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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Androscoggin
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ENTRY DATE	JUL 15 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON:
The Charles A. Jordan House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Deacon French House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
63 Academy Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Auburn

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2nd: Hon. William Cohen

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Androscoggin CODE: 001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>rooming house</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Raymond W. Leburn

STREET AND NUMBER:
312 East Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Lewiston

STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Androscoggin County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Auburn

STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Local

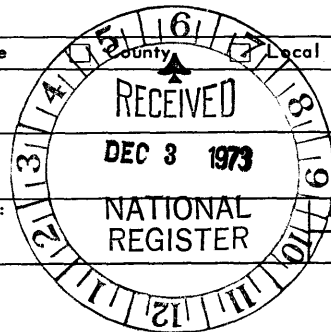
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles A. Jordan, in Auburn is one of Maine's most elegant examples of a wooden Second Empire mansion. Erected about 1880, it was designed and constructed by the local architect and builder, Charles A. Jordan for himself. The Jordan House is a square three story wooden structure on a granite foundation. The facade is composed of three bays. The central bay projects slightly from the remainder of the facade. The first story of the central bay contains the main entrance. On either side is a double window. On the first story front is a handsome wooden porch which extends five arches across and is one arch deep. The cornice of the porch is bracketed.

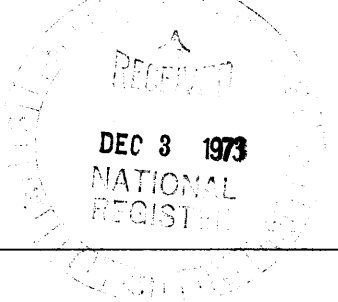
The projecting central bay possesses a double window ornamented above with a straight molding supported by three brackets. An identical window is found on either of the side bays. Above these windows across the facade is a dentil molding which is peaked over the central window. The cornice has a pronounced overhang supported by brackets. The peak in the cornice appears over the peaked dentil molding in the central bay. The third story of the central bay is comprised of the tower which rises above the third story roof. The front of the tower possesses a double window with a bracketed hood above it. The square tower has a dentil molding on each side. Above this is a bracketed cornice which is arched in the center of each side. Within each arch is a circular motif. Above the cornice is a slightly slanted mansard tower with an oval window in each side and a pronounced cornice molding at the top. On either side of the third story section of the tower is the third story mansard roof itself with a projecting dormer.

The left and right sides of the Jordan House have similar architectural features. The first and second stories each have three identical windows. Two of the windows on each story are single with a straight molding supported by two brackets, while one window is double with a straight molding supported by three brackets. Over these windows runs a dentil molding and a pronounced overhang supported by brackets. Along the sides of the slanted mansard roof of the third story are three dormers. The mansard roof is topped with a pronounced cornice molding.

At the rear stands a two story ell with a one story side porch. Above the porch is a dentil molding and a pronounced overhang supported by brackets. On the slanted mansard roof is a projecting dormer. The mansard roof is topped with a molding identical to that on the main house.

The size of the Charles A. Jordan House combined with its good basic design and its handsome array of wooden details make it an impressive part of Victorian architecture in Maine.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) ca. 1880

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Charles A. Jordan House is one of the most ornate Victorian House in the Lewiston-Auburn area, if not the State of Maine. It is significant not only for its outstanding architectural features, but also for the fact that it clearly demonstrates the craftsmanship of the local Maine builder.

Charles Jordan was a local builder of Auburn in the late 19th century. His firm was begun in 1878 under the name of Pierce & Jordan, succeeded in 1882 by Charles A. Jordan himself, and then under the name of Jordan & Bond in 1884. In 1887, Mr. Jordan was again in business by himself.

Charles A. Jordan was born on June 14, 1856 and resided in Auburn. He was listed in the Auburn City Directories as an architect and builder. It is thought he died about 1893, for his name ceases to appear in the city directories that year. He was the son of Charles R. Jordan and Deborah Bonney.

This particular house was built ca. 1880 by Jordan as proof of his skill as a designer and builder. Other buildings by Jordan were Auburn High School, The Stanley Dry Plate Factory, the Avon Mill, and many fine residences in the Auburn area.

This fine Victorian House, one of Charles A. Jordan's best, is in good condition and will soon be restored by its owner. This great house stands not only as a tribute to Charles A. Jordan but also as a tribute to the skill of the local Maine builder.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Leading Businessmen of Lewiston, Augusta, and Vicinity, Boston, Mercantile Publishing Company, 1889.

Lewiston-Auburn Directories: 1885, 1887, 1889-90.

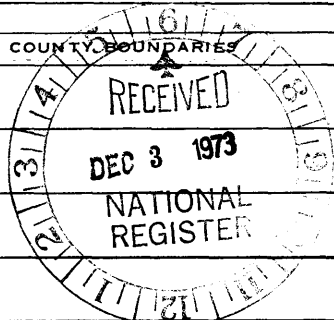
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard D. Kelly & Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.

ORGANIZATION: **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **October, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James H. Mundy

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: November 28, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Swartz
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/15/74

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/12/74