

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Noble Block
3. Street or rural address: 186 Water Street
City Augusta Zip 04330 County Kennebec
4. Parcel number: Map 34, Lot 68
5. Present Owner: Robert Long Address: 6 Seaward Mills Road
City Augusta Zip 04330 Ownership is: Public _____ Private XX
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Italianate
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

The Noble Block is a three story brick building designed in the Italianate style. Brick corbelling is extensively employed to provide decorative window trim while the storefront is enframed with cast iron columns and entablature. A projecting cornice above the third story is shared with the block on the north. The brick and plate glass display windows are recent alterations. The windows are segmented and round arched with double hung sash.

Attach Photo(s) Here

See Photo No. 9

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1865/67
9. Architect John C. Tibbetts,
Augusta
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage 1/4 acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
12/85

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: Display windows replaced with brick and plate glass
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building is architecturally significant as part of a row of four Italianate style stores which are the most important surviving group of structures erected after the disastrous 1865 fire. Like the Sturgis and Haskell Block on its north side, the Noble Block was designed by John C. Tibbetts, the most important architect produced by Augusta. T.C. Noble built the first story in late 1865, the year of the fire. The upper two stories were not added until 1867, the year the block to the north was built.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial _____ Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Maine Farmer (Augusta)
Nov. 29, 1865; April 11, 1867

22. Date form prepared January 1986
By (name) Roger Reed
Organization MHPC
Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):