United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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1. Name

historic Leonard Bond Chapman House

and/or common

2. Location

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city, town	Portland		vicinity of	congressional district	First
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state	Maine	code	023 county	Cumberland	code 005
3. Clas	sification				
Category	 Ownership		Status	Present Use	
district	public		<u>X</u> occupied	agriculture	museum
_X_building(s)	<u>X</u> private		unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both		work in progress	educational	X private residence
site	Public Acquisitio	n	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object	in process		yes: restricted	government	scientific
	being consider	ed	X yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
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city, town	Portland,		vicinity of	state	Maine
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7. Description

 Condition

 __X excellent
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 ___ good
 ___ ruins

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 ___ unexposed

Check one _X_ original site ____ moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Check one

X_ unaltered

altered

The Leonard Bond Chapman House of Portland, built between 1866 and 1868, is a well-designed and well-preserved example of the Mansard Style with Italianate detailing. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story house is of frame construction with clapboard siding, one internal brick chimney, bracketed cornice, 3-story facade tower and one-story facade porch.

The facade, which faces north-east, is dominated by the inset tower whose lower concave roof is of unusual proportions. Fenestration here, as throughout the building, is 2/2, beneath a denticulated cornice. All bays are covered by entablatured lintels. The entrance is in the first-story of the tower.

Another distinctive feature of the house is its porch, which consists of carved wooden posts supporting a bracketed cornice. The porch wraps around the north-east and north-west sides of the house, but in neither case covers an entire side. On the north-west side the porch is closed with windows. Essentially square in plan the house is asymmetrical with a projection to the left of the entrance.

A one-story carriage house in identical style is located in the rear.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1866-68	Builder/Architect		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Leonard Bond Chapman, born in 1834 not more than a mile from his final residence on Capisic Street, achieved a remarkable reputation as an antiquarian, manuscript collector, and historian for his native city. After a number of years in the nursery business during which time he began his enormous collection of historical documentation, he retired to devote himself to historical and genealogical study and writing. He was an active member of the Maine Historical Society which published in its "Collections" numerous papers presented over the years by Mr. Chapman on many facets of Portland history. His last years were devoted to the arrangement, interpretation and binding of his documents. This invaluable body of source material was left to the Maine Historical Society and remains an important part of its holdings. Mr. Chapman died in 1915. His obituary in the <u>Portland Argus</u> euelogized him as follows: "He seemed to feel that it was his mission in life to make as secure as possible the past record of his native city, and well indeed did he labor to that end".

His house is an interesting example of an unusually stylized Mansard application. The decorative detail is extremely fine and the shape of the tower roof with its dramatic taper is unique in the area if not the state.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Portland Argus, March 3, 1915. Maine Historical Society, <u>Collections</u>, 2nd Series, various volumes.

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city or town Augusta,		sta	te Maine 04333
12. State His	storic Pres	ervation C	Officer Certification
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1. Name of Property	
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other names/site number	
2. Location	
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5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box) building(s) district	Number of Resources within Property(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)ContributingNoncontributing		
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Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)		Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register		
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6. Function or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	
				
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from instructions)		
LATE VICTORIAN / Second Empire		foundation <u>STONE</u>		
		walls WOOD / WEA	THERBOARD	
		roof ASPHALT		
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		other <u>CONCRETE</u>		

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The following documentation is intended to supplement the original nomination of the Leonard Bond Chapman House (NR 80000228) to the National Register of Historic Places. As originally formulated, Section 7 simply mentioned the existence of the carriage house, and did not acknowledge the existence of the Spring House, both of which are important components of the property.

DESCRIPTION

Carriage House, c. 1866-68

The carriage house is a 2 ½ story barn-like structure located east of the spring house and southeast of the main house. The building faces north and measures 26' x 32' under a clipped-gable asphalt roof. The mortared fieldstone foundation, which is entirely below grade on the north and east sides, is exposed on the south and west. The building is clad with weatherboards, trimmed with simple band molding around the windows and doors and has a frieze board under the slightly overhanging roof. Narrow, chamfered boards, with lambs' tongue stops, trim the corners of the building: these boards match those located on the main house.

The north facade of the carriage house contains two wooden, overhead garage doors unified under a decorative, projecting wooden lintel. In the second story are a pair of widely spaced six-oversix wood sash windows, while centered under the clipped gable in the uppermost half story is a wooden rosette window. The east side elevation contains a single window on each floor towards the north end of the wall, and a pedestrian door at the center. The west side elevation also has a pedestrian door that opens onto the terrace at the north end of the structure, as well as two windows on the second floor and a single window below. The rear of the structure is marked by a wide basement entrance flanked by three-light foundation windows, two six-over-six sash on the first floor, and a matching window at the attic level. On the second floor a pair of windows have been created by inserting two wooden storm windows, oriented horizontally, into the rear wall.

