

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD**

NRIS Reference Number: 74000163 Date Listed: 12/03/74

The Nutting Homestead                      Oxford                      ME  
Property Name                                      County                                      State

N/A  
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

 8/5/93  
Signature of the Keeper                                      Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**2. Location: County**

The Nutting Homestead is located in Otisfield, Maine. At the time the property was listed in the National Register, Otisfield was located in Cumberland County. As of July 1, 1978, Otisfield seceded from Cumberland County and became part of Oxford County. The nomination now reflects the property's location in Oxford County.

This information was conveyed to the National Park Service by Earle Shettleworth, MESHPO, by letter of June 17, 1993.

**DISTRIBUTION:**  
National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| STATE:<br><b>Maine</b>          |
| COUNTY:<br><b>Cumberland</b>    |
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| ENTRY DATE<br><b>DEC 3 1974</b> |

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**The Nutting Homestead**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**R.F.D. #1, Oxford, Maine**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Otisfield**

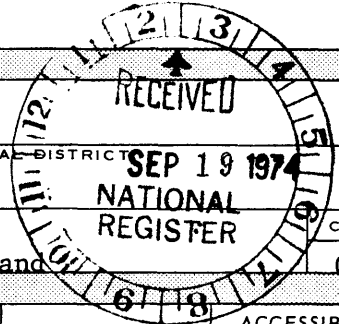
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**First**

STATE:  
**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

COUNTY:  
**Cumberland**

CODE:  
**005**



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Albert Deane Nutting**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**R.F.D. #1, Oxford, Me.**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Otisfield**

STATE:  
**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Registry of Deeds, Cumberland County**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Federal Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Portland**

STATE:  
**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

**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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STATE: **Maine**

COUNTY: **Cumberland**

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DATE: **1974**

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nutting Homestead in Otisfield provides excellent insight into the development of a rural Maine farm complex. This evolution is seen in the simple late 18th century Cape, its grander attached Federal period house, and their surrounding farm buildings, which include a barn, a carriage house and a corn crib.

The first section of the Nutting Homestead was the one and a half story Cape style house. This was built by Nathan Nutting shortly after his arrival in Otisfield in 1796. The Cape possesses a granite foundation, is of frame construction, and has exterior clapboarding. The original central chimney was replaced in 1876 by two small chimneys because of the introduction of stoves. The presence of the roof overhang suggests that the roof may have been altered at some point.

The facade or west wall of the house is symmetrically divided into five bays. The central bay consists of a doorway which is flanked at either side by a simple pilaster. On each side of the doorway is a pair of two windows which are placed closely together. The south wall has two windows on the first story and one window on the half story. From the east or rear wall extends a long one and a half story ell. This wall contains two windows which are located closely together. The north side serves as the connecting wall between the Cape and the later house. Thus, it has only one window on the first floor and a small window above it, which is located directly under the overhang of the roof.

Like the Cape, the two and a half story section of the house stands on a granite foundation, is of frame construction, and has exterior clapboarding. Built in 1820 by Nathan Nutting, Jr., the house, with its large central chimney, has the general appearance of an eighteenth century dwelling. In the third decade of the nineteenth century, the central chimney is an unusual feature to find, for most Maine houses were by then using a side chimney arrangement.

As with the Cape, a symmetrical facade design is present. The central bay of the first story displays a handsome Federal style doorway. The paneled door is flanked by mullioned sidelights and has a broad, louvred fan above it. These elements are enframed by two pilasters that support a horizontal pediment which features a complete Grecian Doric entablature. At the left and right of the doorway are two windows. The facade cornice is comprised of a series of modillions.

The south side of the 1820 section serves as the connecting wall with the Cape. Thus, only one window is present on the second story level, and none exist on the first or third. The east or rear wall has three windows on each of the first and second stories. The north wall contains one window on the first, second and half story levels.

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| STATE            |            |
| Maine            |            |
| COUNTY           |            |
| York             |            |
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|                  | DEC 3 1974 |

(Number all entries)

Immediately to the north of the Nutting Homestead stand three nineteenth century agricultural buildings, the carriage house, barn, and corn crib. Like the house, these are frame structures which are in basically original condition. Although Maine has long been a rural state, it is rare to find such an authentic nineteenth century farm complex as Nathan Nutting's. Its preservation is due largely to its uninterrupted ownership by the Nutting family for five generations. The present owner, Albert D. Nutting, continues his family tradition by carefully maintaining the homestead.



**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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) C. 1796 and 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

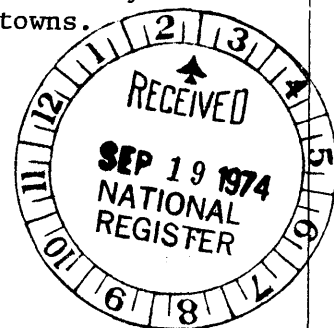
The Nutting Homestead is an early nineteenth century farm complex which has been occupied continuously by five generations of the family.

Nathan Nutting, born in 1761 in Groton, Massachusetts came to Otisfield with his family including his brother, Jonathan, in 1796 and built the original Cape Cod section of the house.

His son, Nathan, Jr. was born November 6, 1804 and according to family tradition as recounted by Mrs. Albert D. Nutting of the fifth generation to occupy the house, was sent to Boston as a boy to study architecture and the building trade. He returned to build the attached Federal house for his brother, Lyman, in 1820.

Nathan, Jr. as a master builder also designed and built the present Bell Hill Meeting House in Otisfield, churches in Casco & Westbrook and probably other houses and public buildings. He also built the first steam sawmill in Otisfield and made carpenters planes and other tools.

This fine example of rural architecture expanding with family growth attests to the relative permanency of small Maine towns.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

J. K. Nutting, Nutting Genealogy  
 William Samuel Spurr, History of Otisfield  
 William Samuel Spurr, Ed., Otisfield Vital Records  
 Town Register, Otisfield, Harrison, Naples and Sebago, 1906

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

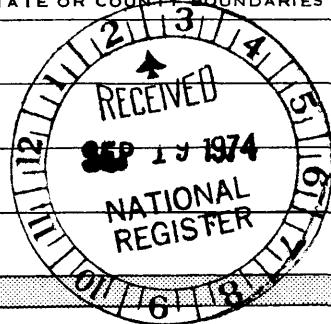
| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 44° 04' 14"   | 70° 32' 33"             |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |   |                         |  |

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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 AND TITLE: Earle Shettleworth, Architectural Historian  
Frank A. Beard, Historic Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: 8/29/74

STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 James H. Mundy  
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date September 16, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

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 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/3/74

ATTEST:  
Archie George Truway  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date Nov. 27, 1974