

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: Second Callahan Block
3. Street or rural address: 282 Lisbon Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 18D Lot 282
5. Present Owner: Chestnut Place Association Address: 650 Main Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Renaissance
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

This four story brick commercial structure has a principal (west) facade sheathed in yellow bricks surmounted by a heavy pedimented cornice with brackets. The facade is divided in three sections by pilasters which rise above the second story belt course. The windows are square headed on the second and third stories and round arched on the fourth story, although all of the sash has been replaced with aluminum combination windows. The shopfronts have similarly been replaced, although the original pilasters are extant.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1910-11
9. Architect Harry S. Coombs & Eugene Gibbs
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
4/85

13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Windows and shopfronts replaced with aluminum and plate glass
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: _____

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The historical importance of this building is in conjunction with its neighbor to the north as part of a large development undertaken by the Callahan Brothers. T.F. and Eugene Callahan were dealers in trunks, hats and gents furnishings, and their success can be measured in the construction of the First Callahan Block in 1892, followed by the Second one twenty years later. The present structure, which is the more ornate of the two, was designed by Harry Coombs and Eugene Gibbs in a brief association which followed the death of Harry's father and Gibbs' partner, George Coombs, in 1909.

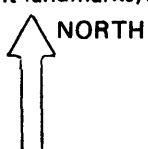
20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
Government _____ Military _____
Religion _____ Social/Education _____
Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Industrial Journal (Bangor) 6/1910, 1/1911

22. Date form prepared 12/85
By (name) R. Reed
Organization MHPC
Address: _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):



HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): Historic Callahan Building (2)
- 2. Principal Street Address: 282 Lisbon Street
- 3. Other Street Address: _____
- 4. Present Owner's Name: _____ 5. Ownership: public ___ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: _____
- 7. Original Owner: Timothy F. and Eugene A. Callahan
- 8. Use: original commercial/office 9. Accessibility to public:
 present multiple residence exterior visible from public road X
 interior accessible: (explain) _____

Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August 1984
 Address: Cornell University, Ithica NY 14350 Telephone: _____
 Position: volunteer ___ professional consultant ___ intern X
 other, (explain) _____

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 4 Bays ___ Attic ___ Basement X
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: ___ wood frame, light members: ___
 System: masonry load bearing: ___ metal, (explain): _____
- 12. Photo _____ 13. Map _____

Average 1/4

DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle ___ wood shingle ___ slate ___ concrete ___
Material: composition metal ___ tile ___ other ___
Walls: wood ___ stone ___ cast iron ___ brick stucco ___
other ___
Foundation: brick

15. Present excellent good ___ fair ___ poor ___ deteriorated ___
Condition: explain fair or poor condition

16. Integrity: original site: yes no ___ if moved, when ___
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

This structure has undergone major rehabilitation since 1980 to accommodate new function providing subsidized housing. The project was undertaken by the Shelter Group, Inc.

Alteration displays sensitivity to the structure's original character. Irreversible alterations include:

- o reduction of window openings and replacement of original wood sash with anodized aluminum.
- o elimination of sash set-back on altered display windows at street-level.

17. Threats to none zoning ___ roads ___ developers ___ deterioration ___
Building: other ___

18. Related barn ___ carriage house ___ garage ___ privy ___ shed ___ shop ___
Outbuildings: none
landscape features ___
other ___

19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land ___ woodland ___ industrial ___
densely built-up commercial scattered buildings ___
residential ___ other ___

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

The size, set-back, building materials and style are consistent with other large commercial structures on Lisbon Street. The Callahan Block contributes to the visual continuity and the early commercial character of downtown. Alignment of fenestration and architectural features with the large structure immediately north creates an exceptionally strong visual element at the intersection with Chestnut. South of these two structures the continuity on the east side of the street is considerably diffused.

DESCRIPTION

21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

This large, buff brick, commercial block features a projecting pediment with a raking cornice, located over the center section of the facade. Other architectural features and details are also classically derived, and aligned with the neighboring facade.

The facade is divided into three sections with wide, brick pilasters rising two stories from the granite belt course over second story windows.

The fenestration pattern is identical at the second and third stories, consisting of three rectangular openings in each flanking section with four in the center. Openings feature reticulated, brick lintels with granite keystones and projecting granite sills.

This pattern is repeated at the fourth story with round arched openings. Arches in each section are linked with a continuous granite sill below and projecting brick voussiors with brick keystones above. A brick impost course spans the facade between windows. Voussiors are more pronounced in the center bay, where a single larger arch encompasses the two center openings. The resulting spandrel displays decorative brickwork.

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SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1910-1911

23. Architect: Harry Coombs, Eugene Gibbs Address: Lewiston

24. Builder: _____ Address: _____

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

Like the structure immediately north, this block was constructed by members of the Callahan family, Timothy F. and Eugene A., on the site acquired in 1889 from Mary A. Wescott of Providence. The neighboring structure bearing the name Callahan was built in 1892 and designed by George Coombs. This second structure was erected in 1910-11 and is also attributed to Coombs and Gibbs. Coombs in this case, however, refers to George's son Harry, who assumed entire control of the firm after his father's death in 1909. It was during the time of this commission that Gibbs left the firm and formed a new partnership with Addison Pulsifer. Although the style and materials of the two structures are notably different, the architects' effort to create a strong visual relationship is apparent in the alignment of fenestration and architectural details.

Since the early 1880's, the Callahan brothers operated a Lisbon Street business dealing in trunks, hats and gentlemen's furnishings. In 1920, city directories list T.F. Callahan Insurance Co., at this address either his own new venture or possibly that of an heir.

26. Sources:

"Industrial Journal", 1/6/1910, 1/1911, on deposit at Special Collections, Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono.

"Lewiston Sun Journal," Obituary for Eugene Gibbs, 3/20/29, on deposit at the Lewiston Public Library.

City directories, on deposit at the Lewiston Public Library

Deed Research, Registry Department, Androscoggin County Building, Auburn.

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