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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
Tufts House
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

SE of Farmington on U.S. 2
STREET & NUMBER
Route #2
CITY, TOWN
Farmington *vic* VICINITY OF
STATE
Maine CODE 23 COUNTY
Franklin CODE 007
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

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	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
	<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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Carola M. Peck
STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 111
CITY, TOWN
Farmington VICINITY OF STATE
Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Franklin County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Farmington STATE
Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 Francis Tufts House of Farmington, built by the original owner for himself in 1810, is an excellent and well-preserved example of the Federal style in a rural context.

The house is of brick construction (Flemish bond) with a framed half-story. 2½ stories are present, covered by a gable roof with two internal end chimneys which reflect the center-hall plan typical of the Federal Period in Maine. The cornice is denticulated.

The facade is five bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance consists of a 6-panel single door surmounted by a brick arch. Within the arch is a 5-panel over-light. The door enframement is delicately carved with a tooth-like border, while the wooden lintel below the arch carries an incised diamond pattern.

All fenestration is now 2/2, but would originally have been 9/6 or 6/6, judging by surviving sash in many other contemporary Maine dwellings. This is the only alteration to the building's exterior, and Federal style sash could be easily restored.

at 7/13

Record 1

1810

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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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Francis Tufts

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Tufts House of 1810 is a finely detailed example of rural brick Federal style design existing in a ^{nearly} unaltered state. It is the oldest brick residence of consequence in the region and is further notable for the fact that the bricks were manufactured by the builder, a professional brickmaker among other accomplishments, from clay taken from the banks of the Sandy River a few hundred yards west of the site.

Francis Tufts, born in 1744 in Medford, Massachusetts, came originally to the Farmington area in 1780 from Nobleboro where he had moved with his family in 1775. Prior to the construction of the present house, he had built nearby a frame house in 1791, which, in turn, replaced a log dwelling.

Tufts was one of three men who negotiated the purchase of the township from the Massachusetts General Court in 1790 and became its proprietors. He also built and owned the first mills at Farmington Falls.

A Revolutionary War veteran, he served at Dorchester Heights during the siege of Boston and was a participant in Arnold's Quebec Expedition.

At the age of 87, he left Farmington and rode on horseback to Maineville, Ohio, to be with members of his family who lived in this community founded by Maine emigrants a few years earlier. He died there in 1833.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Parker, Thomas, History of Farmington. 2nd ed., Farmington, 1875
 Butler, Ben & Natalie S., Maine Pioneers Founded Ohio Town,
 Lewiston Journal, October 5, 1974.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A 19 413300 4942880
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Map 12, Parcel 6

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
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 ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE January, 1979
 STREET & NUMBER 242 State Street TELEPHONE 207/289-2133
 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. Felt DATE 2/27/79
 TITLE S.H.P.O.

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>Charles Adams</u> DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>5-8-79</u>
ATTEST: <u>Ann M. Dyer</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>5/7/79</u>