

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): CALLAHAN BUILDING Historic CALLAHAN BUILDING
- 2. Principal Street Address: 276 Lisbon Street (276-282)
- 3. Other Street Address: Chestnut Street door (no address), rear entrance to apartments
- 4. Present Owner's Name: _____ 5. Ownership: public ___ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: _____
- 7. Original Owner: T.J. Callahan, Eugene A. Callahan
- 8. Use: original com/mult.res/office 9. Accessibility to public:
 present commercial/mult. res. exterior visible from public road X
 interior accessible: (explain) yes, public
 access to street level shops.

Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August, 1984
 Address: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14350 Telephone: _____
 Position: volunteer ___ professional consultant ___ intern X
 other, (explain) _____

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 4 Bays 9 Attic ___ Basement x
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: ___ wood frame, light members: ___
 System: masonry load bearing: x metal, (explain): _____
- 12. Photo _____ 13. Map _____

Average - 1/4

DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle ___ wood shingle ___ slate ___ concrete ___
Material: composition metal ___ tile ___ other ___
Walls: wood ___ stone ___ cast iron ___ brick stucco ___
other granite sills, cast non storefront ___
Foundation: brick

15. Present excellent good ___ fair ___ poor ___ deteriorated ___
Condition: explain fair or poor condition

16. Integrity: original site: yes no ___ if moved, when ___
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

In 1980 the structure was acquired by the Shelter Group, Inc., of Lewiston, a development group specializing in renovating and adapting older structures to contemporary use. Subsequent alteration included

- application of anodized aluminum panels, below display windows,
- replacement of original doors, and display window sashes
- reduction of original window openings with anodized aluminum panels
- replacement of wood sash with aluminum combination windows.

17. Threats to none zoning ___ roads ___ developers ___ deterioration ___
Building: other

18. Related none barn ___ carriage house ___ garage ___ privy ___ shed ___ shop ___
Outbuildings: landscape features ___
other

19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land ___ woodland ___ industrial ___
densely built-up commercial scattered buildings ___
residential ___ other

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

The set-back, building material and style of this structure are consistent with other commercial blocks on the street. The large size is especially appropriate to the prominent corner location at intersection with Chestnut Street. Callahan building contributes to the nineteenth century commercial character of Lisbon Street.

DESCRIPTION

21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:
- The facade of this large, flat-roofed, red brick commercial block is divided into three equal sections with ship pilasters rising from above storefront windows and terminating with corbeled brick banding. A corbel table spans the facade at the eaves, surmounted by a projecting brick band embellished with square recessed panels. The projecting wood cornice is supported with brackets.
- The fenestration pattern consists of three windows per section at each level. At the second story the center window of each triplet is wider. General window treatment consists of rectangular openings with flush, reticulated, brick, above windows and granite sills. The sizes of openings diminish as floor levels increase.
- An inset granite panel, centered above the third story windows exhibits relief ornamentation depicting the name "Callahan".
- Original storefront elements include cast iron square pilasters with paneled shafts and articulated bases and capitals. Pilasters support an iron lintel embellished with a simple geometric ornament. The lintel is topped by a projecting crown.

SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1892
23. Architect: G.M. COOMBS Address: Lewiston
24. Builder: _____ Address: _____
25. Historical and Architectural Importance: This large red brick commercial block contributes to the nineteenth century character of Lisbon Street. It was designed by Lewiston architect G.M. Coombs, during the period subsequent to his partnership with Stevens, and prior to formal partnership with Gibbs and Wilkenson, although Gibbs was in the office by that time (see separate notes on Coombs). There are many examples of Coombs' work in and around Lisbon Street, including 'Odd Fellows Hall', the Clifford Block, and the block immediately south, also called the Callahan Block.
- The structure was built for T.F. and Eugene A. Callahan, partners in T.F. Callahan Co., retailers of trunks, hats and gents furnishings. The business is listed in the City Directory at 276-290 Lisbon Street from 1883.
26. Sources:
- "Industrial Journal" Bangor, March 4, 1892
- City Director, 1880, 1883.

