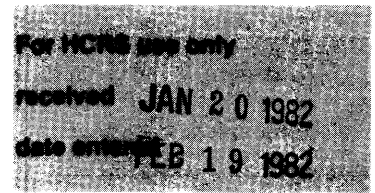


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Straw House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Golda Court Ct. N/A not for publication

city, town Guilford, N/A vicinity of congressional district Second

state Maine code 023 county Piscataquis code 021

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Vernal

street & number Trebor Inn, Golda Court

city, town Guilford, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04443

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Dover-Foxcroft, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Straw House of Guilford, Maine, built ca. 1885, is a dramatic and very well-preserved example of the Queen Anne style in a rural residential context.

The 2½-story house is of frame construction with gabled roof, a large internal chimney, varied siding (shingled, clapboarded, and half-timbered), three-story corner tower, wrap-around one-story porch, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces south, has a central double-doored entrance flanked by 1/1 windows in the first and second stories. To the left is the tower, octagonal in plan with 1/1 windows in each side of each story. In the second story over the entrance is a group of three arched sash windows, while above these, in the half-story is a pair of multi-paned windows in a half-timbered gable. A simple gabled dormer with a pair of 1/1 windows is to the right of this.

The east and west sides of the house are two bays wide with 1/1 windows. Attached to the north-west corner of the house, and running to the west, is a frame carriage-house with gabled roof and clapboard siding, now converted to additional living quarters.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1885 **Builder/Architect** *unknown*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Straw House is an outstanding example of a highly decorative Queen Anne residence with striking external surface treatments in the gables and tower. In this respect it rivals any building of the style in Maine.

The house was built by David Robinson Straw, Jr. whose father, born in Newfield, Maine, came to Guilford in 1833 and established a legal practice. His son, educated at Bowdoin College was admitted to the Piscataquis Bar in 1862 and became a leader in community affairs and county legal circles. In 1880 he also established the insurance agency of Straw and Martin and shortly thereafter built this house on the crest of a hill above the town.

It is interesting to note that the other leading legal figure in Guilford, Henry Hudson II (see Hudson Law Office - N.R. 10/ 9/79), built a house, now gone, at about the same time which employed almost identical decorative features and must have been designed by the same architect.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mitchell, Remick and Bean, The Guilford and Sangerville Town Register, Kents Hill, Maine, 1904.

"Guilford Centennial, 1816-1916", Sprague's Journal of Maine History, Vol. IV, No. 2, 1916. pp. 65-190.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Guilford

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A	<u>1 9</u>	<u>4 6 19 7 13 10</u>	<u>5 10 0 1 7 11 10</u>
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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 16, Lot 19-1

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 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 *Emm S. Shelburne*

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

For HCERS use only

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

Selma Byers Entered in the National Register date 2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration