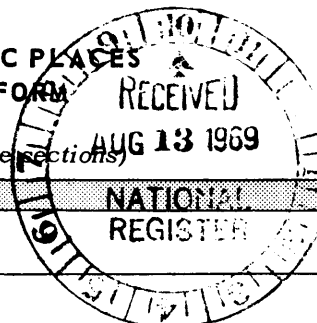


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Hancock	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-12-18-0022	DATE 12/23/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
~~Colonel~~ Black Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Woodlawn - Black House X

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Maine Street on Route 172

CITY OR TOWN:
Ellsworth

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-2500** COUNTY: **Hancock** CODE: **009**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Hancock County Trustees of Public Reservations

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Ellsworth** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-2500**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hancock County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Ellsworth** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-2500**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **178 acres**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Of modified Georgian style, the three story building is well preserved. There is a two story ell attached to it on the northwest corner. Behind the ell is a barn that houses carriages and harnesses, in addition to a building for sleighs. Two small out buildings complete the original complex. At the southern boundary of the property the family tomb is located.

The main house and grounds are in excellent condition. The contents of the house constitute a living example of 19th century leisure living. The contents of the house remain the same as when the last Black died in 1928, so entering the house is like stepping back at least one hundred years in time. Many of the furniture and glass pieces found in the twenty rooms of the house are extremely valuable. Nearly all of the household furnishings are in excellent condition. The only real change in the house over the past one hundred years has been the addition of a modern heating system.

The barn is smaller than the original, but the remaining portion is in good condition.

The grounds are lush and neatly trimmed.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

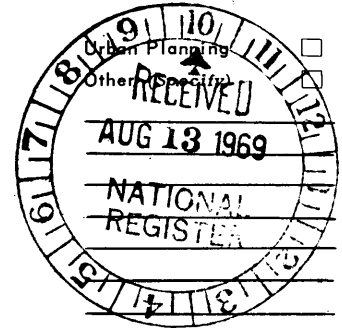
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ~~1824~~ 1824-1930

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Aboriginal | Education | Political |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | Religion/Phi- |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | losophy |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | Science |
| Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | Social/Human- |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | itarian |
| Conservation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Military | Theater |
| | Music | Transportation |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Shortly after the Revolutionary War, William Bingham, a banker in Philadelphia, bought a large tract of land in Maine and employed General David Cobb as his agent to sell the land to settlers. General Cobb was a prominent man. He had served on Washington's staff for four years, and in this capacity had been present at the surrender of Cornwallis and afterward lived at Mt. Vernon as a member of Washington's Military Family. He went to Gouldsborough, Maine, in 1795.

During the panic of 1792 Bingham sold half of his Maine holdings to Hope and Company of London. This firm presently employed an English boy, John Black, then only eighteen years old, to be General Cobb's assistant. Black arrived in Gouldsborough in 1799,

In 1802 Black married the General's daughter, Mary. He moved to Ellsworth and built a combined office and residence on a 300 acre plot, the gift of his father in law. Bricks for the house came by sea from Philadelphia, and tradition affirms that it took skilled workmen from Boston three years to complete the work. The resulting edifice is the now famous and much visited Black House, which was lived in by three generations, and which remains completely furnished and equipped, just as it was used by members of the family as long as they survived.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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J. D. Durnbaugh, The Black House, Down East Magazine, July 1956 pp. 28-31
 Newspaper article, The Christian Science Monitor, Feb. 12, 1932

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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SW	44°	32'	4"	68°	27'	13"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Donald Holmstrom, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: July 18, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18-0160

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Lawrence Stuart
 Lawrence Stuart
 Title: Director

Date: Aug 4, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Connet Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date: _____

ATTEST:

