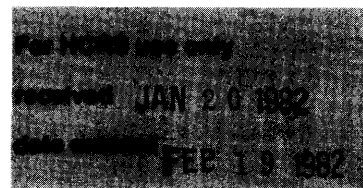


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Alvin O. Lombard House

and/or common The Lombard Building

**2. Location**

street & number 65 Elm Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Waterville, N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name John E. Thomas J. and Richard C. Nale

street & number 30 Elm Street - P. O. Box 633

city, town Waterville, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04901

**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? N/A yes  no

date N/A N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Lombard House of Waterville, Maine, built in 1908, is a very fine and well-preserved example of a late Shingle Style residence.

The 2½-story house is of frame construction with one internal and one external brick chimney, gambrel roof, shingle siding, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces west, is three bays wide, and is covered in the first story by a full-length porch supported by fluted Doric columns; an extension of this porch--as an open terrace--sweeps round the south side of the house. In the first story of the facade a central entrance features diamond-paned sidelights. To the right is a 2/1 window and to the left a three-sided bay window. In the second story of the facade are a pair of three-sided bay windows, containing 6/1 fenestration, which flank a recessed balcony with a pair of Ionic columns.

The south side of the house features a 3-bay-wide gable-end with 3-sided bay window, 2/1 windows in the first story and 2/1 windows flanking a 1/1 window in the second. To the right is a first-story porch with a 5-sided second-story tower above.

The north side of the house contains 2/1 fenestration facing an attached 2-story carriage-house which extends northward. The latter features a cupola with casement windows and doors facing west.

# 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
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1908 **Builder/Architect** *unknown*

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Besides being an intriguing and extremely large Shingle Style dwelling, this lovely residence is also significant because it was the home of inventor Alvin Orlando Lombard for the last third of his life.

Lombard, born in 1856, began his inventive career while still a child; he built both a model sawmill which sawed cucumbers and a water wheel which helped to churn butter. When he was still quite young he began working in the woods and became proficient in all lines of the lumbering operation. Soon he had a mill of his own built from his own plans. During his years at the mill, Lombard invented the first turbine water wheel control, in his opinion, the most important invention of his entire career.

Lombard moved to Waterville in 1895 and, while living there, invented a bark stripper, a knot separator, a pulp crusher, and even a steam driven automobile in which he travelled all over the State. Lombard is best remembered, however, for his invention which brought the Maine lumbering industry into the twentieth century. His log hauler with a caterpillar tread, patented in 1901, reduced the number of horses required in the woods and, at the same time, increased the total number of logs which could be hauled out at a given time. The patented tread has been used on heavy equipment, including army tanks, ever since. Unfortunately, the advent of the gasoline powered truck made the log hauler itself, obsolete by the mid-1920's.

Lombard's beautiful home, constructed in 1908, remained in the Lombard family until 1964, when it was claimed by the Waterville Urban Renewal Authority. Although the interior was remodelled for apartments in the 1940's, the exterior is in excellent condition. The building's size and style demonstrate the prestige once enjoyed by the gone, and almost forgotten Maine genius, Alvin O. Lombard.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Sam E. Connor, "Alvin Orlando Lombard: Inventor of the Lombard Log Hauler", in Just Maine Folks, 1924.  
"Alvin O. Lombard" in National Cyclopedia of American Biography, Vol. XXXV, New York, 1949.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3/4  
Quadrangle name Waterville

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

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G 

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H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 53, Block 3, Lot 12

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Hist./Robert L. Bradley, Arch. Hist./Bette A. Smith, Asst.

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1981

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Eric S. Felt*

title

S.H.P.O.

date

12/18/81

For HCRS use only

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

date

2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration