

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Sturgis & Haskell Block
3. Street or rural address: 180-182 Water Street
City Augusta Zip 04330 County Kennebec
4. Parcel number: Map 34, Lots 69, 70
5. Present Owner: Peder K. Baughman/ Carrie Chan Address: 182 Water St. (182)
City Augusta Zip 04330 Ownership is: Public _____ Private XX
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The STurgis & Haskell Block is a three story brick building with a rounded corner at the intersection of Water and Bridge Streets. Brick corbelling is employed to provide a belt course and decorative window headers, while directly above is a cornice with brackets. The original cast iron storefronts are intact, although larger plate glass has replaced smaller panes. The windows are round arched double hung sash. The north elevation, fronting Bridge Street, has large segmental blind arches on the first story.

Attach Photo(s) Here

See Photo No. 10

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1867
9. Architect John C. Tibbetts
Augusta
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
12/85

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Round arched windows replaced with square headed windows over 180 Water Street
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up X
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial X Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known X Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building is architecturally significant as part of a row of four Italianate style stores which are the most important surviving group of structures erected immediately after the disastrous 1865 fire. It was designed by John C. Tibbetts, the most important architect produced by Augusta and is his finest surviving example of commercial architecture. Constructed in 1867 by Ira Sturgis and Erastus Haskell, this block was part of the last group of structures erected in the two years following the fire.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture X Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government ___ Military _____
 Religion ___ Social/Education _____
 Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Maine Farmer (Augusta)
April 11, 1867; Sept. 24, 1867

22. Date form prepared January, 1986
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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):