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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.) (Refer to photographs)

This documentation is presented to remove the McElwain House in Caribou, Maine from the National Register of Historic Places.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The McElwain House (NR: 82000739) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 12, 1982 for its local architectural significance and its association with John McElwain, a prominent Aroostook County farmer. The two story, square plan Colonial Revival style home with widow's walk, wraparound porch, porte cochere and hooded dormers was constructed in 1916 and was one of the grandest rural houses in the County.

At the time the property was listed in the National Register some of the original diamond pane windows on the building had been replaced, but overall the building had integrity of materials, design, workmanship, setting, location, association and feeling. However between 1982 and 2001 additional alterations were made to the building, including the application of synthetic siding over the entire building, and a change in the design of the porch posts and balustrades. In 2001the Maine Historic Preservation Commission determined that the property no longer had the integrity to continue to meet the National Register Criteria. Subsequently, a large two story addition was made to the rear of the ell and the widow's walk was removed, further impacting the building's historic integrity.

This additional documentation is submitted in order to remove the McElwain House from the National Register as per 36 CFR 60.15 (a)(1) because "the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed...". In lieu of recent photographs two digital images produced by Google Earth are submitted that depict the alterations to the property.

8. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

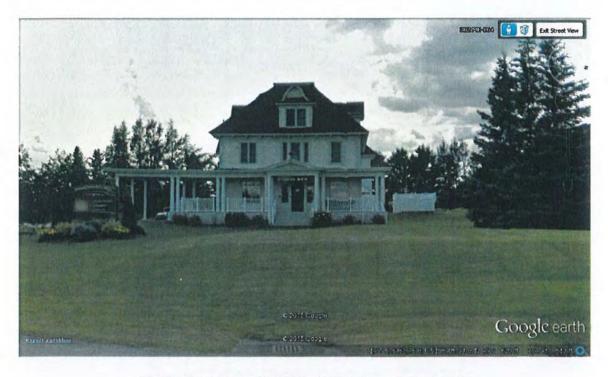
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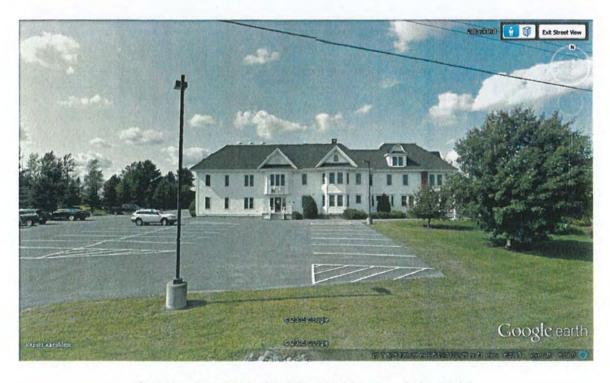
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East elevation, McElwain House, July 2014.



South elevation, McElwain House, July 2014.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- Maps: A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Caribou's McElwain House of 1916-1917 is an interesting example of the Colonial Revival style in a rural context.

The $2\frac{1}{2}$ story building is of frame construction with a steep, truncated hipped roof with a "widow's walk," one internal and two external chimneys, and clapboard siding. Window treatment varies throughout, but most are diamond paned. All cornices are bracketed and dentriculated. A large, $2\frac{1}{2}$ story ell with a hipped gable roof and a gambrel roofed carriage house are connected to the rear (west side) of the house.

The facade, which faces east, is three bays wide, the central bay on the ground floor being the front door. The flanking windows are made up of a double sash and a stained glass transom. The second story has three bays, from left to right respectively: a set of French doors; a three section, diamond paned window made up of a central casement and two sidelights; and a diamond paned casement window. Piercing the roof is a large hooded dormer with a three part window, each part containing eight lights. A flat roofed porch with square, paired posts extends across the facade and beyond, creating a port cochere on its south end. Wide stone steps beneath a triangular pedimented portico lead to the front door.

The north side of the house is four bays wide on the second floor, each bay being a diamond paned casement window. The half-story possesses a dormer identical to that of the east side. The first story, however, is divided between the base of an exterior chimney and three single sash windows of varying sizes.

The south side of the building is similar to the facade as to fenestration. The hooded dormer and pairs of diamond paned windows are present and the latter appear randomly on the first two stories. The other exterior chimney is located on this side near the porch.

Continuing west on the south side of the McElwain House is a large hipped gable roofed ell. Over a projecting bay is a gable dormer with an arched window. Other windows in the ell are similar to those of the main house. Perpendicular to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ell is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story gambrel roofed carriage house.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The beautiful McElwain House of 1916-1917 was, for 30 years, the home of one of Aroostook County's most prominent farmers. John McElwain, combining an industrious nature with a taste for elegance, created in this rural area of the state an agricultural empire in the early twentieth century. The Colonial Revival style home of this "country squire" is an imposing reminder of the era that produced it and, for all its remote location, was as elegant and refined as many of the "cottages" then being built along the coast.

