

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): Block Historic _____
- 2. Principal Street Address: 379 Lisbon Street
- 3. Other Street Address: Cedar Street
- 4. Present Owner's Name: _____ 5. Ownership: public ___ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: _____
- 7. Original Owner: _____
- 8. Use: original commercial/residential 9. Accessibility to public:
 present commercial exterior visible from public road X
 interior accessible: (explain) yes, public access to shop, occupying all levels.

Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August, 1984
 Address: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14350 Telephone: _____
 Position: volunteer ___ professional consultant ___ intern X
 other, (explain) _____

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 2½ Bays ___ Attic ___ Basement X
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: ___ wood frame, light members: ___
 System: masonry load bearing: X metal, (explain): _____
- 12. Photo _____ 13. Map _____

Average - 1/8

DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle___ wood shingle___ slate___ concrete___
Material: composition X metal___ tile___ other___
Walls: wood___ stone___ cast iron___ brick X stucco___
other granite trim/wood gable
Foundation: brick

15. Present excellent___ good X fair___ poor___ deteriorated___
Condition: explain fair or poor condition___

16. Integrity: original site: yes X no___ if moved, when___
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

Alteration of this structure has been minimal, entailing the elimination of two former entrances on Cedar Street with bricks and boards, and the early addition of a cross gable, also on the Cedar Street facade.

Tax assessment records indicate remodeling in 1964, however, the extent of alteration is not specified.

17. Threats to none___ zoning___ roads___ developers___ deterioration___
Building: other construction is currently underway at rear of structure

18. Related ^{none} barn___ carriage house___ garage___ privy___ shed___ shop___
Outbuildings: landscape features___
other___

19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land___ woodland___ industrial___
densely built-up X commercial X scattered buildings___
residential___ other mixed use area

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

The commercial character of Lisbon Street and the strong rhythm of the store-front facades diminishes rapidly south of the intersection with Cedar Street. Across Lisbon Street, a large modern commercial bakery with no fenestration or facade details distorts the scale of the street. This structure and the two immediately south are consistent with the line of commercial buildings north of Cedar and lend a visual prominence, vital to this corner location.

DESCRIPTION

21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

This Greek Revival style, domestic scale, brick and granite commercial structure supports a gable roof complicated by the later addition of a wood cross gable on the north roof slope. The two storefronts are of rock-faced granite, post and lintel construction with granite stoops. Original window openings feature rock-faced granite sills and lintels and contain two over two, double-hung, wood sash windows. The roof line has a projecting raking eave with end returns.

The gable end facing north is sheathed with wood shingles in a fish-scale pattern and includes paired windows with wood, trim-boards and a projecting wood crown.

Original storefront features include: o wood sash display windows
o a glazed, wood panel door
o a decorative band of glazing below display

A tall chimney projects from the ridge at the west end of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: c. 1865

23. Architect: _____ Address: _____

24. Builder: _____ Address: _____

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

The domestic scale of this simple, Greek Revival style, brick structure and the substantial granite post and lintel storefront contribute to the depiction of Lisbon Street's early commercial character.

The City Directory of 1864 lists Lord and Jones as provisions dealers on Lisbon Street (no address specified). In 1872 the directory lists James C. and Rufus Lord as proprietors of a store selling provisions at the corner of Lisbon and Cedar. It may be concluded that Lord's was one of the early businesses at the south end of Lisbon Street, and was likely encouraged by the mill proprietors who sought to establish commercial activity in proximity to the mills. The success of James Lord's store is indicated by the later construction of his residence at 497 Main Street, presently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Construction of the building followed purchase of the property by James G. Lord in 1865. Lord obtained the lot from the Franklin Company which re-

26. Sources: stricted development to structures constructed of masonry or meta
and at least two stories high.
Androscoggin County Atlas, Sanford and Everts, Philadelphia, 1873.
City Directories, 1864, 1872, 1878; on deposit at the Lewiston Public Library.
Tax assessment records, Assessor's Office, City Building, Lewiston.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Lord Block
3. Street or rural address: 379 Lisbon Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 18D Lot 379
5. Present Owner: Roland & Realita Champagne Address: 60 Pleasant Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: commercial Original use: commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Greek Revival
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This two-and-one-half story brick commercial structure has a pitched roof with the narrow gable end facing the street. The windows are square headed with quarry-faced granite lintels and sills and have one over one double hung sash. The original shopfronts are divided between quarry-faced granite piers and lintels. The raking cornice has thin returns in the gable end.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated c. 1865 Factual _____
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
4/85

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Original sash replaced; doors replaced early twentieth century.
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building is historically important as the oldest unaltered commercial structure on Lisbon Street. Although a very late example of the Greek Revival style, the building exhibits the typical design of mid-nineteenth century commercial architecture during Lewiston's early development.

James G. Lord constructed this property for his provisions store in about 1865. Lord purchased the lot from the Franklin Company, the principal developers of industrial Lewiston. Property restrictions at the time stipulated that the building be masonry construction, at least two stories high and have a metal roof.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture Arts & Leisure ___
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement ___
 Government ___ Military ___
 Religion ___ Social/Education ___
 Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Registry of Deeds, Androscoggin County
 Courthouse

22. Date form prepared 12/85
 By (name) Roger Reed
 Organization MHPC
 Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):