

PH0014281

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine	
COUNTY:	Androscoggin	
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ENTRY NUMBER	69-12-18-1025	DATE
		12/30/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Norlands

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Israel Washburn Homestead

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Norlands Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Livermore

STATE: Maine CODE: 18 COUNTY: Androscoggin CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <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
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 checked="" 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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Israel Washburn Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
Livermore Falls Trust Company

CITY OR TOWN:
Livermore Falls

STATE: Maine CODE: 18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Androscoggin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Auburn

STATE: Maine CODE: 18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Four buildings make up the Norlands complex: The Washburn Memorial Library, the one room country school, the Norlands Mansion and the Norlands Church, which is not owned by the Washburn Trust. At one time the estate occupied much more land than the present 200 acres. Being on top of a high point of land, the site commands an excellent view of the rolling mountains to the westward.

The Washburn Memorial Library is a Gothic style building built of Hallowell, Maine, granite. This slate roofed building has six side windows, beginning in the walls and extending up to the roof, with cathedral glass panes, imported from Scotland, as well as a large arched window in the end opposite the entrance. Pillars of pink granite on either side of the entrance door have beautifully carved bases and the end of each bookcase facing into the room has a panel with an intricate pierced design. Bookcases in the library are at right angles to the wall forming alcoves, and each of the seven brothers has an alcove in which his portrait hangs. This building was built in 1863. There are no modern conveniences in the library. The building is in good condition.

The one room white clapboard school was built in 1821. It is in good condition, but it is not outfitted with desks or chairs of the appropriate vintage.

The Norlands Church, located just to the south of the mansion was built in 1828. It is typical of a New England type country church. It is not owned by the Israel Washburn Trust, but rather, by the Maine State Universalist Society. Much of the small plot the church is located on was donated by the Washburns. The Church is seldom used any more except for a few summer services.

A short distance from the library is the Washburn Mansion, an imposing two story house, painted white, with its open pillared verandas and tall windows. This house was built in 1867, after a fire had destroyed the original house, on the same site, which had been built by Cyrus Hamlin, father of Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President of the United States in Abraham Lincoln's first administration.

Inside the house, a lofty spacious hallway runs the width of the house, with a door at the end opposite the front door, and a beautiful curving stairway also at the far end. Furniture in the hallway includes carved Turkish chairs, a massive high backed couch and a red velvet covered barrel chair.

On the left of the front door is the study which contains, among other period furniture, a complete set of couch and chairs with carved grape backs. Portraits of the seven sons and their sisters hang on the walls, and on the mantel are portraits of Elihu and his wife, Adele. The ceiling is stenciled, as are the bedroom ceilings also.

The next room on the left is the French room, where between two windows hangs a large pier glass.

On the right of the hallway is the bedroom once occupied by Israel, Sr., and next on the right is the dining room.

Upstairs, off the spacious center hall are four bedrooms, all beautiful high-ceilinged rooms with marble faced fireplaces in the three larger ones. Most of the furniture is of the heavily carved marble topped type of the era in which the house was built. Each room downstairs has marble faced fireplaces also, and the windows upstairs and down have folding wooden shutters. The house is in good condition, with little deterioration having taken place through the years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hess, Stephen, America's Political Dynasties, Garden City, N. J., Doubleday & Co., 1967, PP. 123-143
 Hess Stephen, Article in American Heritage Magazine, An American in Paris, Feb. 1967, pp. 18-27
 Washburn, Lillian, My Seven Sons, Falmouth Publishing, Portland, Maine American Heritage Article, August, 1966, p. 44

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44°	24'	26"	70°	13'	4"			
NE	44°	24'	24"	70°	12'	26"			
SE	44°	24'	05"	70°	12'	27"			
SW	44°	23'	58"	70°	13'	4"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:
 John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: November 18, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18

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 Lawrence Stuart
 Lawrence Stuart
 Title Director

Date December 1, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 30 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Monteleone
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 11 1969

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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 | _____ |
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| <input checked="" 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 Norlands was the home of the seven Washburn Brothers, sons of Israel Washburn, Sr., and Patty Washburn. The Washburns also had three daughters. These seven sons, born between the years 1813 and 1831 compiled an enviable record of achievement during their lifetimes.

The following is a brief breakdown of the Washburn Brothers and their achievements.

Israel Washburn, Jr., was elected to Congress from Maine five times and served as Maine's war time Governor in 1861.

Algernon Sidney Washburn didn't turn to politics. He became a prosperous banker in Hallowell, Maine.

Elihu Washburn moved to Illinois, became a lawyer and was elected to Congress for nine terms. As a reward for helping elect Grant President he was appointed Secretary of State and later Minister to France.

Cadwallader Golden Washburn moved to Iowa then Wisconsin and represented that state in Congress for ten years. He was in Congress the same time as Elihu from Illinois and Israel from Maine. He served as a Major General during the Civil War. After the war he became Governor of Wisconsin. He was one of the founders of the Washburn-Crosby flour industry, now known as General Mills.

