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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Maine</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Waldo</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>APR 19 1973</b>

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Old Post Office**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Main Street (Route 173)**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Liberty**

STATE <b>Maine</b>	CODE <b>23</b>	COUNTY: <b>Waldo</b>	CODE <b>027</b>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u><b>Unoccupied</b></u> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments 

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Dorothy and Alfred Hurwitz**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**4300 Alton Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Miami Beach**

STATE:  
**Florida**

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Belfast**

STATE:  
**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**None**

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

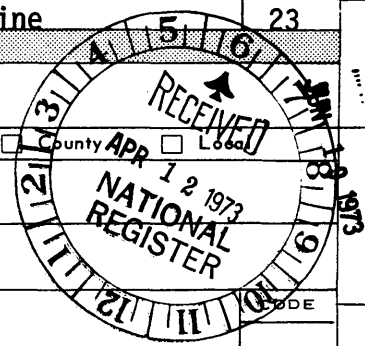
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Octagon Post Office is located on the southerly side of Route 173 in the town of Liberty.

The building is small with the entrance facing the road. In each of the other seven sections of the Octagon is a double hung window.

The original underpinnings of the building are 6" X 18" beams cut with an "up and down" saw. These beams are still present.

The sides are done in clapboards painted white and the roof is done in asphalt shingles.



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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) ca. 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

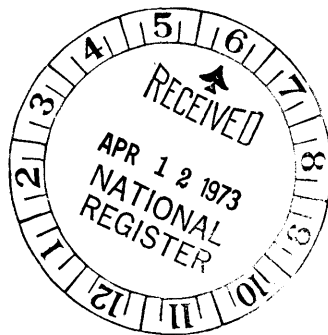
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric               | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation              |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The greatest significance of this small building lies in the fact that of the very few Octagon buildings in the United States this one is the only Octagon Post Office in the country.

The building was constructed around 1870 by Rufus A. Carter, a local harness maker, who used the building for that purpose. In 1878, after passing through another owner, the building was bought by G. H. Cargill. At this time, part of the building came into use as a Post Office while remaining a harness shop. From that time on, it was used as a Post Office until 1960 by the last postmaster, Arthur Sprague.

This small part of Maine's history is going to be restored by the present owner with all the original Post Office equipment put back into the building.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Newspaper article concerning Old Post Office

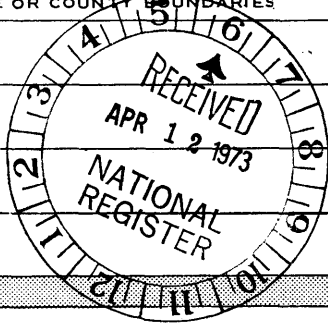
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		44° 23' 31"	69° 18' 27"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One Acre

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:  
Alfred Hurwitz, M.D.

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER:  
4366 Alton Road

CITY OR TOWN: Miami Beach STATE: Florida CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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 James H. Mundy

Title State Liaison Officer

Date April 10, 1973

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

Robertan Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

ATTEST: [Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 12 73