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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

H. Hudson Law Office

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Hudson Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Guilford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Maine

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE

023

COUNTY

Piscataquis

CODE

021

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ BOTH

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ OBJECT

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Richard Edwards

STREET & NUMBER

North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Guilford

STATE

Maine 04443

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**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

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The H. Hudson Law Office of Guilford, dating from c.1867, is a charming Italianate style building of frame construction with 1½ stories, slated Mansard roof, prominent cornice and entablature fitted with paired brackets, clapboard siding, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces west, is 3 bays wide and contains a central entrance covered by a bracketed hood. First-story fenestration here, as elsewhere, is 2/2, covered by entablatured lintels decorated with applied carvings above. In the facade half-story (though not elsewhere) are two gabled 2/2 dormers with finials. On the top of the four corners of the roof are small carved posts with balls and attached decorative carvings.

The H. Hudson Law Office is an outstanding and distinctive commercial building of Lilliputian dimensions.

# 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 checked="" 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

1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of the small commercial buildings in Maine, none are more interesting as a group than the local law offices which sprang up in many communities during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Almost always of superior design, they exist as representatives of most of the major styles of the period.

None, however, can be said to equal the H. Hudson Law Office in Guilford in terms of scale, neatness and sophistication. It exists as a tiny, ornate Mansard jewel in the otherwise rather plain surroundings of Guilford.

Henry Hudson, who built this office at the height of his career was born in Canaan, New Hampshire in 1824. He was admitted to the Piscataquis Bar in 1849 and was in active practice in Guilford until his death in 1877. He attained a reputation as one of the ablest lawyers in Eastern Maine. His son Henry, also a lawyer, continued practice in the same office until his retirement in 1919.

Since that time the building has undergone various uses but has recently been returned to its original purpose by the present owner.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Guilford Centennial, 1816-1916, Sprague's Journal of Maine History, August, 1916.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4

QUADRANGLE NAME Guilford

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 469750 5001350  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Assessor's Map 11, Lot 85

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/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

July, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

242 State 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Carol S. [Signature]*

TITLE S.H.P.O.

DATE 8/10/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

*Carol S. [Signature]*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 10-9-79

DATE 9/2/79