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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Washington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-1-18-0008	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Sullivan

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Moose Island

CITY OR TOWN:
Eastport

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18** COUNTY: **Washington** CODE: **029**

barracks: 74 Washington St.

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

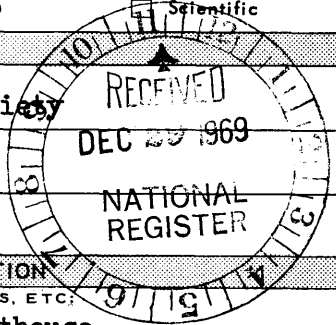
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Border Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 95

CITY OR TOWN:
Eastport

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Machias

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	Officers Barracks (Check One)				Powder Magazine	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" 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

Few of the buildings of old Fort Sullivan are now in existence. Some were used for a while after the fort was abandoned and deteriorated. Some were sold and moved to different parts of Eastport. Part of the barracks building remains standing and is located at 74 Washington Street, where it was moved about 100 years ago.

The only remaining part of Fort Sullivan itself which can be found on the original site is the Powder Magazine. The local high school and municipal auditorium are now found on the site.

Shore batteries connected with Fort Sullivan were placed at strategic locations around Moose Island.

A Regents Redoubt to defend against possible land force attacks from the Northeast was located a few hundred yards from the fort.

The original measurements of the Fort Sullivan enclosure, according to Lt. Col. G. Nichols, Commander of the Royal Engineers at Moose Island in July of 1814, were 610' by 375'. This amounts to an area of about five acres enclosed by walls.

A report of November 1, 1815, taken from the Public Archives of Canada and condensed read as follows: The Ordinance Report on Forts, batteries, buildings and field ordinance at Moose Island, 1 November 1815, included an American (sea) battery, two other batteries, three blockhouses, one of which was American, a store magazine, and an artillery storehouse at Fort Sherbrooke (the British name for Fort Sullivan) and the unfinished Regents Redoubt

Today there remains on the original site the store magazine (powder magazine). This is located on an area of less than one acre owned by the Border Historical Society, Inc. The Officers Barracks building was removed from its original place inside the Fort Sullivan walls some 100 years ago. It was placed on a foundation located today at 74 Washington Street and was until 1966 used as a dwelling house - the so called "Look Property." This was purchased by the Border Historical Society, Inc. in 1966. It has been restored and now serves as a museum and the official headquarters of the Border Historical Society, Inc. This building is located on a city lot which is less than one acre in area.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Fort built in 1808, abandoned in the late 1800's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Sullivan was built in 1808 by the District of Maine (then a part of Massachusetts) on orders from James Sullivan, Governor of Massachusetts. The fort was designed to protect the fishing settlement of Eastport and to aid in the enforcement of President Jefferson's Embargo Act. The location of this fort on a bluff on Moose Island commanded Passamaquoddy Bay at the mouth of the St. Croix River. The St. Croix River had been determined the easternmost boundary of the United States following an international dispute which resulted from the ambiguity of the Treaty of Paris, 1783, which formally ended the Revolutionary War. The batteries and blockhouses were built under the direction of Major Lemuel Trescott and the fort was named for the then Governor of Massachusetts, James Sullivan. Late in the year of 1811 there were rumblings of serious events to come. The stand taken by the United States concerning activities in Europe had been to remain neutral. The Embargo Act had spelled the ruin of the New England shipping industry and its effect was most seriously felt in the vicinity of Maine as trade with the Maritime Provinces was now illegal. Pressures were brought to bear which led to the growing resentment by the United States against Great Britain. To be sure the Acts of France and Napoleon were alien to Americans but they were more distant than the British habit of the impressment of American seamen into British Naval Service and the incident of the aggressive attack on the American ship "President" by the British "Little Belt" led to stiffened American resolves against Great Britain.

On June 1, 1812, President James Madison declared war on Great Britain. For the first two years of the war New England was spared from direct involvements, but on April 25, 1814, Great Britain prepared to form a naval blockade on New England ports. The might of Britain fell on the District of Maine. Naval forces gained control of all of Eastern Maine and a British expedition directed to take Moose Island's Fort Sullivan and the town of Eastport was a military success for the British forces under the overall command of Sr. J. C. Sherbrooke. Little opposition to the British landing was made. Kilby in his History of Eastport and Passamaquoddy states that the object of the British was to claim the territory from Penobscot to the St. Croix Rivers and create the Province of New Ireland, whose population would be bolstered by Loyalists who were expelled from the United States during the American Revolution. Washington and Hancock counties were to have been included in this plan. Fort Sullivan now in British control was re-named Fort Sherbrooke. The war was ended by the Treaty of Ghent. The conditions for the return of Moose Island and the Fort Sullivan fortifications to the State of Massachusetts were spelled out in the Treaty of

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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		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		Powder Magazine		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		44° 54' 23"	66° 59' 36"	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		Officers Barracks		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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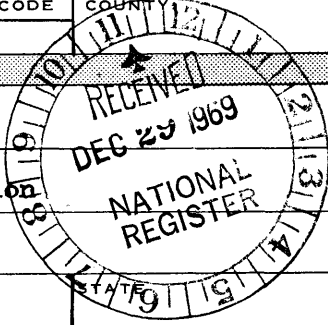
11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **State Park & Recreation Commission** DATE: **Dec. 18, 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
 Title Director

