
7. Description

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

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Burnell Tavern is a distinguished eighteenth-century residential building whose exterior features are largely intact. The L-shaped building is two-and-one-half stories high with a gable roof. On the north side of the ell is a one-story wing. The windows have nine-over-six double-hung sash, except for the attic windows which are six-over-six. In the center of the five bay east facade is a pedimented entrance vestibule with sidelights flanking the door. A second entrance on the south side has a transom and a simple entablature.

Joined to the one-story wing is a gable roof breeze-way which connects the house to a nineteenth-century carriage barn. This structure has a gable roof, clapboard siding and windows with six-over-six double-hung sash.

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"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 1737 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This substantial 13-room house is the oldest structure standing in Baldwin and has been a well-known local landmark for many years. Built by Gideon Burnell in 1737, it was an early and popular stopover on the Pequawket Trail between Portland and Fryeburg on the way to central New Hampshire. Though a simple structure, its lines are clean and its proportions true as a fine example of New England colonial architecture.

Gideon Burnell was a prosperous farmer who became something of an entrepreneur in the region, eventually owning a grist and a saw mill and running the local general store.

The house remained in the Burnell family until very recently when it was occupied for a short time by a large and careless family who did considerable damage to the building. The present owner is finishing a detailed and correct restoration.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Souvenir of Baldwin, Maine, 1912. Brunswick, 1912.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Cornish

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 19, Lot 26

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2132

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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

Carole S. Platt

title S. H. P. O.

date 11/18/83

For NPS use only

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

Melrose Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Added to the
National Register

date 12/29/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration