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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Goold Family House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 280 Windham Center Road not for publication
city, town Windham Center vicinity
state Maine code ME county Cumberland code 005 zip code 04062

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Carle S. Fitzgerald 3/11/89
Signature of certifying official Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register
Alvin Byer 8/10/80

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granitewalls Wood/WeatherboardWood/Shingleroof Asphaltother Belvedere

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Goold Family House in Windham Center, Maine is a one-and-a-half-story three-bay Greek Revival frame dwelling sheathed in weatherboards and wood shingles. It features a wraparound Colonial Revival porch and multiple dormers in addition to a two-story wing that terminates with a distinctive tower, sheathed in weatherboards and shingles.

Facing west, the main three-bay block of the house is sheltered by the porch whose hip roof is supported by four composite order columns and four lattice posts. On the first story, the central entrance has a four paneled door that is framed by sidelights and a four pane transom. This entrance is flanked by six-over-six windows with louvered shutters.

The second story of this facade has a large centrally placed gabled dormer which is covered with weatherboards on the front and shingles on the sides, flanked by two smaller hip roofed dormers. These dormers, too, have clapboards on the front elevation and are shingled on the sides. Each of the dormers has one six-over-six window. Two interior rear chimneys rise behind the roof ridge.

The south gable end has two first story six-over-six windows, two second story six-over-six windows, and a small ventilation window in the gable peak. The first story is also surrounded by the hip roofed porch, which is punctuated by a hip roofed extension in the center and has two composite order columns and two round columns marking the location of the porch entrance steps. On this elevation the porch has a balustrade.

The north gable end is identical to the south elevation except for the porch which carries straight across the facade and has only lattice posts and a railing.

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The rear elevation of the main house has two six-over-six first-story windows, one centrally located door, and a shed roofed addition with two six pane casement windows grouped together on each of its two sides. On the second story, a hip roofed dormer with dentils is located above the first story windows, and a shed roofed dormer with leaded glass windows is located above the door. The shed dormer abuts a hip roofed three-sided bay that rests on the first story shed roofed addition and contains three six-over-six windows.

The wing, which abuts the shed roofed addition on the rear of the house is sheathed in diamond shaped shingled on the west elevation. There is one door on the south end and four six-over-six windows, below which are a number of garage doors. The north end of the wing is distinguished by a shingled tower which has one bulls-eye window and a square belvedere covered by a hip roof. The rear (east) elevation has plain shingles, two first story six-over-six windows and three second story fixed windows, the south elevation of the wing having a twelve-over-eight window and one four pane window.

Inside, the wide central hallway leads to an open string staircase with two inter-story landings. The staircase combines plain round balusters with other which are Colonial Revival embellishments. The (south) living room, probably at one time two rooms, has one Colonial Revival mantel and fireplace, paneled wainscotting (probably added in the 1890s) and carvings in a bay seat on the east side of the room. The (northeast) room on the first floor has another colonial Revival fireplace flanked by four paneled doors. The kitchen (north) has wood paneling and one more fireplace. On the second floor there are two bedrooms with a fireplace, a third bedroom, and a bathroom, the arrangement and finishing of which were probably first carried out at the turn of the century.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Literature

Period of Significance

1861 - 1890

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Goold, William

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Goold Family House is a one-and-a-half-story Greek Revival dwelling which was home to William Goold, a noted Maine historian and author. Because the house is where William Goold resided and wrote between 1861-90, it is being nominated to the National Register under criterion B.

William Goold, known to those who read his Portland Press newspaper column as "W.G.", was born in Windham on the Goold farmstead on April 13, 1809, though probably not in the house where he wrote years later. Son of Nathan and Betsey (Gowen) Goold, William's schooling had been limited. Tradition maintains that when William left home to begin apprenticing, he carved the date 1823 in the stone behind the present house. On September 9, 1834, Goold married Nabby Tuckey Clark, daughter of William Goold's employer Seth Clark, the first Portland merchant tailor with whom Goold apprenticed. He was subsequently employed in both Portland and Biddeford.

In 1861, William Goold returned to the family farm in Windham where he took up farming, while living in the Greek Revival dwelling that still stands. He became a State Senator in 1874-75, but his real passion was history, and in 1871 Goold published his first historical article for the Press. He was elected a member of the Maine Historical Society in 1873 and became its recording secretary. Between 1873 and 1889, Goold delivered fourteen papers before the Maine Historical Society on a variety of topics including historic buildings, figures and events. In addition to countless newspaper articles, Goold wrote the important Portland history, Portland in the Past (1886).

9. Major Bibliographical References

Census of the United States, 1890, Cumberland County, Maine, Population and Agricultural Schedules, Microfilm of the Maine State Archives, Augusta, Maine.

Goold, Nathan, A Memorial of William and Nabby T. Goold of Windham, Maine. Portland: The Thurston. Print, 1898.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.5

UTM References

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1	9	3	8	7	1	6	0	4	8	4	8	9	0	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies a 0.5 acre portion of the Town of Windham tax map 12, Lot 54. Said portion of this property is bounded by Windham Center Road to the southwest and includes the house and immediate lot on which it stands. See map.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to include only the house and immediate physical setting historically associated with it.

