

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Journal Building
3. Street or rural address: 325-331 Water Street
City Augusta Zip 04330 County Kennebec
4. Parcel number: Map 33, Lot 281
5. Present Owner: Depositors Trust Company Address: 33 Water Street
City Augusta Zip 04330 Ownership is: Public _____ Private XX
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Renaissance
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Constructed of brick and standing five stories high, this building has a nine bay facade divided into groups of three. The windows are double hung sash with segmental arches on the second through fourth floor and round arched on the fifth floor. The entire facade is capped by an over-hanging metal cornice supported on brackets. The street-level facade consists of three stores enframed with brick piers and a metal cornice. The display windows and entrances have been completely remodeled with brick, metal, and plate glass.

Attach Photo(s) Here

See Photo No. 6

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1899
9. Architect Arthur G. Wing,
Augusta
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
12/85

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good X Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: Storefront display windows replaced.

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up XX
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial XX Other: _____

16. Threats to site: None known XX Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____

17. Is the structure: On its original site? X Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building is historically significant as the offices of the Kennebec Journal, an Augusta newspaper is the longest running paper in Maine still in business, although no longer at this location. Architecturally, the building has local significance as an largely unaltered example of Renaissance design which occupies a prominent site in Augusta's central business district. Unlike its similarly styled neighbors to the south, the Journal Building retains most of its original features, including original sash.

Constructed in 1899, the building was designed by Arthur Wing, a local architect whose career was cut short by an early death in 1912. The Kennebec Journal, which was founded in 1825, occupied several other buildings before the construction of this structure.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture ?X Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military _____
Religion ___ Social/Education _____
Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Industrial Journal (Bangor),
August 11, 1899, p. 7

22. Date form prepared January 1986

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Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

