

United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 Elden's Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ME Route 22 N/A not for publication

city, town Buxton, N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Med. Clinic

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Buxton

street & number Town Office; Route 22

city, town Buxton, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04001

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 ___ 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

Elden's Store is a two-and-one-half story brick structure of rectangular dimensions. The top (attic) story has a pitched roof of frame construction with clapboarded gable ends and asphalt-shingled slopes. A gable end facing the main road serves as the facade.

The building's walls of red brick, laid in English-bond and painted red, are in excellent condition and appear massive. The walls rest on a cut granite and fieldstone foundation. Each is punctuated by windows and doors, sometimes casual in their symmetry. The south (broad) wall, facing another road, is divided into three window bays and has a central doorway; each clapboarded gable end boasts a duet of windows. Otherwise, windows and doors have been placed (or probably rearranged over the years) for convenience. The facade gable end holds three windows and three doorways, one being a large opening (presently enclosed) which leads to a basement-ground floor medical center.

All doors and windows have simple granite sills and lintels. First floor windows are 6/6, second and attic story windows are 12/8. Each window has one simple shutter, consisting of two boards nailed together, hanging to one side. The doors are of similar, simple character.

The first and basement floors of the building have been remodelled into a clinic, and the second floor, meeting room for the Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, is similarly contemporary.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1802	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Elden's Store is a well-preserved and rare example of a small-town commercial building of the Federal period. The structure is among the only brick non-residential buildings of the period in western York County. The store is not only the oldest such building in Buxton, but constitutes 20% of the town's center.

The building was constructed as a general store in 1802, and served in that capacity until the 1930's. After 1857 it also housed Samuel D. Hanson's coat business, the area's most prosperous industry. At its peak in 1865-68, the Hanson Company employed upwards of 1,200 women in "cottage" coat manufacturing. A wooden ell added to the building during the boom period has since been removed. Since 1975, the town's medical facility has occupied the first and basement floors of the building. The Buxton-Hollis Historical Society has used the second floor as a meeting hall since 1971.

The wooden portion of the exterior as well as the windows have recently been restored. The English-bond brickwork shows little evidence of repointing, having remained in excellent repair.

The building's lines are clean and free of even the smallest extraneous ornament. Pleasing proportions, multipaned windows, and high quality brickwork are what give the structure its aesthetic appeal.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Buxton-Hollis Historical Society, Information Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Buxton

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A

19	375	650	48	313	810	10
Zone	Easting		Northing			

B

Zone	Easting		Northing			

C

Zone	Easting		Northing			

D

Zone	Easting		Northing			

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Zone	Easting		Northing			

F

Zone	Easting		Northing			

G

Zone	Easting		Northing			

H

Zone	Easting		Northing			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 24, Lot 16

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Me. Historic Preservation Comm. date January, 1983

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Earle S. Fullenwood*
 title S.H.P.O. date 3/22/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.	Entered in the National Register
<u><i>Melore Byers</i></u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>4/28/83</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	