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: First Callahan Building
3. Street or rural address: 276 Lisbon Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 18 D Lot 276
5. Present Owner: Chestnut Place Association Address: 650 Main Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
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:

This four story brick building has square headed windows and a flat roof with a shallow projecting cornice. With two distinct elevations on Chestnut (north) and Lisbon (west) streets, the buildings design mirrors the older College Block to the north. The first story shop fronts are divided between cast iron pilasters with modern metal and plate glass shopfronts. Brick pilasters supporting a full entablature provide the principal decorative feature of the building. The original windows have all been replaced with aluminum combination sash.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1892
9. Architect George Coombs
Lewiston
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
4/85

2/12/86

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Windows and shopfronts replaced with aluminum and plate glass
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

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

The historical importance of this building is in conjunction with its neighbor to the south as part of a large development undertaken by the Callahan brothers. T.F. and Eugene Callahan were dealers in trunks, hats, and gents furnishings and their success can be measured in the construction of this building in 1892, and in the adjoining structure in 1910-11. Both are large four story brick buildings with Renaissance inspired styling. The first Callahan Block was designed by George Coombs, an important architect who had the largest practice in western Maine. Coomb's death in 1909 left his son and partner, Eugene Gibbs, to design the second Callahan Block.

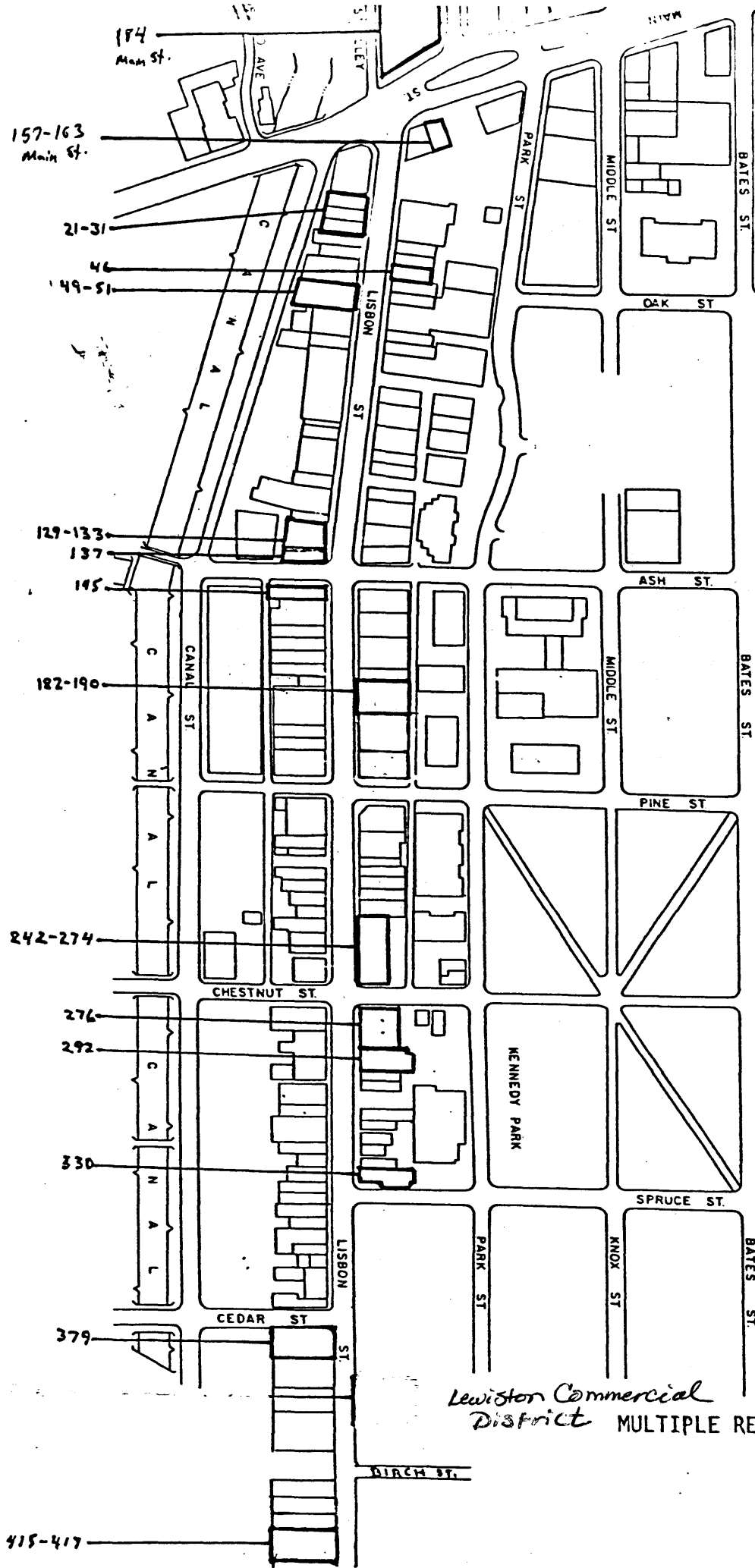
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____
 Other (describe) _____

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

Industrial Journal (Bangor) March 4, 1892

22. Date form prepared 14/85
 By (name) R. Reed
 Organization MHPC
 Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____

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



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