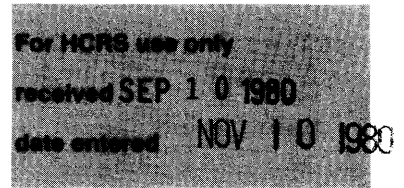


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Benjamin Wiley House

and/or common

2. Location

SE of North Fryeburg area

street & number Fish Street ___ not for publication

city, town ^{North} Fryeburg *me* ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maine code 23 county Oxford code 017

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 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 checked="" 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Douglas Albert

street & number Fish Street

city, town Fryeburg ___ vicinity of state Maine

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town South Paris state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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 Benjamin Wiley House of Fryeburg, Maine is a simple but powerful example of an early Federal prototype found in a rural environment.

Constructed in the post and beam fashion with clapboard exterior and gable roof, the house was erected on a granite foundation during the years from 1790-92, facing in a south-easterly direction. Early Federal details abound. There is an extremely large central brick chimney typically associated with this type of architecture. The main facade is five bays wide. Windows on the first floor are taller than the second story windows, here again typifying Federal design. Fenestration is 9/6 on the first floor and 6/6 in the smaller second story windows. Perhaps the most striking Federal feature of this structure is the central doorway framed by simple pilasters, sidelights, and an entablatured lintel with a detailed fan in a keyed arch above the door. A late addition has been a concrete chimney on the east end of the house. Running off the house in a easterly direction is a two-story ell. There is a small brick chimney present and a full length screened porch on the front of the ell continuing in this direction is a one-story shed leading to a two and one-half story barn. This completes the typical New England attached barn plan and adds to the picturesque layout of the farmstead.

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 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 1772, 1790-92 **Builder/Architect** Benjamin Wiley

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Benjamin Wiley House of Fryeburg Maine is both historically and architecturally significant in the development of this western Maine community.

Historically, the earliest portion of this complex is one of the oldest standing structures in Fryeburg having been built in 1772. This farmstead has been the home of several individuals who have played predominant roles in the history of Fryeburg. Benjamin Wiley, the builder, was one of the first to settle the town and consequently he played an active role in local affairs. Later owners also had distinguished roles in the community. Joseph Colby, owner from 1806 to 1853 served as a lieutenant in the war of 1812 and was also active in Fryeburg politics. His grandson, and owner from 1853 to 1856, Samuel Chandler, was a state representative from the area in 1856. Afterwards in 1882 came Enoch Barker whose fame as a quality stone mason is remembered by his work on many of the canals built in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Architecturally, the original 1772 house has had a second floor added to it and is now incorporated as the ell of the connected structures. From this original building arose a massive Federal house of 1790-92 which typifies the rural adaptation of this particular style. Over the years connecting sheds and a barn have been added to complete the typical New England connected farmstead.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Barrows, J.S. Fryeburg, an Historical Sketch Fryeburg, 1938
 Wiley, Benjamin "Personal Recollections" unpublished work can be found at Maine
 Historic Preservation Commission.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name Fryeburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 19 342945 4885190
 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's map R4, lot 26

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/James Schimmer, Intern

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date July, 1980

street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133

city or town Augusta state Maine

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 Lucas S. Shattuck Jr.

title S.H.P.O.

date 8/29/80

For HCERS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Lucas S. Shattuck Jr. date 11/12/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Patrick Andrews date 11/6/80
 Chief of Registration