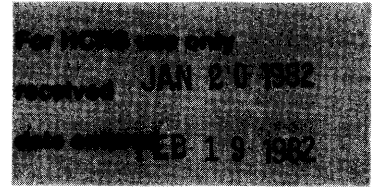


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Norumbega Carriage House

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number High Street N/A not for publication

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

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Russell M. Nilson + Susan Mott-Nilson

street & number P. O. Box 873

city, town Camden, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04843

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number

city, town Rockland, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A  yes  no

date N/A  federal  state N/A  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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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The "Norumbega" Carriage House of Camden, Maine, built in, or shortly after, 1886, is a remarkable building in the Queen Anne style, complementing the main house ("Norumbega", N.R. 7/12/74).

The 2½-story carriage house is of field-stone and frame construction with an L-shaped plan, cross-gabled roofs, shingled siding (except where field-stone is exposed), and a tall external tower attached to the east corner of the building. This tower is cylindrical with a conical roof; its lower half is stone as far up as the cornice of the carriage house, and above that point it is framed with shingled siding. Just below the bracketed cornice of the tower are positioned several windows of varying shape (6/6 and 1/1).

The facade faces north-west and features an arched barn doorway in stone, above which is a second-story arched bay with double-doors, flanked by small circular windows. Two other ground-level entrances are present, a hooded one to the extreme left end of the facade and another to the right of carriage entrance.

The southeast side of the building contains 2/2 fenestration and, as in the facade, has two half-timbered triangular pediments at half-story level.

An extension of the building to the southwest (which creates the L-shaped plan), contains a second barn door facing northeast. Above this carriage entrance is a double doorway with two 28-light windows.

## 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 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** 1886

**Builder/Architect** Arthur B. Jennings

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Although originally part of the "Norumbega" estate of telegraph magnate and inventor Joseph B. Stearns, the Carriage House has for some time been separately owned and as such is being nominated individually.

Designed, like Norumbega, by Arthur B. Jennings of New York City, the building reflects the same imaginative approach. Evidently a romantic in his creative inspiration, he also designed the St. Lawrence Wright Memorial Church on Munjoy Hill in Portland (N.R. 10/ 1/79) in which many of the same stylistic details appear.

Originally containing grooms' quarters the building is now being rehabilitated for use as a residence in its entirety.

The Norumbega Carriage House is unique in its design and reflects the opulence and variety of taste exhibited by wealthy Maine summer residents in the early years of the resort development.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

The Industrial Journal, Bangor, Maine, October 22, 1886 and July 12, 1895.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/4  
Quadrangle name Camden

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 8, Lot 21

### 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, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 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 Earle S. Fredenworth, Jr.

title S.H.P.O. date 12/18/81

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the National Register
<u>Melona Byers</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>2/19/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	