United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lang House is an ambitious yet idiosyncratic Greek Revival The main portion is a two-and-one-half story pitchedbuilding. roofed block with an impressive two-story portico. The portico is four fluted doric columns supporting an entablature and triangular pediment, with a fenced gallery at the second story. Behind the two outermost doric columns stand simpler, square columns. A one-story veranda extends to both sides of the portico and wraps around both gable ends, becoming a portico in the center of the north facade. The veranda was once entirely supported by square columns, but these have been replaced by round Colonial Revival columns to the left of the portico. A Colonial Revival wrought-iron fence has also been added above the entablature. An enclosed section of the veranda to the right of the portico is probably original, but a small, early twentieth century sunporch has been grafted onto it.

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The unusual feature of the facade is its asymmetrical fenestration. Two window bays stand to the left of the portico and three to the right, with one enclosed. Similarly, the firststory veranda was originally supported by two columns to the left and three to the right. The house is correspondingly longer to the right of the portico than to the left. One might guess that the right-hand side has been extended, except that the distances between what would have been the original windows of either side are not equal. A further idiosyncracy was the uneven placement of the original four chimnies, no two of which were in perfect alignment, and which did not stand at logical points in the roof plane. Only one chimney now remains.

A small side-ell extends to the south, and a longer, higher, carriage house joins it at a corner. Both sections are pitched-roofed, and the latter holds original dormers.

A $2\frac{1}{2}$ story brick office building once occupied a forward corner of the property, but has since been demolished.

Virtually all of the windows hold the original 6/6 sash. The structure is entirely of wood with clapboard siding.

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This remarkable adaptation of the Greek Revival Style is unique in Maine and represents the prosperity which came to this small town as a result of having one of the largest woolen mills in the country in the mid-nineteenth century.

Founded in 1836, the North Vassalboro Woolen Manufacturing Company expanded rapidly and the earliest of the present brick mill buildings was erected in 1851. At this time Thomas Lang, son of the founder and president, was appointed mill agent and this house was erected as his residence.

The house passed out of mill ownership in 1955, served for a time as a nursing house, and is now a private residence. The owners are restoring the interior.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Robbins, Alma Pierce. This History of Vassalboro, Maine. Privately

printed, 1972.

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10. Geogra	phical Data		
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