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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

**

Broad Street Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broad Street and the Common

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bethel

VICINITY OF 2nd Hon. William Cohen

STATE

CODE 23

COUNTY Oxford

CODE 017

Maine

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple ownership (see continuation sheet)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

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

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Broad Street Historic District in Bethel comprises some twenty-six architecturally or historically significant buildings. Dating from the early 19th through the early 20th centuries, few of the district's buildings have undergone major alterations. Bethel is a small community in western Maine with a population just over one thousand in the built-up area. Broad Street is its best preserved residential area and dates from the early period of the community.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district:

1. Rowe's Store and Ideal Hall: c. 1880, Italianate, 2 stories, hipped roof, clapboarded, ornate 1-story facade porch, store on first floor, hall on second floor. *photo # 3*
2. Jon Longley House: 1906, 2½ stories, hipped roof, clapboarded. *photo # 4*
3. Stiles House: 1852, Gothic Revival, 1½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded, ornate eaves decoration.
4. Ira Crocker Kimball House: c. 1865, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded.
5. Hastings Law Office: c. 1860, Greek Revival, 2 stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. *photo # 5*
6. Chapman Block: c. 1859, transitional Greek Revival-Italianate, 3 stories with false-fronted fourth story, gabled roof, brick with granite trim.
7. Bethel Library: c. 1865, Greek Revival, 1½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded, originally a law office.
8. Chapman House: before 1858, Italianate, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. *photo # 6*
9. Moses Mason House: 1813, Federal, 2 stories, gabled roof, clapboarded (N.R. 10/17/72). *photo # 2*
10. Hastings Homestead: early 19th century, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded.
11. Gideon Alphonso Hastings House: 1848, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. *photo # 7*
12. Hammons House: c. 1859, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded.
13. Holt House: before 1858, Greek Revival, 1½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded.
14. Crommett House: before 1858, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. *photo # 8*
15. Harris House: c. 1850, Greek Revival, 1½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded.

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17. Young House: c. 1850, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded, 1-story facade porch.
18. Kendall House: c. 1860, Italianate, 2½ stories, hipped roof, clapboarded.
19. Gehring Clinic: 1896, Queen Anne, 2½ stories, hipped roof, clapboarded, 2-story corner tower, (N.R. 8/2/76). photo # 9
20. Wright Cottage: c. 1906, Shingle Style, 1½ stories, gambrel roof, shingled. photo # 10
21. William Frye House: c. 1850, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded, ell and attached barn.
22. Richard A. Frye House: c. 1850, Greek Revival, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded, ell and attached barn.
23. Judge Addison E. Herrick House: 1885, Queen Anne, 2½ stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. (photo # 11)
24. Dr. Francis Tuell House: 1883, Stick Style, 1½ stories, clapboarded, gabled roof, 1-story ell porch.
25. Edmund Merrill House: c. 1874, Mansard, 2½ stories, clapboarded, quoins, attached ell with 1-story porch. photo # 12
26. Bethel Village School: c. 1850, Greek Revival, 2 stories, gabled roof, clapboarded. photo # 13
27. Bethel Inn: 1912, Colonial Revival, 2½ stories, hipped roof, clapboarded. (photo # 14)

Nonconforming intrusion detracting from the integrity of the district.

2. Bethel Fire Station: 1965, 1 story, flat roof, brick with concrete trim.

NOTE: No consistent system of street numbering exists on Broad Street or the Common.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Broad Street began as part of the route from Bethel Hill to Norway during the early settlement of the town. In 1807, the street was formally accepted as a town way and considerably widened to enhance the training of militia, hence the origin of its name.

