

**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 The Emery Homestead

and/or common The Emery Homestead

**2. Location**

street & number 1 & 3 Lebanon Street not for publication

city, town Sanford vicinity of congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Ruth Emery

street & number 3 Lebanon Street

city, town Sanford, vicinity of state Maine

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Alfred Court House

city, town Alfred, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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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**

Built originally in 1830, the Emery Homestead is a remarkable and well-preserved complex of attached buildings reflecting the evolution of the Emery Family.

The oldest part of the homestead is a frame house of 2 stories with central chimney, gable roof, and 5-bay facade facing south. Fenestration here as elsewhere is 2/2 with exterior louvered shutters. The central entrance is flanked by dignified Doric pilasters and has an entablatured lintel.

An ell was added to the east end of the house in 1862, along with a wing which extends from the rear of this ell to the north. These 1862 components blend remarkably with the 1830 work, being of the same type of construction and scale with compatible detail. The ell is 5-bays wide with a central entrance and it faces south like the original house; a one-story porch with delicate Doric columns runs the full length of its facade. The rear wing is 5-bays long with a hooded doorway adjacent to the ell. This wing abuts a large gable-roofed barn to the north. This 1½-story barn dates from the building of the house of 1830, thus the 1862 construction linked the original house and barn.

In 1908 yet another ell was built, this time running from the rear of the original house, creating in all a U-shaped plan for the complex. Here again an effort was made to ensure that the design, materials, color, and proportion of the early 20th-century construction would be compatible. The courtyard thus formed has been flagstoned and opens onto a spacious expanse of lawn in the rear.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1830; additions in 1862 and 1908 **Builder/Architect** local builders; names unknown

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

The Emery Homestead is one of the few remaining houses which formed the core of Sanford and mark the places of settlement of the original families. It is well-kept, and is regarded by the local people as a landmark. The house has historical and social as well as architectural significance, for the five generations of Emerys that have lived in it have served as town and state officials, they have been active in church and school affairs, and have made a substantial contribution to the life of the community.

The Emery Homestead was originally a farm house built on a dirt road that ran from Sanford to Lebanon; but the town grew around it, the small houses for hired men, the fields and woodlots that belonged to the family were sold, and for two generations the homestead has been the town residence of the family. The main part of the house, a white clapboard structure with green blinds, was built in 1830 by William Emery, Jr. (1791-1877).

An ell was added to the main house by the son, Charles Oscar (1838-1904) in 1862, when he married and established a home there. At right angles an extension to this ell runs back, away from the street, and joins a large barn that was originally free standing.

Yet another addition to the main house on the opposite side was made about 1908 by Charles Oscar's eldest son, Edward Henry (1864-1928), who occupied the original house when he married, and who needed more space for his family. He added a sun porch to the side, and extended the main house at the rear, enclosing a dining room, an enlarged kitchen, and two more rooms.

Every generation has made changes in the Homestead according to tastes and life style, but there is still unmistakable evidence of its age.

The members of the Emery family who have occupied the Homestead are descendants of Anthony Emery, who, with his brother John, came from Romsey, Hampshire, England, to Boston in 1635, and later settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Caleb (1741-1825) was the first Emery who settled in Sanford (1773), where he served as town clerk, selectman, representative to the Legislature, justice of the peace, and postmaster.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Genealogical Records of the Descendants of John and Anthony Emery (1500-1890), compiled by Rev. Rufus Emery, (Salem, Massachusetts) 1890.  
Atlas of York County, Maine, Sanford, Everts & Company, Philadelphia (1872).  
History of Sanford, 1661-1900, by Edwin Emery, Salem Press Company, Salem, Mass., 1901.  
The North Parish Congregational Church of Sanford, by Capt. Albert L. Prosser, (1960).

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 **UTM NOT VERIFIED**  
 Quadrangle name Berwick Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The Homestead property is bounded on the southwest by a rented property (100 feet) belonging to Ruth Emery and a house and lot belonging to J. M. Holt (75 feet); on the north by property of Dr. N. Scaccia (143 feet); on the north-east (264 feet) by the Sanford Nursing Home, house lots of W. Allaire and G. Lantagne, the

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries (see continuation sheet)**

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1980

street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133

city or town Augusta, state Maine

# 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.

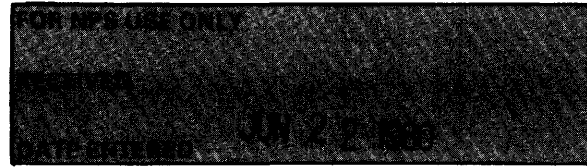
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title S.H.P.O.

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Bruce [Signature]</i></u>	date <u>4/22/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u><i>Patrick Andrews</i></u>	date <u>6/17/80</u>
Chief of Register	

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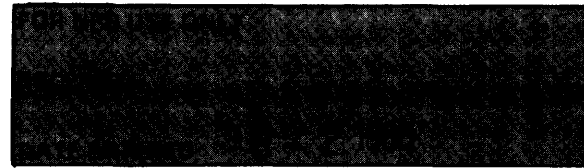
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It was Caleb's son William, Jr. (1791-1877) who built the main house on Lebanon Street. Like so many of his forebears, he participated in town affairs as treasurer and deputy sheriff, in addition to his principal occupation of running a large farm and lumber business.

The many benefactions to the town by members of the family are evidence of their civic-mindedness and of their significance in the life of the community. There is an Emery scholarship fund at the local high school, an endowment for the Nason College library, a memorial room at the Henrietta Goodall Hospital, two memorial rooms in the Congregational Church parish house as well as substantial bequests to the church endowment fund. William Oscar Emery left a bequest to Sanford "for beautifying the town", and the William Oscar Emery Drive along the river, that is extended from time to time, is the result. For these reasons, as well as for the antiquity of the old house in which some members of the family have lived continuously since it was built, it would seem appropriate to preserve the Emery Homestead.

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Salvation Army building, and the Unitarian Church; on the south by Lebanon Street (185 feet).