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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robert Carleton House

AND/OR COMMON

Jackson House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sangerville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

2nd Hon. William Cochen

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Piscataquis

CODE

021

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard and Elaine Edwards

STREET & NUMBER

Box 218

CITY, TOWN

Sangerville,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Piscataquis County Registry of Deeds,

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Dover-Foxcroft

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Robert Carleton House in Sangerville is one of the oldest dwellings to survive in the northern Maine county of Piscataquis. Erected about 1815, the house is valuable as an example of provincial Federal style architecture in the context of a then largely unsettled region.

The Carlton House is rectangular and stands two and a half stories high with a one story ell. It has a granite foundation and is of frame construction with a clapboarded exterior. The placement of a chimney on either side wall reflects the improved heating technology during the Federal Period which allowed for the discontinuance of a large central chimney and increased the interior hall space.

The facade or south wall of the Carleton House has the symmetrical five bay composition of the period. On the first story, the doorway is centered between two pairs of windows. The door is flanked by sidelights and Federal style pilasters. Above these elements appears a horizontal pediment displaying intricately carved fretwork. The second story of the facade has five windows, one above the doorway and a pair on either side. An early twentieth century post card of the house shows all the windows to have contained twelve-over-twelve pane sash. These have been subsequently replaced by a two-over-two pane arrangement.

The east and west walls of the house each contain two windows on the first and second stories and one on the half story. The north or rear wall has three windows on the first story and five on the second story. The reason for the difference in the two stories is the presence of a one story ell at the northwest corner of the north wall. If this ell is not an original feature, it appears to be an early one.

As with the exterior, the interior reflects the Federal period concern for symmetry. The central hall contains a staircase which leads directly to the second floor. On the first and second stories, this hall is flanked on either side by two rooms. Each room is finished with simple but handsome Federal style mantels, wainscoting, window trim, and doors.

Although modest in comparison with Maine's coastal Federal architecture, Robert Carleton's residence is the most imposing house to remain from the period in its northern region. Thus it helps to provide a sense of time and place not readily apparent in this inland area of Maine.

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

ca. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Robert Carleton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert Carleton House is a significant example of a late Federal style structure in an area generally settled after this mode of architecture had passed into eclipse.

Sangerville, originally Township Number 4, Sixth Range, was first purchased by John S. Foley in 1802, but not occupied. In 1807 it was sold to Col. Calvin Sanger of Sherborn, Massachusetts although the first settler, Phineas Ames from Hancock, N.H. had already taken up residence in 1801 or 1802. Ames constructed a grist mill on Black Stream and another early arrival, Thomas Prince, established a fulling mill. One of the early workers in the mills was Guy Carleton who purchased in 1818 the land on which the house stands from Col. Sanger. He had earlier begun to develop mill operations of his own in the area which continued successfully as the Carleton Mills until recent times.

Within a year Guy Carleton sold to his brother Robert the house and land and the latter continued in ownership until 1835. Robert Carleton was active in military affairs and the Sangerville Company was organized of which he was elected Captain. He later became Major and Colonel in the Fifth Regiment, First Brigade, Third Division.

An interesting banner painted on unbleached muslin and dating from the Aroostook War of 1839 was found in the attic, proclaiming:

Volunteer Rendezvous Rally
Sons of Piscataquis!
Let me say that I am going with
my men and shall look faithfully
to their comfort and welfair!

W. S. Clark
Recruiting Officer

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Amasa Loring, History of Piscataquis County, Portland, 1880

Guilford Register, May 5, 1949

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

B

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE October 1975

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CITY OR TOWN Augusta, STATE Maine

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

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10/28/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DATE

12/6/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

DEC 4 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER