

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 The Clock Farm

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number ME and Route 9 + Goose Rocks Road N/A not for publication

city, town Kennebunkport, ME vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Alice Tyndale

street & number Clock Farm

city, town Kennebunkport, N/A vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Maine 04046

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Alfred, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date N/A  federal  state N/A  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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		

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

Clock Farm of Kennebunkport, Maine, built from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century on, is a remarkable complex of attached buildings, the most distinctive of which lends its name to the complex.

The 1½-story main house is of frame construction in the Greek Revival style with gabled roof, central brick chimney, large gabled dormers, clapboard siding, corner pilasters, and a central entrance in its southwest-facing facade. This entrance is typical of its period with sidelights, flanking pilasters, and entablatured lintel. Fenestration in the five-bay facade, as elsewhere, is 2/2, but in all likelihood would originally have been 6/6.

A 2-story ell extends from the rear of the house, while a one-story ell extends from the northeast end of the house; this intern has a rear extension attached to its northeast wall, and another extension running from its northwest end. The last is attached to a 1½-story barn with a louvered ventilator atop its gabled roof in the form of a square cupola. Between the front end of the barn and its ventilator is a tall clock tower, square in section, astride the ridge. This tower contains a large, circular clock face with Roman numerals on each of its four sides, below a segmented hipped roof fitted with semicircular louvered vents.

Attached to the rear of this barn is an even larger barn of 1½ stories with sheds attached to its northeast and southeast walls. A square cupola with a pair of 2/2 windows in each of its four sides is sited at the northeast end of the ridge; above the windows is a balustraded roof.

## 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** 1773?, c.1850 **Builder/Architect** N / A

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Somewhere hidden in the midst of this happy collection of Greek Revival extended architecture (probably the ell immediately to the left of the main house) is the original dwelling built on this site by Peter Johnson in 1773. The important feature of this landmark farmstead, however, is of course the large four faced clock in the cupola on the front section of the barn.

At some point in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the farm was purchased by Thomas Emmons, a Lawrence, Massachusetts, manufacturer for a summer residence. Founder of the Emmons Loom Harness Company, he had installed the clock on his factory in 1870. It is said that over the years the clock kept such bad time that it caused strained relations between management and labor as to actual working hours. Whatever the reason, Mr. Emmons in the early years of this century caused the clock to be transported to his summer residence where it was installed in a specially built tower and became an important architectural curiosity and local landmark.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

The Wave, July 16, 1889. Kennebunkport.

Tourist News, Summer, 1980. Kennebunk.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Biddeford

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A	19	384410	4806620
	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 37, Block 3, Lot 8

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

state	code	county	code
<u>N/A</u>			
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 January, 1981

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Earle L. [Signature]

title S.H.P.O. date 12/18/81

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Alvina Byers</u>	Entered in the National Register date <u>2/19/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	