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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 Jabez Knowlton Store
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER W of Newburgh on ME 9
Route 9
CITY, TOWN Newburgh me VICINITY OF 2nd Hon. William Cohen
STATE Maine CODE 23 COUNTY Penobscot CODE 019

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Amos Kimball
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Newburgh VICINITY OF STATE Maine

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Penobscot County Registry of Deeds,
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Bangor STATE Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jabez Knowlton Store in Newburgh, built in 1839, is a very fine example of an early Greek Revival style rural commercial building.

The white frame building consists of 1½ stories with gabled roof (covered with asphalt shingles), clapboard siding, and field-stone foundation. There is a single brick chimney at the rear (south end) of the store.

The main facade, which faces north in the gable-end consists of a simple framed entrance with panelled door, flanked by 12/8 double-hung windows. In the facade half story is a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows. All of the facade windows are equipped with black louvered shutters.

(PHOTO ONLY SHOWS ONE WINDOW ON WEST SIDE.)
The east and west sides of the store each have two 9/6 windows. The northerly window on the east side is fitted with an external wooden shutter made of vertical boards; presumably all of the first-story windows were once so equipped.

The rear of the store (south end) features a single 9/6 window.

Internally, the Jabez Knowlton Store has not evidently changed in any way since about 1900, with many of its mid-19th-century features intact. Additionally, the store contains a remarkable collection of American commercial artifacts. The building and collection comprise a private museum.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1839

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Beyond its interest as a piece of 19th century rural commercial architecture the Jabez Knowlton Store in Newburgh is a unique and truly remarkable survival of a turn-of-the-century country general store. It is not an artificially assembled collection of old merchandise and empty containers but rather a fully stocked emporium preserved exactly as it was when the doors closed on its commercial life in 1910.

Built in 1839 for \$167. by Jabez Knowlton, a local entrepreneur with many business interests, the store was operated continuously for over seventy years by himself and his descendants. Upon the sudden death of its proprietor in 1910, his wife, unable to run the store on her own but loath to sell the property, closed it. Since then it has been maintained untouched except for periodic cleaning by members of the family, most lately Mr. Amos Kimball, who opens it by appointment as a museum.

The shelves are fully stocked with the endless variety of goods typically carried by a rural general store. Patent medicines of all kinds abound, drawers contain dried medicinal herbs, and tobacco, both leaf and plug, rests in unopened packages on the shelves. New shoes of 1900 vintage are found next to kitchen utensils of a bygone era. Dozens of full button boxes accompany hundreds of spools of thread of all colors in shallow display drawers, and a large number of bolts of cloth. Lamp chimneys of various designs are displayed on racks near the ceiling. Baskets, palm leaf fans and straw hats hang above glass cases filled with candies and trinkets for children. In the rear a large tank for dispensing kerosene shares a wall with axe helves, fishing poles and spindles for lighting fires. A small room in the rear houses a massive iron safe and a counting desk.

The Jabez Knowlton Store is a tremendously significant, authentic and living part of the past which conveys the flavor of rural life as no reconstruction can possibly do.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Information deriyed from interview with Mr. Amos Kimball, owner.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE	

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EASTING					

4	9	5	0	5	7	0
NORTHING						

B

ZONE	

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C

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D

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NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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 6/77

STREET & NUMBER 242 State Street

TELEPHONE 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Earle S. Sheddworth Jr.

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

July 27, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles A. ...

DATE

11/15/78

DATE

1-18-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER