

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Lermond Mill

and or common Morgan's Mills

2. Location

street & number East Union Village N/A not for publication

city, town Union, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Richard Morgan

street & number R.D. #2, Box 115

city, town Union, _____ vicinity of state Maine 04862

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number _____

city, town Rockland, 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

Two attached structures comprise the Lermond Mill nomination. Both are timber frame construction with gable roofs and wood shingle siding. The west half, built in 1825, is two-and-one-half stories high with irregularly spaced double-hung sash containing either six-over-six or two-over-two lights.

Attached on the east side is a one-and-one-half story structure of 1803 which is of similar utilitarian design. The two buildings are joined by a small one-story shed with a gable roof and shingle siding. On the north side of the complex is a mill pond lined with granite blocks.

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
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1803, 1825 **Builder/Architect** John Lermond

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Picturesquely located in a tiny village which sleeps as a nineteenth century time capsule, the Lermond Mill is among the oldest and certainly best preserved of Maine's still functioning water powered mills. Now serving the dual purpose of grist mill^{and} electrical generation, its history is a microcosm of the milling industry in Maine.

Its founder, John Lermond, who arrived in the town in 1795, built the first dam which created Lermond Pond and constructed a water-powered pit saw mill. In 1803 he built the earliest of the present structures as a grist mill.

The 1825 mill originally housed a woodworking business, making chairs and caskets. Also added was a stave works making barrels for coastal shipping.

In 1871 a later owner, apparently giving up the woodworking business, operated a clothing works in addition to the still continuing grist mill. Still later, in 1897, James Dornan, a stonecutter from Scotland began a granite finishing business in the larger building. By 1928, both structures were devoted to what was referred to as a "monumental works" at which time the covered walkway between the two buildings was constructed. At this time also the mill wheel was replaced by a turbine.

In 1972 all milling activity ceased until the mill was purchased in 1978 by Richard Morgan who produces electricity under contract with the Central Maine Power Company, part of which is used to operate an electric powered stone grist mill.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Information provided by owner from mill records and deeds.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name West Rockport

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	9	4	8	2	0	3	5	4	8	9	5	4	5	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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F

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G

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map #18, Lot #3

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

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date July, 1984

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 *Carle S. [Signature]*

title S. H. P. O. date 11/15/84

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

[Signature] Entered in the National Register date 12-27-84
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration