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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

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HISTORIC

The Sail Loft

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

ME 131

CITY, TOWN

St. George

VICINITY OF

Tenant's Harbor

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st Hon. David Emery

STATE

ME

CODE

COUNTY

Knox

CODE

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Robert Roy Jacks of Deeds,

STREET & NUMBER

535 East 86th Street

CITY, TOWN

P. New York

VICINITY OF

New York STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Knox County Registry of Deeds,

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockland,

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

(The Sail Loft - St. George (Tenant's Hbr.))

The Sail Loft, located in the Tenant's Harbor section of St. George was built in 1860 by Deacon Robert Long. The two and a half story building from the start was intended to serve multiple function: the first story contained a ships' chandlery (the R. Long & Son Store), the second story a sail loft, and the half story a storage area and a molding shop. The building was immediately adjacent to the Bean & Long Shipyard.

The Sail Loft is a large rectangular building in the Greek Revival style with gable roof, two internal end chimneys, and clapboard siding. A granite block foundation supports the structure. Restrained classical motifs are seen, including cornice and Doric pilasters at each of the four corners.

The main facade of the building faces south-east and is two stories high and seven bays wide. In the second story there are seven simple two-over-two windows, irregularly placed. The first story contains two double doors, four two-over-two windows, and a blocked up window.

The south-west and north-east ends of the building are two and a half stories high and originally seem to have been two bays wide. The north-east elevation contains two six-over-six windows in the half story, with two two-over-two windows in the second story; a third second story window was created and subsequently blocked up. There are no first-floor openings in this end of the building.

The south-west end of the building contains two six-over-six windows in the half story. The second story features two two-over-two windows flanking a simple door. Access to this entrance is provided by an external wooden stairway attached to the end of the building. The first story contains a blocked-up window and doorway.

The half-story windows at each end of the structure represent original sashes (6/6), as opposed to the more recent two-over-two sashes elsewhere.

Except for minor modifications to the building noted above, along with internal partitions on the second floor, the Sail Loft is very well preserved. None of the alteration to date is irreversible.

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 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During much of the 19th century the shores of Tenant's Harbor in the Town of St. George were lined with ships on ways in various stages of construction. Most of these were the famous "coasters", schooners of various sizes which handled the trade along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and the West Indies. Carrying from Maine ice, stone, lime and lumber, these vessels were the backbone of trade in these waters until supplanted by steamships and the railroads. Over seventy of these durable crafts were built in this little community during the fifty years between 1820 and 1870. As further testament to the nautical flavor of the region the 1860 Directory for St. George listed 26 master mariners.

Today all that remains as tangible evidence of this heritage is the Sail Loft built by Deacon Robert Long in 1860. Sturdy and rugged, it is, in fact, a kind of time capsule. Except for some partitioning on the second floor the building is little changed. Originally it housed a ship chandlery on the first floor, called R. Long & Son's Store; a sail loft on the second floor, rented out to Elwell Jackson; and a molding shop on the third floor. Today the first floor still contains many of the furnishings of the old store.

In 1870, Robert Long's son, Whitney, went into partnership with Holly Bean to build schooners. During the next two years they built seven vessels on the land in front of the Sail Loft.

A nearly complete set of the records of the Long businesses during the period 1860 to 1874 was found in the building and these documents are now on loan to the Bath Marine Museum for classifications and study.

The Sail Loft, as a local landmark, is a reminder to the residents of Tenant's Harbor of a proud maritime heritage.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Long & Bean Papers, on loan to Bath Marine Museum.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9	4	8	3	1	5	0	4	8	6	7	8	2	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point of Commercial St. 75 feet north of its termination at the shore, proceed southwesterly 250 feet along an unnamed roadway to the southwest property line of the Sail Loft. Then proceed northwesterly 150 feet along this line at which point turn northeasterly and proceed 250 feet to Commercial St. and thence southeasterly along this street to the point of origin.

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
Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE April 19 1977

STREET & NUMBER 31 Western Avenue 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Carle S. Thetfleworth, Jr. DATE 5/5/77

TITLE S.H.P.O.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Ronald M. Greenburg, Actg. DATE 10-28-77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: Carle S. Thetfleworth, Jr. DATE 10-28-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER