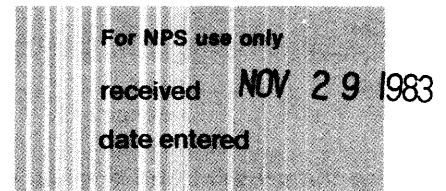


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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

"The Influence"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

Monhegan Island

N/A not for publication

city, town

Monhegan Island, N/A

vicinity of

~~Congressional district~~

state

Maine

code

23

county

Lincoln

code

015

3. Classification

Category

- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership

- public
- private
- both

Public Acquisition

- N/A in process
- being considered

Status

- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use

- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military
- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name

William H. Varnum, Jr.

street & number

10865 East Wesley Place

city, town

Aurora, N/A

vicinity of

state Colorado 80041

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Lincoln County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town

Wiscasset,

state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title

N/A

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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 Influence", an 1826 Federal style residence, is timber frame construction with clapboard siding and a hipped roof. The two-story main section is square with a long shingled one-story wing extending from the north side. The house has six-over-six double-hung sash and a granite foundation.

Divided as a double house in 1828, "The Influence" has two formal entrances on the east and west sides. Each entrance has a six-panel door flanked by sidelights. Extending across the top of both doors is a thin molded cornice. Two narrow corbelled chimneys and the one-story wing are probably mid-nineteenth century additions. Early in the twentieth century six-over-six double-hung sash were added to the center of the north and south sides, matching the original windows.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates 1826 **Builder/Architect** Henry Trefethern

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"The Influence" is significant as being by far the largest and most impressive residence on Monhegan Island as well as one of the oldest. It is also distinguished by the fact that it was built by Henry Trefethern whose father, also Henry, was the last individual to own the island outright. The younger Henry was also a man of great influence hence the name given the house by the islanders shortly after it was built.

The elder Trefethern, a cabinetmaker from Kittery, purchased the island in 1777 from the Bickford family of Beverly, Massachusetts. When he died in 1807, his property was divided up among his heirs and ownership of the island was quickly diversified. Shortly after his son built the house in 1826, he divided it into a double house, his son George occupying one half.

Sited as it is on a high knoll overlooking the harbor of this rugged offshore island, "The Influence" is an impressive landmark to all arriving from sea.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Proper, Ida Sedgwick, Monhegan, The Cradle of New England.
Portland, 1930.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Monhegan

Quadrangle scale 1:34000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone			Easting						Northing												

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 1, Lot 12

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/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2132

city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

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 *Eileen S. Fitzsimmons*

title S.H.P.O. date 11/18/83

For NPS use only

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

Melous Byen
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 12/29/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date