

United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 Gardiner Railroad Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 51 Maine Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Gardiner, N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Wray-Thomas, Incorporated c/o Cedric Thomas

street & number 2 Lights Road

city, town Cape Elizabeth, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04107

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Augusta, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A 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 Gardiner Railroad Station, constructed in 1911, is a distinctive and substantial structure in a Romanesque derivative style.

The one-story building is of brick and granite construction, with one internal brick chimney, hipped roof with wide bracketed overhang, quoins, and granite foundation. Fenestration is multi-paned and fully framed in granite.

The facade, which faces west, features a double stairway leading to a central main entrance. On each side of this doorway are two windows; to the left and right of these the building projects, each projection being two bays wide. Above the central five bays are three dormers with low-arched windows; the central dormer is larger than the other two. On the facade and ends of the building the first story is well above street level, exposing the basement's rough-cut granite walls. Above this level the granite is smooth-cut up to the level of the window sills.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1911 **Builder/Architect** George Burnham

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Gardiner Railroad Station of 1911, is an extremely well preserved building which, through adaptive reuse as a store, seems unlikely to suffer the fate of so many of its kind. The rugged brick and granite structure is unique in design as far as Maine is concerned and is one of the few smaller stations of masonry construction.

Railroad service was inaugurated in Gardiner on January 1, 1852 and the original station remained until replaced by the present one which was built just to the north of it. The station was sold by the Maine Central Railroad shortly after passenger service ended in the late 1950's. It has seen several commercial uses and is now an auto parts store.

George Burnham was a prominent Portland architect, designer of many notable buildings including the Cumberland County Court House in Portland, part of the Portland Waterfront National Register Historic District.

This distinctive structure is a local landmark visible both from the town and from the Kennebec River on whose bank it rests.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gardiner Reporter Journal, July 21, 1911.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Gardiner

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 37, Lot 151

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

state N/A 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, 1982

street & number 55 Capitol 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Earle S. Peterson*

title S.H.P.O. date 9/23/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 10/29/82

Alma Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration