

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



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1. Name

historic Henrietta Brewer House

and/or common Redclyffe Shore Motel

2. Location

street & number U.S. Route 1 N/A not for publication

city, town Robbinston, vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Washington code 029

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 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"/> N/A 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:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sutton

street & number U. S. Route 1

city, town Robbinston, vicinity of _____ state Maine 04671

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number _____

city, town Machias, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Henrietta Brewer House is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story frame Gothic Revival villa of irregular shape and fenestration. The main section is actually two $2\frac{1}{2}$ story rectangular parts with steeply pitched roofs (A & B), sited side by side. The forward gable end of section A is well behind the plane created by the forward gable end of section B, and the broad walls of both sections merge for approximately half of their respective lengths. At the point of merger, a steeply-pitched roof segment connects the roofs of both sections.

Section A has the steeper roof pitch of the two, and a lattice and screen porch extends along the base of its forward gable end. The main entrance is off this porch. Large box dormers bearing lancet windows protrude from the house at the eave level. Lancet windows also adorn the gable ends, while square windows with lintels punctuate the broad walls.

The gables and the pitched hoods of the dormers have vergeboards of a scroll-like pattern, and peaked finials.

The walls of the house are clapboarded, and the roof is now of asphalt shingles. Two small chimnies (probably not the originals) punctuate the two roof ridges.

A $1\frac{1}{2}$ story ell with a similarly steep pitched roof (but no vergeboarding) extends to the rear of section A.

The interior of the house is decorated entirely in the Greek Revival style.

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/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	Builder/Architect
1861-63	Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This picturesque residence is the most authentically "Gothic" house in eastern Maine, the two listed in the National Register in Calais falling more into the imaginative "Carpenter Gothic" variety. With its pointed arch windows, clustered gables, label moldings and pinnacles it speaks strongly of the traditional Gothic Revival theme.

The house was built by Henrietta Brewer, wife of John N. M. Brewer, whose Greek Revival Temple style house nearby is being concurrently nominated, and daughter-in-law of General John Brewer, whose home, "The Mansion House" also in the neighborhood was listed in the National Register on 5-22-63/

Beautifully situated on the bank of the St. Croix River, the house is now a tourist home whose owners are carefully restoring the very interesting Greek Revival interior.

