

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Samuel Weston Homestead

and/or common

2. Location

S of Skowhegan on U.S. 201

street & number Route 201 not for publication

city, town Skowhegan vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maine code 23 county Somerset FIPS code 025

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Mrs. Kathleen A. Martin

street & number Box 81, RFD 3

city, town Skowhegan vicinity of state Maine

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Skowhegan state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Samuel Weston Homestead of Skowhegan, Maine is without doubt one of the finest examples of post-colonial architecture in the Upper Kennebec River valley.

The structure is of a two-story wood frame "L-plan" with the main clapboarded facade facing east and a secondary facade of the same nature facing south. The main facade is six bays wide and fenestration is 12/12 with a first floor main portico supported by Doric columns. There is an asymmetrical arrangement of the main facade with an original element to the right that housed Samuel Weston's office. This has a simple doorway with a four-light transom. The building has a metal-sheathed hipped roof and two internal brick chimneys. The rear of the structure is shingled and has a first floor porch running the length of the structure. The interior of the building is largely intact and is a lovely example of transitional Georgian to Federal decoration.

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1798–1800

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Samuel Weston Homestead on the Kennebec River near the Town of Skowhegan is extremely important both as an architectural landmark and as a valuable historical site.

The house was built beginning in 1798 and was finally completed in 1800, by Samuel Weston. He was the son of Joseph Weston who settled Skowhegan in 1772. Samuel Weston led a distinguished career and is known primarily for his survey work in the area. His most important commission was the Bingham Purchase of which Samuel Weston and S. Titcomb made a survey of over a million acres for the Kennebec Proprietors and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samuel Weston was also a leading citizen in the area of Skowhegan, serving as Captain of the Militia in 1785, and Justice of the Peace in the years of 1782, 1787 and 1799. Finally he was appointed as the first postmaster of Canaan, the original name for Skowhegan. The history of the house and the role of the builder, Samuel Weston, in local affairs has been well documented.

The architectural significance of the house lies in the fact that it is a prime example of transitional Georgian to Federal style architecture. The holdover of Georgian features, particularly the south doorway and much of the interior, at this late date may well be due to the relative remoteness of the area and the resultant slowness of new stylistic trends to arrive.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Coburn, Louisa H., Skowhegan on the Kennebec, Skowhegan, ME, 1941.

Weston, Eben, The Early Settlers of Canaan, A series of articles for the "Somerset Reporter", 1891.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Waterville

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A

1	9	4	4	7	3	4	0	4	9	5	4	8	7	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's map 9, lot #48

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/ James Schimmer, Intern

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date July, 1980

street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Charles S. Feltner*

title S.H.P.O. date 8/29/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Bruce J. ...</i></u>	date <u>11/10/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u><i>Patrick Andrews</i></u>	date <u>11/6/80</u>
Chief of Registration	