Charles Ames Washburn went west with the prospectors, but ten years later came back bringing the first electoral vote cast by California as a state. He later became U. S. Commissioner to Paraguay.

Samuel Benjamin Washburn became a master of a merchant ship and later commanded a gunboat under Admiral Farragut.

William Drew Washburn also went west and owned a flour mill in Minnesota. He was a leading promoter in the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal. He served Minnesota as a Congressman and later as a U. S. Senator.

A house was built on the site in the late 1700's but in 1843 the house was pulled down and a white cottage took its place. In 1867 an addition was in the process of being built when the whole structure was burned and immediately afterwards the present house was built.

The old one room schoolhouse on the site was attended by the Washburns. In 1883 the interesting library was completed by the surviving Washburn brothers. The Norlands Church, built in 1828, is part of the complex.

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Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. G. S. 15' quadrangle, Livermore			
SCALE: 1:62,500			
DATE: 1910			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

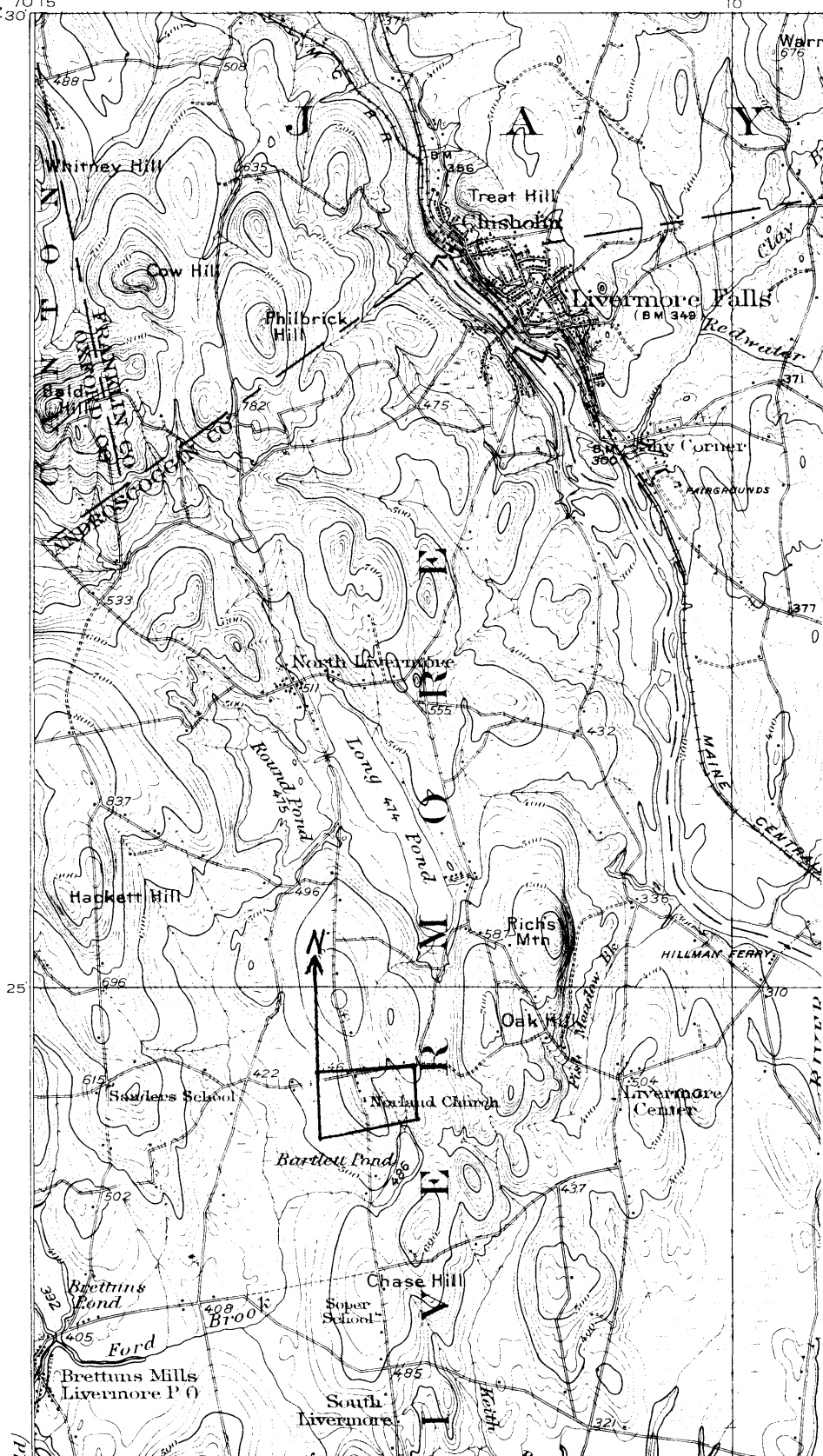
Norlands Estate

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44° 23' 58"

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

(Disfield) 70°15'
44°30'



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