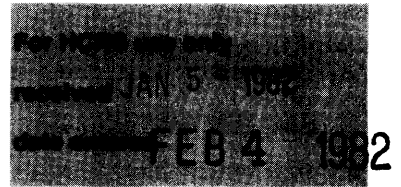


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Robinson-Parsons Farm

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number Town Farm Brook Road N/A not for publication

city, town Paris N/A vicinity of congressional district Second

state Maine code 23 county Oxford code 017

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> <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 type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Bernice Parsons Paul

street & number R.F.D. #1; Box 224

city, town South Paris, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04281

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oxford County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town South Paris, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A  yes  no

date N/A  federal  state N/A  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Robinson-Parsons Farm of South Paris, Maine, completed in 1803, is a large and well-preserved example of the Federal style in a rural residential context.

The 2½-story house faces east and is of frame construction with brick end-walls (rare in Maine), four internal brick end-chimneys, gabled roof, and field-stone foundation. The clapboarded facade is five bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance consists of a single panelled door surmounted by a fan-light and flanked by Doric pilasters. Above the fan-light is an entablatured lintel. Fenestration on the facade, as elsewhere, is 6/6.

There are secondary entrances in each of the 3-bay ends of the building.

Extending westward from the rear wall of the house is a two-story frame ell with entrances facing north and south. This ell is long (five bays) and connects the house with a large gable-roofed barn with shingled siding.

The interior features on the second floor feature a hinged wall making possible the creation of a large room for social occasions and dancing.

## 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1795, 1803 **Builder/Architect** Stephen Robinson

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This fine example of rural Federal architecture is located on land originally acquired in 1788 by Stephen Robinson, one of the first settlers in this part of Paris. A small house, which now serves as the ell for the 1803 dwelling, served as the family home until five daughters had arrived. This necessitated construction of the large brickended house with its delicately designed central doorway.

Eventually five more daughters and one son arrived so that it is little wonder that a hinge partition was installed between two large second floor bedrooms to provide room for dancing and other social events.

One of the daughters married John Parsons, an early settler of Norway, Maine, and farm passed into that family in whose hands it remains being one of very few houses of that age to stay in the ownership of consecutive descendents of the builder.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Mary Hrones Parsons, ed., The Diary of Stephen Robinson Parsons. Mimeographed ms., 1980.  
 Jeffrey R. Parsons, An Imperfect History of the Robinson-Parson's Homestead Farm. Mimeographed ms., 1978.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1  
 Quadrangle name Poland

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map R1, Lot 30

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian  
 organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1981  
 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Earle S. Feltner date 12/18/81  
 title S.H.P.O.

For HCRS use only  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
 Entered in the National Register date 2/4/82  
 Keeper of the National Register Melona Byers  
 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration \_\_\_\_\_