Date Jan 23, 1969

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

Connet Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 26 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Smutsky
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 14 1970

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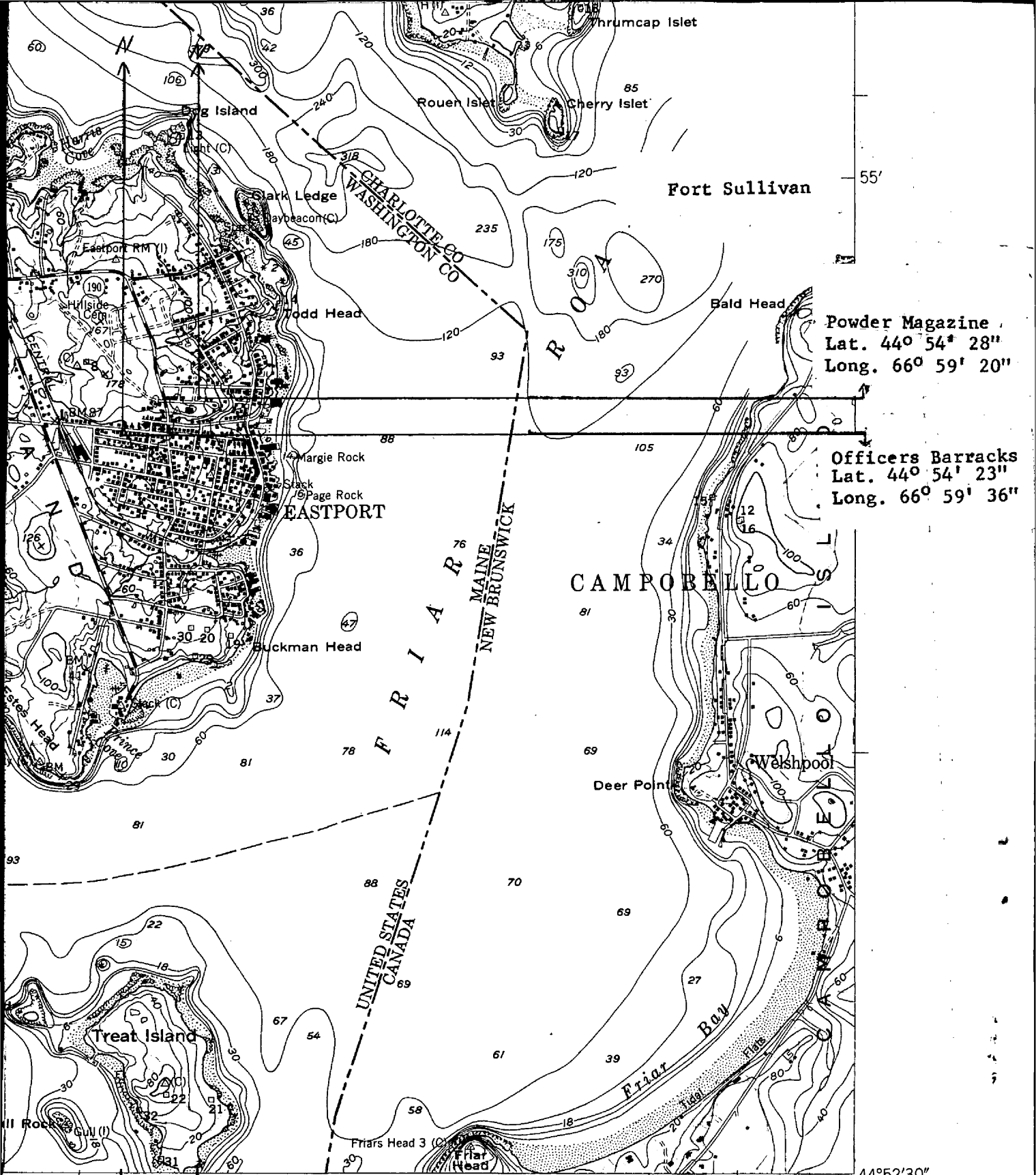
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Continuation of Statement of Significance.

Ghent dated December 24, 1814, but the British did not relinquish this position until 1818.

The Fort Sullivan site remained idle until 1838. At this time a boundary dispute in Aroostook County, Maine with New Brunswick was leading in the direction of war again with Great Britain. Militia companies did occupy the Fort Sullivan complex for short periods between 1838-1839. The Northeastern Boundary Dispute or "Aroostook War" so-called was settled by an International Commission on March 23, 1839. Fort Sullivan since that time has not been used for formal military purposes.





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(LUBEC) INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.-1952

USC&GS T-8791

EASTPORT, ME.

NE/4 EASTPORT 15'X20' QUADRANGLE
 N4452.5-W6657/7.5'X10.5'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty..... 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty.....
- Medium-duty..... 4 LANE 16 LANE Unimproved dirt

- U. S. Route
- State Route

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STREET AND NUMBER:

Powder Magazine, Moose Island and Officers Barracks, 74 Washington Street

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U. S. G. S. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' quadrangle, Eastport

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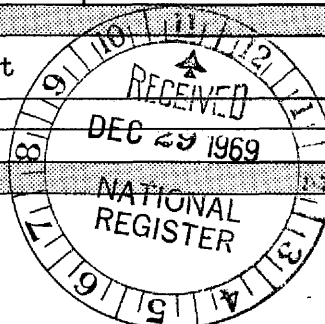
DATE:

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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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