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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 *000 012*

*Bray House*

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*Pepperrell Road*

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

*Kittery Point*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

*Maine*

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF  
CODE

*023*

*First*

COUNTY

*York*

CODE

*031*

**3 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
- \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL
- \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL
- \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT
- \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT
- \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL
- \_\_\_ MILITARY
- \_\_\_ MUSEUM
- \_\_\_ PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS
- \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC
- \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION
- \_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

*Phyllis C. Lamprell*

STREET & NUMBER

*Bray House, Pepperrell Road*

CITY, TOWN

*Kittery,*

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

*Maine 03905*

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *York County Registry of Deeds*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

*Alfred,*

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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Bray House of Kittery, possibly dating from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, is a massive and well-preserved dwelling, to which have been added numerous later elements.

The house is of post-and-beam construction, with a large central chimney, gable roof, clapboard siding, and field-stone foundation. Fenestration is 9/6 in the first story, with 6/6 in the second. The central entrance is flanked by Ionic pilasters and covered by an entablatured lintel; this door enframement, with sidelights, derives from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

A two-story addition on the east end of the building was built in 1916, and features a first-story sun porch.

West of the building a long studio room (built early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century) connects the house with another building moved to this location early in this century. This latter building is of 2½ stories with a central chimney and a 3-bay facade which faces west. It was originally built in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century by Thomas O. Hoyt and for years was used as a general store before being moved to its present location.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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      1662? , c.1720

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      John Bray

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The most pleasing location in Kittery Point was chosen by John Bray, of Plymouth, Devon, for the location of his new-world house in 1662. The Bray House has a commanding view of Portsmouth Harbor.

Although there is some reason to believe that elements of this original dwelling exist within the present house, it is not really possible to date the structure earlier than about 1710-20, making it still one of the oldest, if not the oldest house in Maine. Folklore persists in assigning 17th century dates to several buildings in the Kittery-York area but no hard evidence exists that any major portion of a Maine structure predates 1700.

Judging from portions of the interior, major renovations were carried out in the mid-18th century since the drawing room and other downstairs areas are formal Georgian in decor with deep relief panelling and heavy cornices.

As mentioned in the description (#7), additions, including another complete house moved from another location, have been added in this century.

Nevertheless, the basic structure of the Bray House, at least as it stood c.1720, remains in its magnificent location; certainly among a handful of Maine's longest surviving houses.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frost, John Eldridge, Colonial Village. Milford, New Hampshire, 1948.

Stackpole, E. S., Old Kittery and Her Families. Lewiston, 1903.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

QUADRANGLE NAME Kittery

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 361400 4771210

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Assessor's Map 27, Lot 46.

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

July, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

242 State 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Carle S. Feldman*

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

8/14/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*John Paul Shaw*

DATE

10-9-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Anna M. DeAngelis*

DATE

10/6/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MAINE

STATE

Date Entered      OCT 9 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saco City Hall	Saco York County
Elder Grey Meeting House	North Waterboro vicinity York County
Bray House	Kittery Point York County
Perry, Clark, House	Machias Washington County
Cushman Tavern	Lisbon vicinity Androscoggin County
Hamlin, Hannibal, House	Bangor Penobscot County
Hudson, H., Law Office	Guilford Piscataquis County

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Honorable Edmund S. Muskie  
Honorable David F. Emery  
Honorable Olympia J. Snowe

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