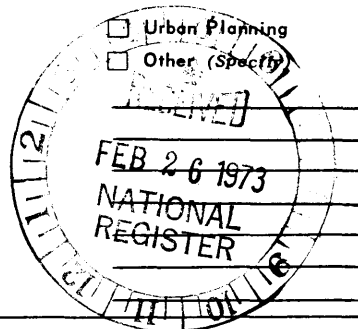
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although not permanently settled until 1763, the area now known as Machias, East Machias, and Machiasport had attracted the interest of settlers since 1633. It was in that year that Isaak Allerton set up a trading post at Machias under the auspices of the Plymouth Company. (Until 1826, the history of Machias is also that of East Machias and the use of the term Machias in this text should be taken to mean the Machias area.) This venture however, was soon abandoned for it brought Allerton and the Plymouth Company into conflict with the French.

In 1688, a census was taken of all settlers living between the Penobscot and the St. Croix Rivers. According to the tally there were nine French settlers living at Machias. As was the case with the French settlement at Pentagoet (Castine), this small settlement at Machias was abandoned by the French only to be settled by men of English descent in 1763.

Early in the fall of 1762, Isaiah Foster and Isaac Larrabee with other men embarked from Scarborough to explore to the east for sources of hay and also areas for possible settlement. They wished a suitable area for the construction of sawmills. They eventually reached Machias and were impressed with the area's possibilities.

Upon their return to Scarborough, they founded an association of sixteen persons to build a double saw mill at Machias (now the present town of Machias). Thirteen of the associates including Sylvanus Scott, Isaiah Foster and Isaac Larrabee took their families and embarked for Machias in April of 1763. Joel Bonney and Woodin Foster were hired by the sixteen as carpenters to go along. In all, there were twenty-four persons who departed Scarborough in April.

Their small vessel arrived on the 20th of May 1763, anchoring first at the Rim in what is now the town of East Machias. The little settlement prospered and in 1765 more settlers arrived. By this time many of the settlers had established themselves at East Falls, now East Machias.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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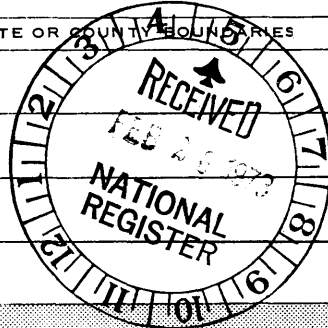
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	44° 44' 22"	67° 23' 23"				
NE	44° 44' 18"	67° 23' 07"				
SE	44° 44' 02"	67° 23' 34"				
SW	44° 43' 58"	67° 23' 18"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **63**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Edwin Randall, Local History Researcher

ORGANIZATION: **East Machias Historical Society** DATE: **Oct. 15, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
c/o Mr. John Bagley, President

CITY OR TOWN: **East Machias** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James H. Mundy
 Title: State Liaison Officer
 Date: February 15, 1973

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

Robert A. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/11/73

ATTEST:
Wm Mundy
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4.3.73

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Samuel Scott, a brother of Sylvanus Scott, Woodin Foster, Benjamin Foster, Daniel Fogg and others erected the first sawmill at East Machias in 1765. These men also lived in East Machias. Sylvanus Scott settled on the Rim in East Machias. The Rim was known as Scotts point at that time.

In 1770, the grant of a township was given by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. By this grant, the petitioners became owners of the soil within their township. The township, at this time, included Machias, East Machias, Machiasport, Whitneyville, and Marshfield. On May 12, 1784, Machias was incorporated and in 1790 was divided into four school districts, the present town of East Machias being one of them.

In 1790, interest began in a county academy for the area. About 1807 one teacher was hired and he lasted until 1810. The issue of an academy died until 1823 when a virtual contest began between several communities to be the home of Washington Academy. East Falls, now East Machias, won this contest and the building for the new Academy was erected in 1823. The Reverend Solomon Adams was its first Preceptor.

On January 24, 1826, East Falls was separated from Machias and incorporated as the town of East Machias. The first town meeting was held on March 6, 1826.

From the time of its establishment as a village in 1765, the town of East Machias has been a thriving little community and remains so today. The 19th Century economic base of East Machias, its lumber mills and ship-yards, are gone but the village remains to remind us of the early pioneers who carved their home out of the Maine wilderness.

Washington Academy and the Churches remain in East Machias also as a reminder that these were also mainstays of the little community on the banks of the East Machias River.

East Machias is significant because of its history as a shipbuilding and lumbering center for eastern Maine and also for the many fine buildings that were constructed during a bygone era. Last but not least is the part the citizens of this area played in our Revolution and in the War of 1812.