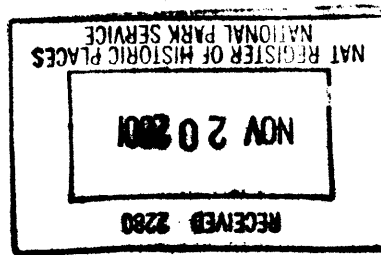


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tarr-Eaton House

other names/site number Tarr-Eaton-Hackett House

2. Location

street & number 906 Harpswell Neck Road N/A not for publication

city or town Harpswell Center N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Cumberland code 005 zip code 04079

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 11/13/01
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

12/31/01
Date of Action

Tarr-Eaton House
Name of Property

Cumberland, Maine
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)
 private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)
 building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)
Contributing Non-contributing

1 buildings
sites
structures
objects
1 0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
Federal
Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone/Granite
walls Wood/Weatherboard
Wood/Wood Shingle
roof Asphalt
other Side Porch and Attached Shed

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The Tarr-Eaton House is a one-and-a-half-story, five-bay frame cape that features a center chimney and a side porch that extends to a gable roofed shed attached to the northeast corner of the house. The entire building is sheathed in clapboards, and it stands on a concrete foundation with an exposed rubble stone cap. It is located in Harpswell Center adjacent to the Harpswell Meeting House (NHL) and Cemetery.

Facing south, the symmetrically composed front elevation is comprised of a central entrance that is surmounted by a narrow transom. Nine-over-six double hung sash windows flank the entry. There are two similar windows on the first story of the west gable end, as well as a smaller six-over-six in the gable peak. The hipped roof of the east side porch is supported by two posts. This porch shelters a door and one nine-over-six window, and there are two six-over-sixes above. There are four six-over-six windows and a door on the rear (north) elevation of the house.

The shed's front elevation has a profile comprised of a horizontal cornice located just below its gable peak and a raking cornice that extends to a Greek Revival style corner pilaster. A board-and-batten door and a six-over-six window are centered one above the other on this elevation. There is a second door on the east side and a pair of six-over-six windows. A larger track mounted door, shed roofed outhouse, and one six-over-six are located on the north elevation.

The interior is organized on a hall-and-parlor plan with a steep enclosed staircase positioned forward of the chimney in the front vestibule. Four-panel doors open into the front rooms, both of which exhibit Federal style mantelpieces, raised panel closet doors and a low chair rail. The walls and ceilings are finished in plaster over lath. A much larger but more modestly finished mantelpiece frames the large kitchen fireplace. A pantry and bathroom are located off the northwest corner of the kitchen, whereas a door at the northeast corner opens into the shed. There are two chambers and a large closet on the second floor, as well as a plastered coved ceiling.

Historic photographs of the house show that the original center chimney was replaced by a single brick flue, probably in the second half of the nineteenth century. The present chimney is a 1980s vintage reconstruction based on the unaltered framing and mantelpieces that were left in place at the time of the alteration.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1783

c. 1840

Significant Dates

c. 1783

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Believed to have been constructed as early as 1783-84, the Tarr-Eaton House is a well preserved frame cape with a nineteenth century attached shed. It is located on a two-acre lot that is adjacent to the 1754 Harpswell Meeting House (NHL, 11/24/68). The house is eligible for nomination to the Register under Criterion C for its local architectural significance.

According to local historians, the Tarr-Eaton House was initially occupied by William and Elizabeth (Clark) Tarr. The assumption has been that the house was standing at about the time of the birth of their first child Richard Tarr in 1783, and that it was the homestead on the 105 acre farm that William Tarr is associated with in a 1784 census of the town. In its basic form and orientation, it is reasonable to conclude that the house is as early as has been thought, although later alterations and stylistic updating are also evident. Other documentary sources indicate that William Tarr was a veteran of the American Revolution, was an inn-holder who held a license in 1784-85 to "keep Tavern & Retail Spiritous Liquors..." and was at one time a constable.

Cumberland County deeds show that in 1811, William Tarr sold his property in Harpswell Center to Joseph Eaton. It remained in the Eaton family until 1895 when Thomas Eaton transferred the house to Emiline Morse who subsequently sold it in 1903 to David Hackett. The Hackett family owned the house and its associated forty-seven acres of land until 1982 when it was acquired by Walter and Helen Norton. The Norton's subsequently gave the house and approximately two acres of land to the Harpswell Historical Society, which in turn sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Dusen with protective covenants. The Van Dusen's carried out extensive repairs to the house, and their son Deane Van Dusen presently owns and occupies it.

In addition to the extant pre-revolutionary Harpswell Meeting House, an architectural survey of the town conducted in the early 1980s identified a number of surviving eighteenth century dwellings, including the two-story Deacon Andrew Dunning House (NR 10/8/1999) of 1757-60. Among these early buildings, however, one-and-a-half-story, center chimney capes are the most common house form. In fact, the relatively small scale of these houses remained a model well into the nineteenth century in Harpswell, even as new architectural fashions and innovations in plan -- particularly during the Greek Revival period -- fostered changes in overall design and detailing. The Tarr-Eaton House itself reflects this change in the updating of some exterior trim and the appearance of the shed, both of which have a Greek Revival character. In the context of local building patterns in eighteenth century Harpswell, therefore, the Tarr-Eaton House is a well preserved, representative example of an important house type.

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Harpwell Town Records.

Historic Preservation Survey form for the Capt. William House/Aunt Mary Eaton House, Rt. 23, Harpswell Center, Cumberland County, Maine. April, 1982. Original form on file at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Augusta.

Sally W. Rand to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Van Dusen, May 5, 1989. Copy on file at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Augusta.

Tarr-Eaton House
Name of Property

Cumberland, Maine
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 2

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 19 420580 4849975
Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk F. Mohney, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date November, 2001

street & number 55 Capitol Street, 65 State House Station telephone 207/287-2132

city or town Augusta, state Maine zip code 04333-0065

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name

street & number telephone

city or town state zip code

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of approximately two acres occupies the Town of Harpswell tax map R-4, lot 37.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire lot that is historically and presently associated with the Tarr-Eaton House.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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Deanne Van Dusen

June, 2001

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South facade; looking northwest.

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Deanne Van Dusen

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North side; looking southeast.

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Deanne Van Dusen

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Interior; east parlor.