

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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Hon. Peter N. Kyros

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Kennebec	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 27 1973	

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1. NAME

COMMON:
The Oaklands

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
South end of Dresden Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Gardiner

STATE <u>Maine</u>	CODE <u>23</u>	COUNTY: <u>Kennebec</u>	CODE <u>011</u>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Oaklands Corp., Robert H. Gardiner, President

STREET AND NUMBER:
10 Post Office Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Boston

STATE:
Massachusetts

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Kennebec County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Augusta

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
H.A.B.S. ME-113

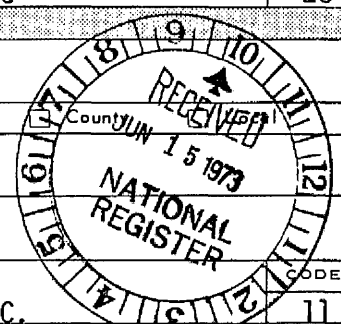
DATE OF SURVEY: August 1962 Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
1st Street and Independence Avenue, S.E.

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Oaklands in Gardiner is a large granite Gothic Revival House designed in 1835-36 by Richard Upjohn.

The house consists of a main house of two stories and an ell of two-and-a-half stories which is set on bedrock. The exterior of the building is faced with granite ashlar quarried in nearby Hallowell. The finish is hammered. Buttresses or octagonal towers occur at all corners and are of a smooth finish. The second story is topped with an embattled parapet.

There are several stone chimneys of groups of one, two and three octagonal stacks.

The windows of the house are of varied size with a various number of lights. The windows in all major rooms have inside shutters. There are no shutters on the exterior.

There is a combination of mansard, gable and flat roofs with a variety of coverings. There is no cornice or eave on the main house.

There are no outbuildings in the immediate vicinity of the house; these are elsewhere on the estate. The landscaping is informal with numerous walls and drives.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Designed 1835-36**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Oaklands was designed by Richard Upjohn, one of America's leading 19th century architects, for Robert Hallowell Gardiner.

The building is not only of unusual architecture for the State of Maine, but is more important for the fact that it was one of Richard Upjohn's early commissions. It was one of the early commissions that started Upjohn's rise to fame as one of America's great architects.

The founder of Gardiner was Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, one of the proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase. Dr. Gardiner was a Tory and his estates were confiscated when the Revolutionary War broke out. They were later restored to his heir and grandson, Robert Hallowell, on the condition that he take the name of Gardiner as specified in Dr. Gardiner's will. This he legally did in 1802 and took possession of the Kennebec estates.

Robert Hallowell Gardiner (1782-1864) was born in England but became Gardiner's wealthiest and most influential citizen. When the Town of Gardiner became a city in 1850 the citizens honored Robert Hallowell Gardiner by naming the city for him and electing him the first mayor.

It was Robert Hallowell Gardiner for whom Oaklands was built. It remains as a monument to the Gardiner family who in many ways were personally responsible for the 19th century prosperity of Gardiner. Oaklands remains to this day in the hands of the Gardiner family.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Gardiner, Maine: 1852.

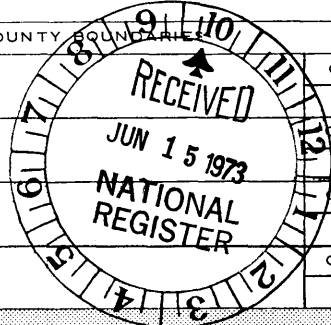
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 Acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard D. Kelly

ORGANIZATION: **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **May, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Jeanette Mundy*
Title: *State Historic Preservation Officer*
Date: *June 11, 1973*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *7/27/73*

ATTEST:
for [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register
Date: *7/26/73*