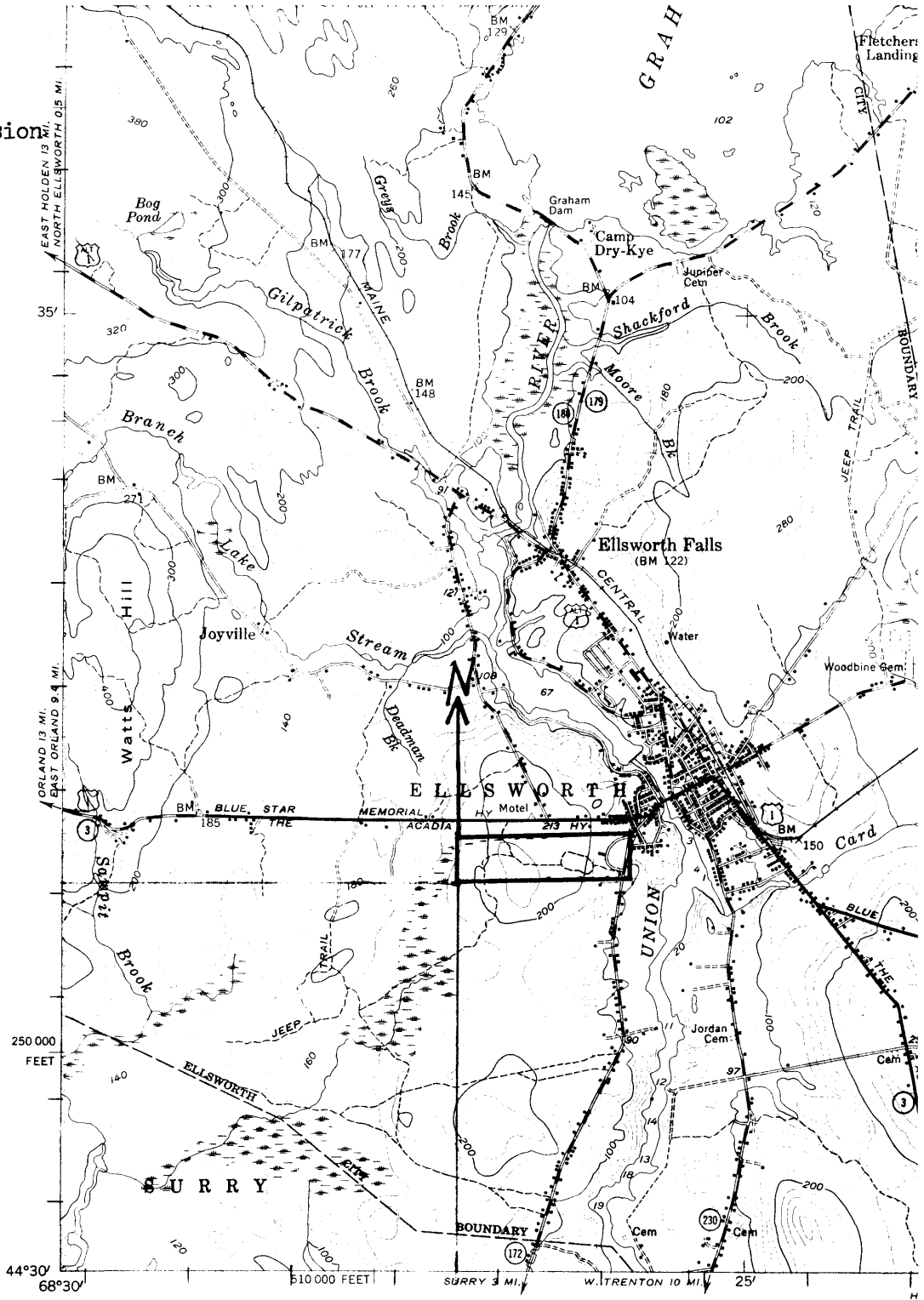
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 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 12 1969

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Ellsworth

Colonel Black Mansion
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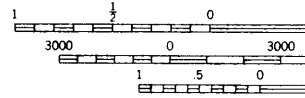
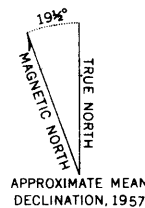
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