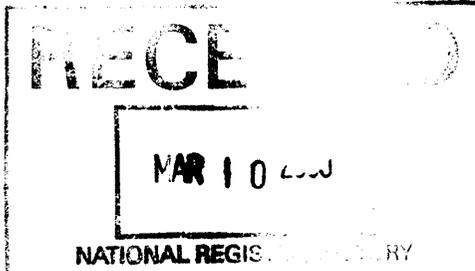


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and historic districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Mark each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Springdale Farm

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East side of Horseback Road, 0.5 miles South of Junction with Troy Road N/A not for publication

city or town Burnham N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Waldo code 027 zip code 04922

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 3/6/00
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

[Signature] 4/24/00
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
4		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
5		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence/Agricultural Outbuilding

Agriculture//Subsistence/Agricultural Field

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Agriculture/Subsistence/Agricultural Outbuilding

Agriculture/Subsistence/Agricultural Field

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wing Connected To Barn

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Springdale Farm is comprised of a one-and-half story, three-bay cape with bay windows and a center gable which is attached to a large gable front barn by way of a one-story wing. Historic ancillary buildings on this farm include a garage, summer house, ice house (which is substantially deteriorated), equipment shed, and a blacksmith shop (that has been enlarged in the recent past). Sheathing materials vary from clapboards to wood shingles. The farm, which presently contains 100 acres, is located on the geologically noteworthy "Burnham Esker." The property consists of four (4) contributing buildings and one (1) contributing site.

House, c.1870

Facing west, the long front elevation -- that is sheathed entirely in clapboards -- is characterized by three distinct blocks exhibiting different architectural elements and a variety of roof planes that are punctuated by dormers and chimneys. The symmetrically composed facade of the house contains a center entrance that is located behind a pedimented hood supported by Italianate style brackets. Flanking three-sided bay windows (with replacement sash) feature paneled corner boards and paneled skirting. A broad gable frames a single second story window, the entrance, and a portion of the bay windows. Behind the gable is a modern brick chimney stack that replaces the original pair of flue stacks located astride the gable's roof ridge. The ell has a twentieth century enclosed porch (a replacement of an earlier porch with decorative sawn posts) spanning about one-half of its facade. To its north is a modern door with sidelights, a pair of original six-over-six double hung windows, a broad track mounted door, and a third six-over-six window. There are a trio of gabled dormers on the roof of the wing, as well as a single flue stack. The south gable end of the house has a pair of double hung sash on each story, short gable end returns, a narrow frame bulkhead at the southeast corner, and a pair of double hung sash in the endwall of a shed addition that spans the rear elevation. There is a shed dormer on the east elevation of the cape, as well as modern windows and sliding doors on the first story behind a large deck. The rear elevation of the ell has six asymmetrically placed windows, two doors, and skylights in the roof.

The interior of the house and its wing have been completely remodeled with little evidence of the historic finish remaining. However, the area behind the track-mounted door in the wing appears to retain its historic appearance. A late nineteenth century photograph of the property shows a carriage in this area of the wing, but its precise function over time has not been determined.

Barn, c. 1870

The facade of the barn (which is attached to the north end of the wing) has a centrally placed two-leaf track mounted door that is distinguished by its exposed cross bracing. Above the door is an ornate wooden sign bearing the name SPRINGDALE FARM and the date 1903. Two six-over-six double hung windows are located above the sign, and a round ventilator occupies the gable peak. The barn roof is crowned by a large ventilator that has louvered panels. It appears to be an early twentieth century addition, probably coinciding with the eastward expansion of the barn at that time. There is one door and an enclosed animal stall window on the north side which, like the east and south elevations, is clad in wood shingles. The east elevation has a track mounted door and an opening on the first level and two window openings (missing sash) in the gable peak. Access to the basement of the barn is achieved from the east side. A narrow shed addition is attached to the barn's south side. It has three pairs of eight pane sash oriented horizontally, and one door.

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The barn has a hand hewn timber frame and a purlin roof system. It is heavily braced, particularly on the side walls. Originally there were four bays, but two additional bays were added to the east end, probably in the early twentieth century. The construction methods employed in the new section are substantially different from those in the earlier portion. A white-washed milking parlor is located along the barn's south elevation, and the addition on that side was presumably built to increase the space in this area. The original portion of the barn is supported by a foundation comprised of large granite blocks and wooden posts.

Milk Room/Ice House, c. 1900

A short, low connector links the barn to a small gabled building whose front portion was used as a milk room and the back as an ice house. It has a door and a small six-pane sash on the facade, and a door on the east end which provided access to the ice house. This building is substantially deteriorated but retains sufficient integrity to warrant it being a contributing resource.