To the northwest side of the street lies the Bethel Common, originally the gift of Captain Eleazer Twitchell, who is generally considered the first settler of what is now Bethel Village. Twitchell stipulated that the Congregational Church should be built on this site after the land was cleared. However, a controversy arose concerning the location of the church and it was eventually decided to place it near the Andros-coggin River. Dissatisfied with the course taken, Twitchell fenced the area, raising wheat and potatoes for several years. After his death, Jacob Ellingwood and Joseph Twitchell, his heirs, deeded on April 24, 1823 this land to the West Parish "for the accommodation of the public on the days of training and other popular collections." By 1829 the rocks and stumps had been removed. In the 1860's Dr. N.T. True was drilling the Bethel Zouaves here. Interestingly enough one of the purposes for the formation of the Bethel Village Corporation in 1889 was to improve the Common. Various celebrations and commemorations have been held here including the Centennial Celebration of the 1781 Indian Raid, the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976, and the annual Molly Ockett Day. The fountain in the center of the Common dates from about the time of the introduction of a municipal water supply in the 1890's and has been altered somewhat through the years.

No building survives from the earliest days of the street's history. Time and fires have taken their toll. The oldest surviving structure is the Dr. Moses Mason House (N.R. 10/17/72), built in 1813 and believed to be the first painted white and built on a foundation. The Wright cottage is the most recently constructed residence (1906). Most of the buildings on the street, however, were constructed in the middle of the nineteenth century, reflecting the prevailing architectural styles of that period.

Among other credits the street has been home to two United States Congressman, Dr. Moses Mason and David Hammons, and a Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Enoch Foster. In addition, it has attracted a large number of famous visitors including Jane Addams of Hull House.

Undoubtedly the "golden era" was that period when the Gehring Clinic (N.R. 8/2/76), attracted some of the most wealthy and brilliant people in the northeast, particularly from New York society and Harvard University circles. Both the clinic and the Bethel Inn as well as Gould Academy, located elsewhere in the community, profoundly affected Broad Street making it a kind of cosmopolitan island in an otherwise remote and largely rural region.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning on the east side of Main Street at its intersection with the north property line of the Hastings Law Office, follow this line easterly to the rear property line and thence southerly along the rear property lines on the east side of Broad Street, crossing Mason Street and Paradise Road, to the rear property line of the Gehring Clinic which runs east and west. Follow this line westerly to the southwest corner and turn northerly along the west property line, thence along the rear property lines on the west side of Broad Street, the south, west and north sides the Common to Church Street, and thence to the point of begin

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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 October, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 242 State Street TELEPHONE 289-2133

CITY OR TOWN Augusta STATE Maine

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

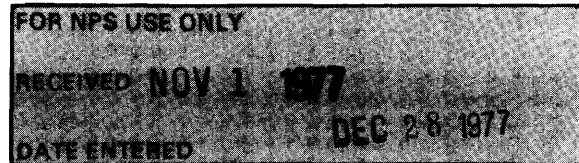
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Earle S. Shellfellow*
 TITLE *S. H. P. O.* DATE *October 27, 1977*

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION <i>Robert B. Rethig</i>	DATE <i>12/28/77</i>
ATTEST: <i>William H. Cole</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE <i>12-27-77</i>

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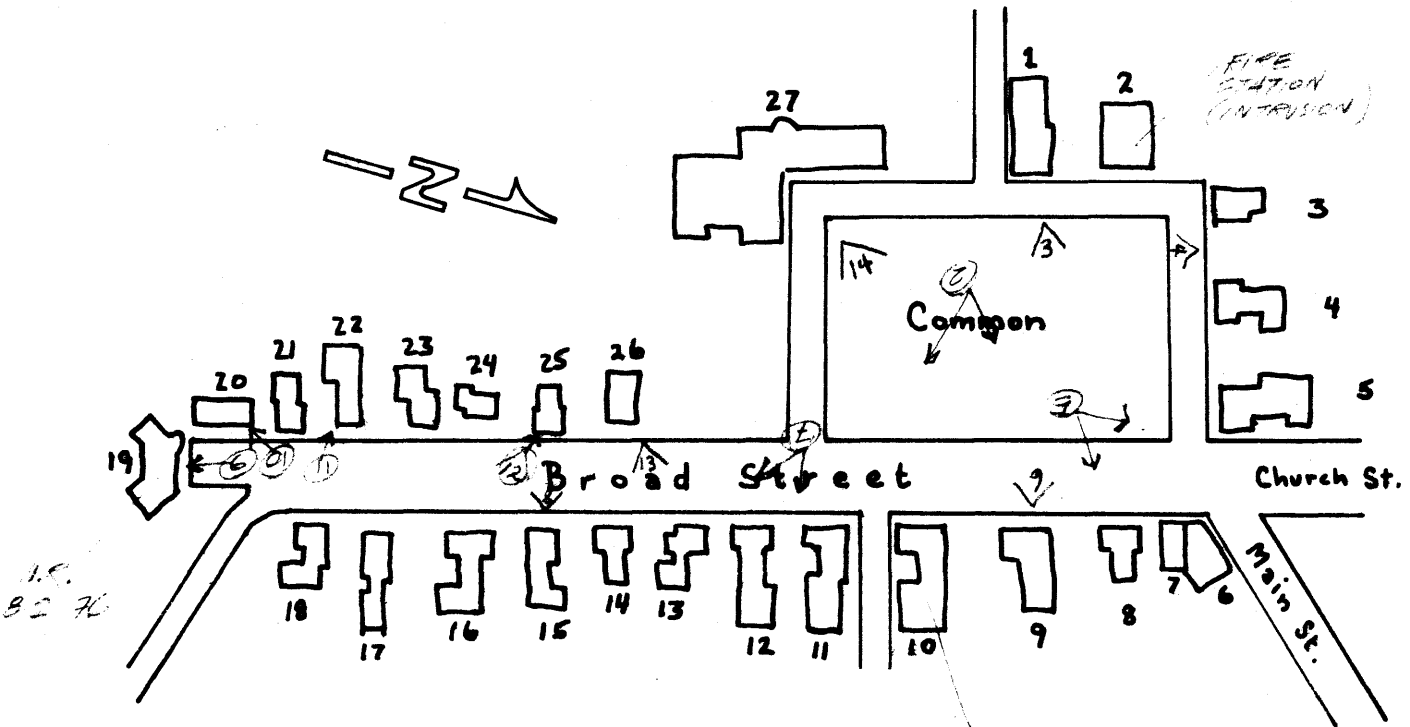
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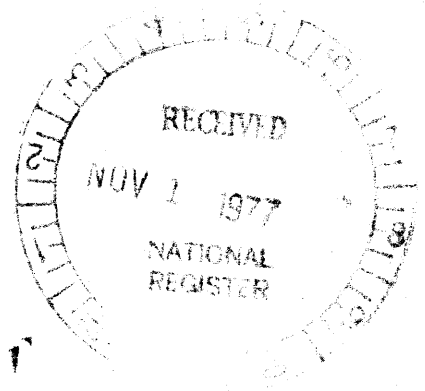
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Building #	Owner
1	✓ Farmington Oil Co. 76 Main St., Farmington, Me. 04938
2	✓ Town of Bethel, Bethel, Me. 04217
3	Jon Longley ✓ 65 Leighton Rd., Wellesley, Mass. 02181
4	Mrs. Fred Hall ✓ c/o McNally, Box 64, Hampden, Me. 04444
5	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Bethel, Me. 04217
6	✓ Mrs. Annie Hastings, Bethel, Me. 04217
7	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Gillies, Bethel, Me. 04217
8	✓ Bethel Library Assn., Bethel, Me. 04217
9	✓ Bethel Inn, Bethel, Me. 04217
10	✓ Bethel Historical Society, Bethel, Me. 04217
11	✓ Edward H. Hastings 8 Evandale Terrace, Dorchester, Mass. 02125
12	✓ Lt. Gen. & Mrs. James D. Alger, Bethel, Me. 04217
13	✓ Burton Newton, Bethel, Me. 04217
14	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Peter Weeks, Bethel, Me. 04217
15	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Crommett, Bethel, Me. 04217
16	✓ West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, Me. 04217
17	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Kimball Ames, Bethel, Me. 04217
18	✓ Casco Bank & Trust Co., Bethel, Me. 04217
19	✓ National Training Laboratory R.E. Gibbon, Treasurer 1815 N. Fort Myer Dr., Arlington, Va. 22211
20	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Phillip H. Chadbourne, Bethel, Me. 04217
21	✓ Nancy Morrill, Bethel, Me. 04217
22	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Madersky, Bethel, Me. 04217
23	✓ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Crane, Bethel, Me. 04217
24	✓ Gilbert Tuell Carlson 9 Tower Road, Hingham, Mass. 02043
25	✓ Bethel Inn, Bethel, Me. 04217
26	✓ Bethel Inn, Bethel, Me. 04217
27	✓ Bethel Inn, Bethel, Me. 04217



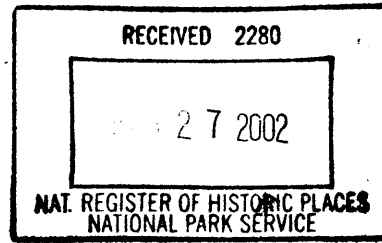
Broad Street Historic District
Bethel, Maine



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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77-078

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Broad Street Historic District (Amendment)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number _____ N/A not for publication

city or town Bethel N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Oxford code 017 zip code 04217

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James S. [Signature] SHPO 2/25/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

Additional Documentation Accepted

Edson H. Beall

4/12/02

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OXFORD, CO., MAINE

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SECTION 5: CLASSIFICATION

Increase 'Contributing Resources' by one (1) to twenty-seven (27) with the inclusion of one (1) new object. The number of non-contributing resources remains one (1). The total number of resources is increased to twenty-eight (28).

SECTION 7: DESCRIPTION

Add to the original list of 'buildings contributing to the character of the district':

28. Mount Zircon Spring Bottle lunch stand.

The Mount Zircon Spring Bottle lunch stand is one of about six portable lunch stands manufactured by the Mount Zircon Spring Water Company, Rumford, Maine, circa 1922. The two story structure is framed in wood and covered in sheet metal. It is in the form of a spring water bottle, with a door in the rear and a removeable window in the front through which food was served. The bottle is painted to resemble a "Ginger Champagne" Moon Tide Spring water bottle, complete with the company logo featuring the flowing waters of the spring, and the moon setting behind Mt. Zircon. The remainder of the bottle is painted in green with the exception of the bottle cap, which is white. Much of the paint has been restored based on the original which had faded over the years.

SECTION 8: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Zircon Moon Spring lunch bottle is the only known example of about six lunch stands made by the Mount Zircon Spring Water Company as part of an advertising strategy in the early 1920's. The bottles, which were designed to be moved from location to location, were placed at campgrounds and parks in western Maine and served food, including fried clams, to tourists and local residents. The history of this particular bottle is unknown, but it was eventually found in a campground near Crawford Notch, N.H. where it was being used as a storage building. The bottle was restored to its 1920's appearance between 1995 and 1997, and, after restoration, was moved to 18 Broad Street, Bethel Maine (the Hastings Homestead). It is privately owned, but is being donated to the Regional History Center at the Bethel Historical Society, a museum that focuses on the history of the area, including Milton Plantation and Rumford. Both the Historical Society and the property at 18 Broad Street are already included in the Broad Street Historic District. The Mt. Zircon Spring Bottle lunch stand will be in the permanent collection of the Center; it is located in the side yard of the property and is prominently visible from Broad Street and the Common. Located across the street from the Bethel Inn, a long established recreation resort, and the Common, the lunch stand is another reminder of the history of Bethel, which during the early twentieth century became a hub of outdoor recreation and tourism activities. Each year the structure is opened and serves refreshments during "Sudbury Canada Days", The Bethel Historical Society's annual heritage festival.

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BROAD STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT (AMENDMENT)

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city or town Augusta state Maine zip code 04333

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph 1 of 3
Christi A. Mitchell
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
November 15, 2001
Exterior, west facade; facing east.

Photograph 2 of 3
Christi A. Mitchell
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
November 15, 2001
Exterior, northwest side with service window removed; facing SE.

Photograph 3 of 3
Christi A. Mitchell
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November 15, 2001
Interior detail; roof framing.