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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Theodore Jellison House

and or common The Stone House

2. Location

street & number River Road, N/A not for publication

city, town Calais, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Washington code 029

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brandegge Livingstone

street & number R.F.D. #1, Box 93

city, town Calais, vicinity of state Maine 04619

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Machias, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Sunrise County ARchitecture has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Sunrise Research Institute

city, town Machiasport, state Maine

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 Theodore Jellison House is a granite structure situated on the banks of the St. Croix River. The principal (south) facade is one-and-one-half stories high and three bays wide. With an entrance in the gable end, the building has Greek Revival style cornice returns and windows with six-over-six double-hung sash. Attached to the east facade is a raised wood veranda constructed in 1925. The twin dormers on the east slope of the roof date from the same period.

With its north facade constructed into the side of the bank along the river, the house has an additional basement story exposed above ground. The entrance faces a stone wharf used for loading and unloading goods. On the west side of the house is a one story wood frame ell with shingle siding. This 1968 addition replaced an earlier wing of the same dimensions and materials that was itself added in the mid-nineteenth century.

The interior of the house remains little altered. With walls 26 inches thick, the windows and doors are deeply recessed from the inside. The architrave moldings are original and have very simple profiles. Most of the first floor walls and ceilings have original hair plaster and in the main hall is a reproduction of the original 1862 wallpaper. In the basement is a granite fireplace and on the first floor is a Dutch oven.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1825 **Builder/Architect** Theodore Jellison

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This large and rare stone house built into the side of the bank of the St. Croix River is important not only because of the excellence of its design and construction but also because of its interesting early history.

Built by Theodore Jellison, it is the second oldest house in Calais and the earliest still used as a residence.

Jellison owned granite quarries on his properties and in the vicinity and, while wood construction for his home would have been easier and cheaper, he chose a masonry building as a demonstration of the type of construction that could be achieved with granite. He also built a granite wharf so that ships could ground out at low tide on the flat muddy bottom, be loaded with granite and refloated on the 24 to 28 foot tides. It was always his vision that this area would become the center of Calais. Events proved otherwise and the town commercial center grew up two miles further up stream.

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED

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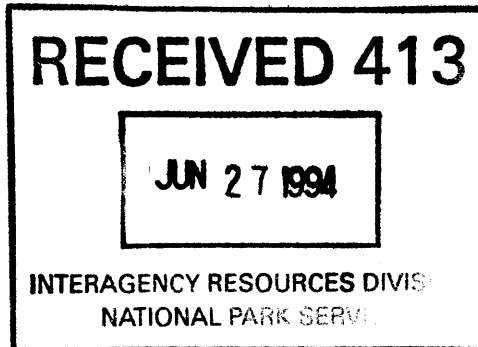
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Dear Beth:

It has come to our attention that the location of the Theodore Jellison House, Calais vicinity, Washington County, Maine, was incorrectly mapped in the original nomination. Thus, I am providing you with a new topographic map and a UTM coordinate position for your file. The new coordinate is: Zone 19, Easting 641410, Northing 5002620.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kirk F. Mohnhey,
Architectural Historian

Enc.

KFM/slm