

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Vienna Town House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Route 41 N.E. 41 N/A not for publication

city, town Vienna N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Town of Vienna

street & number

city, town Vienna N/A vicinity of state Maine 04360

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kennebec County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Augusta, state Maine

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Vienna Town House, built between 1854 and 1855, is a distinctive example of transitional Greek Revival-Italianate style.

The one-story building is of frame construction with gable roof, single internal brick chimney, bracketed cornice with returns, clapboard siding, and granite foundation. Fenestration is 6/6.

The three-bay facade, which faces east, is in the gable-end. Two panelled doors with semi-circular arched lintels flank a central arched window. Above this window is a marble slab with an inscription, emplaced in 1874, commemorating Joseph Whittier who provided the funds for the town house. The sides of the building are four bays long.

## 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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1854–55 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Of the small town houses in Maine, the one at Vienna (population 454) is in all probability the most stylish and sophisticated. Ordinarily such structures are plain and barnlike whereas this building carries all sorts of architectural nuances including rounded corner pieces instead of flat corner boards and the carrying of the molding across the entire front facade rather than just over the window and door arches.

Given to the town by native son Joseph Whittier, Esq., of Boston, the building was undoubtedly designed by an architect of that city rather than by a local builder as was the usual case.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Kingsbury, H. D., History of Kennebec County. New York, 1892.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Norridgewock

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

A 

1	9	4	2	0	6	2	0	4	19	3	12	0	13	10
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 7, Lot 13

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state MA 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 July, 1982

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 *Carol S. Fullerton*

title S.H.P.O.

date 9/23/82

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

Subscribed in the National Register

date 10/27/82

for *Delores Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration