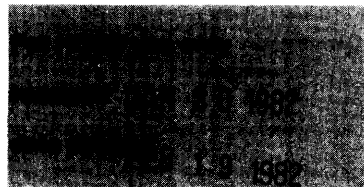


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Star of Hope Lodge

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Maine Street N/A not for publication

city, town Vinalhaven N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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> 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 Robert Indiana

street & number Maine Street

city, town Vinalhaven, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04863

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Rockland, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date N/A federal N/A state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Star of Hope Lodge in Vinal Haven, Maine, built in 1885, is a large and impressive Mansard style building in a commercial context.

The three-story building is of frame construction with shingled Mansard roof, central facade tower, cast iron cresting, and clapboard siding.

The five-bay facade, which faces south, is dominated by the tower. This feature projects beyond the plane of the facade above the first floor level, where it is supported by large brackets and covers a central entrance. In the first story there is a shop with entrance to each side of the central bay. These shops feature large store windows. The second story contains 6/6 windows crowned by triangular pediments, while in the third story there is a tall dormer to each side of the tower; these dormers contain paired 2/2 windows. Fenestration is equivalent in the four-bayed sides of the building.

The Star of Hope Lodge is currently (1981) undergoing faithful exterior restoration.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885 **Builder/Architect** *unknown*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Located in the little town of Vinalhaven on the island of the same name at the outermost reaches of Penobscot Bay, the Star of Hope Lodge stands as a notable, if vernacular, architectural landmark. It is the only building of its period remaining on Maine Street which once boasted a row of similarly distinctive structures. This impressive collection of buildings in what has now become a quiet resort and fishing community dated from the great years when Vinalhaven was the center of the Maine granite industry. The great columns in the nave of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City and the carved granite eagles which used to adorn Pennsylvania Station are but two outstanding examples of the products of this great industry. All this is over now, but the Star of Hope Lodge, once belonging to the International Order of Oddfellows, stands as a reminder.

Until recently the building, no longer used by the Oddfellows, was falling into a state of decay. Fortunately, it has recently been purchased by Robert Indiana, the noted pop artist, known especially for his painting of the letters L, O, V, E which appeared on a recent postage stamp. Indiana, now a resident of Vinalhaven, is restoring the building faithfully for use as his residence and studio, retaining the important interior features, particularly the ornate and exotic lodge hall which occupies the entire top floor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dearborn, J. W., Brief Historical Sketch of Vinalhaven. Portland, 1889.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Vinalhaven

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 18, Lot 91

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

state	code	county	code
<u>N/A</u>			

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 July, 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 B. 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
<u>Deborah Byers</u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>2/19/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	