Equipment Shed, 19th/20th century

Constructed at an undetermined date, this timber frame building has a gable roof and is partially sheathed in asphalt siding. Its open side faces south.

Blacksmith Shop, 19th century

Presumed to have been built in the nineteenth century, the blacksmith shop is a rectangular timber frame building with a gable roof and brick flue stack. It has a large door on its facade, a door and two windows on the south side, and two windows on the rear elevation. A gable roofed addition built in 1980 with a shed at the rear is attached to the north side of the original building.

Summer House, 20th century

Standing to the south of the main house, this small gable roofed framed building is sheathed in wood shingles and has an engaged screened porch along its west and north sides. It appears to have been used for sleeping quarters in the warm months of the year.

Garage, 20th century

Located on the opposite side of Horseback Road from the other buildings, the garage is a one-bay low hip roofed building that is clad in novelty siding. It has a modern garage door on the facade, an eight pane window on both side walls, and a door at the southeast corner.

Site

Presently, the farm's approximately one-hundred acres are comprised of sixty acres of reclaimed fields and forty acres in woods.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1870
c. 1900

Significant Dates

c. 1870
c. 1900

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Springdale Farm is comprised of a c.1870 connected farm complex and several detached ancillary buildings which are set amidst open fields. Although its full history is not as yet known, the farm was occupied for most of this century by members of the Reynolds family. It is eligible for nomination to the National Register Criterion C as a relatively intact example of a Maine farmstead.

The nineteenth history of Springdale Farm is vague, due in large part to incomplete local records and an absence of information about the Burnham branch of the Reynolds family. Perhaps the earliest evidence of the site's occupation is the 1859 wall map of Waldo County, which shows a building in the general vicinity of the present farmstead. The name that accompanies the building is C. Reynolds, but it is unlikely that the existing house and barn are of that vintage. In all likelihood, these buildings were erected about 1870, but the name of the original owner has not been established. By the early twentieth century, the farm had come into the possession of Mary M. Reynolds and Joseph E. Reynolds. On October 6, 1916, they transferred the property (and ½ interest in the livestock, tools, implements, and farm machinery) to Cora E. Reynolds, Arthur G. Reynolds, Leon B. Reynolds, and Ruth Logan under the condition that they receive life tenancy. According to census records, Mary Reynolds was the mother of Cora, Arthur, and Leon Reynolds. Their father -- and Mary's first husband -- was Jesse Reynolds, who died in 1890. His relationship, if any, to Joseph E. Reynolds has not as yet been ascertained. In any event, according to local tradition, the farm (which is said to have at one time comprised 600 acres) was subsequently occupied by Leon Reynolds (1887-1975) and his wife Florice (Sayward) Reynolds, who are remembered for their operation of the first horse drawn milk route in the neighboring town of Pittsfield. Leon and Florice Reynolds did not have any children, and in 1977 she conveyed the farm to its present owner.

Architecturally, Springdale Farm exemplifies the common nineteenth and early twentieth century practice on Maine farms of connecting house, ell and barn which improved the efficiency of farm and domestic processes and presented a unified facade to the public. In his concluding remarks on the subject in the pioneering study entitled *Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn* Thomas Hubka writes that:

Nineteenth-century New England farmers selected the connected farm building organization because it was a practical, efficient, and modestly fashionable arrangement of buildings to house their farming operation. Most farmers were motivated to consider reorganizing their previous[ly] detached house and barn system by declines in the agricultural economy caused by western agricultural competition and the effects of industrialization. With the survival of their rural society seriously threatened, they collectively reformed their farms to meet this challenge. The connected farm building arrangement was adopted because it met the requirements of a more commercially oriented, mixed-farming, home-industry operation, which had become the only viable means of farming in New England. (p.202)

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Although substantial alterations have been made to the interior of the house, the exterior integrity of the connected complex remains high. Furthermore, the construction technique employed in the barn is noteworthy for its use of a purlin roof framing system (usually limited to smaller, earlier barns) and extensive bracing of the sidewalls. In addition to the connected buildings, several outbuildings remain from the historic period. They include an equipment storage shed, a summer house, a garage, and the remains of an ice house and blacksmith shop (the latter having been recently enlarged). Such buildings are increasingly rare on Maine farmsteads, particularly where agricultural activities have ceased. Finally, the complex is part of a setting of open fields and woodlot that have escaped encroachment from late twentieth century development.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 100

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1

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Zone	Easting				Northing				Zone					

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Easting				Northing										

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Easting				Northing										

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date _____

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city or town Augusta state Maine zip code 04333-0065

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of approximately 100 acres occupies the Town of Burnham tax map 6, lots 5 and 6.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the two parcels of land that are historically and presently associated with Springdale Farm.