The first floor of the carriage house contains one large room with painted horizontal board sheathing, and a staircase to the second floor and cellar located against the middle of the west wall. The original floor is visible in places under a secondary layer of wood flooring, but not enough is visible to discern how this space was originally oriented when it housed horses and carriage. A plaster on lath ceiling has recently been removed leaving exposed joists overhead. Some plaster remains at the top of the staircase to the second floor.

The second floor is open with the exception of a staircase, closet and room all located in the northwest corner of the structure. The enclosed staircase, and the closet underneath, are both fitted with four panel doors, while the entrance to the northwest room has an extra-wide batten door. A hinged hatch opens to the first floor just inside the garage doors, and additional small hatches are found in the south end of the structure. With the exception of the small room, which is finished with

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painted horizontal sheathing boards, and contains a series of coat-pegs mounted on the walls, the remainder of the second floor has exposed studs and joists. Additional support is given to the single longitudinal carrying beam by a tie rod hung from one of the common rafters that supports the roof.

The installation of the garage doors occurred sometime between 1920 and 1980. As originally designed, and depicted in the <u>History of Cumberland County</u>, (1880) the facade of the carriage barn had a large batten door on the eastern side of the front wall. This door was topped with a semicircular hay door, and the two were united by a single arched architrave. (This hay door would have been directly in front of where the second floor hatch door is located.) On the west side of the facade each story had a single six-over-six window. The ridge line of the carriage house, and the curbs of the mansard roof on both the main house and spring house were decorated with iron cresting.

Spring House, c. 1866-68.

Located immediately to the south of the main house is a one story structure currently referred to as the Spring House. The foot print of this building is small, only 14x15 feet, but it sits on a raised field stone foundation which is integrated into the southern face of the adjacent retaining wall/terrace,

As with the main house, the Spring House is clad with weatherboards and features a concave mansard roof. Chamfered cornerboards trim the corners and a wide frieze runs under the overhanging boxed cornice. This small structure lacks a prominent facade. The north elevation contains a single six-over-six replacement window in the easterly portion of the wall and a batten door to the west. The eastern elevation also contains a batten door in the north corner of the building. The remaining elevations both contain a pair of replacement six-over-six windows. The windows and doors are trimmed with narrow band moldings. The foundation is exposed on three sides, with the northern wall built into the retaining wall for the terrace. Both the east and west foundation walls contain low, wood batten doors into the cellar. The dirt floor of the cellar is lower than the surrounding exterior grade.

On the interior the Spring house Contains two rooms. An unpainted horizontal board wall encloses a small (approximately 5' x 7') room in the northwest corner. On one of these boards the phrase "Albion Leonard Chapman" is stenciled on the wood. The small room is accessed through a relatively recent interior door in the eastern section of the partition wall, as well as via the exterior door on the north wall. The floor in this room, while painted wood like the rest of the building, is newer than in the other room. While there is little to differentiate this space from the remainder of the building presently, it is likely that this space originally housed the privy. The remainder of the interior features a painted wood floor and newly sheetrocked walls and ceilings.

In addition to the creating visible in the drawing in the <u>History of Cumberland County</u>, what appears to be a large birdhouse on a pole was mounted on the roof of the Spring House.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- removed from its original location.
- a birthplace or a grave.
- a cemetery.
- a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- a commemorative property.
- less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
- #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office \boxtimes
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency Local government

 - University Other
 - Name of repository:

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Kingsbury, Henry D. and Simeon L. Deyo, editors. <u>Illustrated History of Kennebec County Maine</u>. (New York: H.W. Blake and Company), 1892.

CHAPMAN, LEONARD BOND HOUSE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION Name of Property	CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAINE County and State
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property58	
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)	
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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)	
11. Form Prepared By	
name/title <u>CHRISTIA</u> , <u>MITCHELL</u> , <u>ARCHITECTURAL HIS</u> organization <u>MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISS</u> street & number <u>55 CAPITOL STREET</u> , <u>STATION 65</u>	SION date 27 February 2006
city or town <u>AUGUSTA</u> state	ME zip code <u>04333 -0065</u>
Additional Documentation	
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Continuation Sheets	
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the pro	perty's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having	large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs	
Representative black and white photographs of the pro	operty.
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	
Property Owner	
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)	
name	

street & number

city or town _

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Note: The boundaries of this property have not changed, however, the acreage as provided in the original nomination was incorrect. The property contains .58 acres, not .25 acres.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph 1 of 2 Christi A. Mitchell Maine Historic Preservation Commission 16 February 2006 North elevation carriage house and northeast elevations of Spring House; facing southwest.

Photograph 2 of 2 Christi A. Mitchell Maine Historic Preservation Commission 16 February 2006 Interior, second floor of carriage house, facing northwest.