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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Hancock	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-1-18-0006	DATE 1/26/70

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Cate House

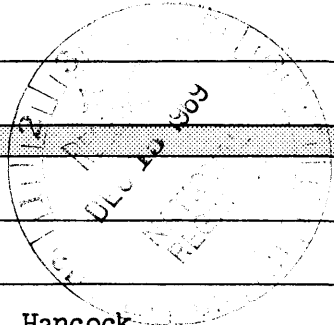
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Adams House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner of Court Street and Pleasant Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castine

STATE Maine	CODE 18	COUNTY: Hancock	CODE 009
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Maine Maritime Academy

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Castine

STATE:  
Maine

CODE:  
18

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Hancock County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Ellsworth

STATE:  
Maine

CODE:  
18

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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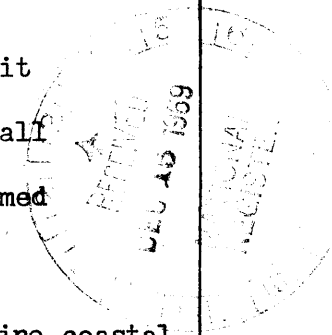
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cate House is a large Colonial style home. Built in 1815, it remains in excellent condition today. Of special note is the hall with its curved door and stairway. The grounds are neatly trimmed and surrounded by a stone wall.

The Cate-Adams House, like many of the Colonial Homes of the Maine coastal regions is marked by the absence of a front porch. This is partly due to the extremely mild summers and the dark winters, requiring maximum light in the stair hall entry. The Cate-Adams House captures a unique and delightful stair hall lighting effect in the use of the frontispiece doorway with the overhead fanlight in the form of an arch elliptical in shape, glazed and filled with a wooden slab fan. This home was built in the days when Castine was an important shipping center. Maritime traditions continue much alive within the walls of the Cate-Adams House, for this is the president domicile of the Executive Officer for the Maine Maritime Academy.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cate House or Adams House was built in 1815 for Thomas and Jane Russell Adams. Their granddaughter, Mrs. Anna Dole, was brought up here. It was in this house that on May 19, 1873, she married Sanford Dole, who became the first and only president of Hawaii in 1893. Later Dole became the first Governor of Hawaii. Dole was a relation of James Dole, the Hawaiian pineapple baron.

Harriet Beecher Stowe spent some months at the house at one time.

Homes such as the Cate House were built when Castine was one of the wealthiest towns of its size in Maine.

Thomas Adams was born at Pembroke, New Hampshire, July 3, 1783. He died in Roxbury, Massachusetts, December 1847. He married May 23, 1815, to Miss Jane Russell of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. His active business life was passed at Castine and he was a Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts as well as a selectman for the town.

Jane Elizabeth Cate (Born April 11, 1817 and died 1891) was the daughter of Thomas and Jane Russell Adams. After her marriage to Charles Cate, January 12, 1839, she continued to live in her girlhood home, the fine old place at the corner of Court and Pleasant Streets. It was her daughter, Anna, who married the Hon. Sanford B. Dole. Mrs. Cate spent her remaining years in Castine raising not only her own family, but later the six children of her brother when they became too far advanced for the inefficient schools of Honolulu.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Wheeler, George, History of Castine, Cornwall, N. J., 1923, P. 431  
 Smith, Bradford, Yankee in Paradise, New York 1956, P. 325  
 Tate, Merze, The U. S. and the Hawaiian Kingdom, Yale Press, New Haven, 1965  
 Pratt, , Expansionists of 1898 pp. 83, 84, 90

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	44°	23'	16"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	68°	48'	0"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission      DATE: November 12, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta      STATE: Maine      CODE: 18

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National     State     Local

Name Lawrence Stuart  
 Lawrence Stuart  
 Title Director

Date 12-11-69.

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

Ernest Allen Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 26 1970

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William J. Smuteggs  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 14 1970

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