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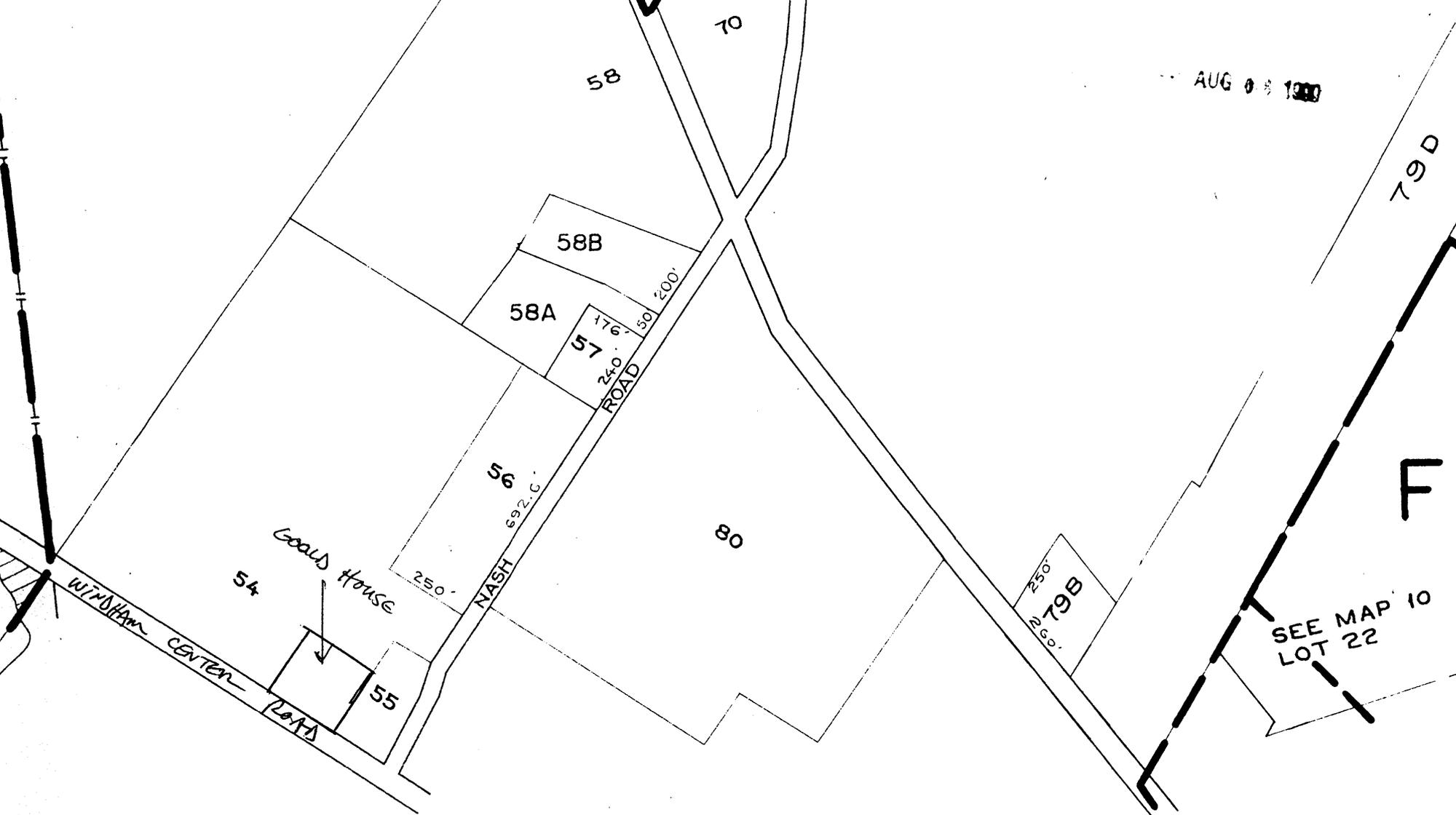
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Tradition maintains that Goold worked in the beveledere on the ell of the house to escape the demands of his children, searching for details concerning the past. As a child he had listened to tales of men who had served in the Revolution and this was one of his favorite topics. After William Goold's death on May 25, 1890, his son Nathan wrote a biographical essay about his father, quoting the Portland Press, which said: "He had a great store of knowledge relating to the early history of the town [Portland] and his narrations were always spirited and entertaining." Praise for Goold continued in the Eastern Argus, which wrote: "He was one of the most laborious searchers into the past for crumbs of antiquarian lore this state has ever produced.... To dig up new facts connected with some event that took place a hundred years ago gave him pure delight."

The year William Goold died (1890) marks the end of the significant period of association with the Windham house, although his son Nathan also distinguished himself as a historian at the Maine Historical Society while living in Portland. It is a house best symbolized by William Goold's productive years when he authored many historical works and instilled in his children his passion for history.

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GOALS FAMILY HOUSE
 WINDHAM VIC., MAINE

PROPERTY MAP
TOWN OF WINDHAM
 CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAINE
 PREPARED BY

JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY OLD TOW
 SCALE 1 INCH = 400 ± FEET