When John McElwain came to Caribou from Woodstock, New Brunswick, in 1902, he brought with him his young wife, Frances, and the capitol necessary to purchase 200 acres of land along the western side of the Aroostook River. On this land McElwain began a farm which consisted of livestock (hogs, cattle, and chickens) and cultivated crops (potatoes, buckwheat, and oats). By 1911, McElwain was capturing the attention of area residents and was referred to as a "hustling farmer." His reputation as a country squire was brought on by his tendency to wear a white shirt and tie to perform even the most menial of tasks.

The small house which had been home to the McElwains and their daughter, Geneva, was outdated by 1916 and construction of the present structure began in June of that year. Although the architect is unknown, it is certain that Mrs. McElwain had a great deal of input into its design. The blueprints had taken three years to complete; it seems that the wait was worthwhile for the "showplace" that resulted in July of 1917 was "beautifully appointed....faultlessly complete in every detail." Handcrafted stone fireplaces, stained glass on each side of the entrance door in the upper panels of the sliding doors between sitting and dining rooms, Tiffany glass in the dining room cabinets, a bell system to summon servants, a bird's-eye maple room, were a few of the many embellishments planned by Mrs. McElwain. On the practical side there were many others: insulation made of buckwheat hulls in the walls, a wood furnace, a cistern for rain water, "set" tubs made of cement used for laundry, a laundry chute to the basement, a root cellar, a men's shower used by the hired hands, and an interior passage from the house to the carriage house; seemingly no detail was forgotten. The same careful planning that was followed for the house was also used in landscaping the surrounding grounds. A new road past the house and a sunken garden were the two major projects undertaken.

The social events that took place in the McElwain House during the 1920's were well described in the local newspapers. Geneva's T-Garden, a sort of old fashioned and elegant concession stand, was located in the sunken garden and was a success from the time of its opening in 1925. From all accounts the McElwain's organization of social events was impeccable, the atmosphere festive, the decor flawless, and the food a delight. Such were the "Roaring 20's" even in remote Caribou, Maine, thanks to the wealth and spirit of the three McElwains.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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The 1930's, however, brought the Great Depression. Economic difficulty, and the marriage and departure of young Geneva McElwain, notably subdued the atmosphere at "Happy Corner." The house became a tourist home, the McElwains continued to entertain guests, but the ballroom's transformation into guest rooms symbolized the end of an era for the family.

Frances McElwain died in 1940 leaving her husband to carry on the tradition of the McElwains alone. With the help of his employee and companion, James McConnell, McElwain continued to operate the farm until his death at age 78 in 1946. From 1947 until 1973 the house continued to be used as a residence and few changes were made in the building. In 1973 the Northern Maine Regional Planning Commission purchased the property and has carefully converted the interior for office use. The changes have been made gradually and will allow the house to revert to a residence if that need arises.

The McElwain House still stands in its original location, an imposing reminder of an era more grandiose (or at least more romantic) than the present. The strength of the McElwain character, as reflected in the sturdiness of their home, was the focal point of many aspiring citizens of the day. The McElwains were the epitome of the industrious, the clever, the good; their house was mirror of all that was grand. The sight of it still inspires those who are unfamiliar with its history to imagine what bygone era produced it. Many of those who know and participated in its history continue to recount tales of the days when they were part of the McElwain House.



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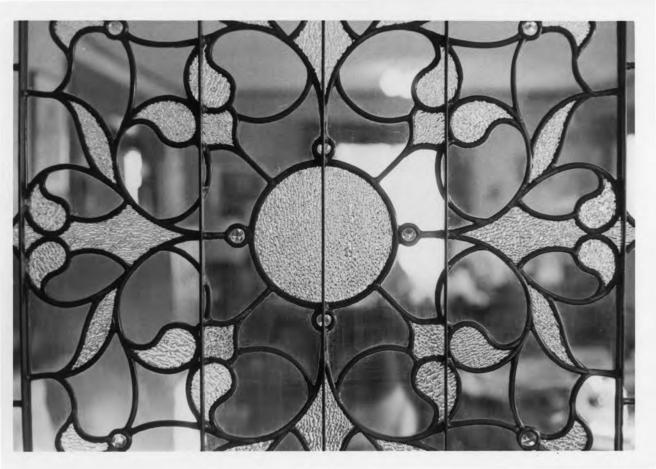
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J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper of the National Register National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW, 8th Fl. Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find four (4) new National Register nominations for properties in the State of Maine:

Ella R. Hodgkins Intermediate School, Kennebe County
Great Chebeague Golf Club, Cumberland County
Norton's Corner School, Piscataquis County
Lewiston Mills and Water Power System Historic District, Androscoggin County

The photographs submitted with the Lewiston Mills and Water Power System Historic District were developed from black and white film negatives. As such, there is no accompanying image disk. Please note that for the sake of convenience the photographs have been labeled with an abbreviation of the district name (i.e. LMWPS Historic District). Accompanying this nomination are copies of letters of objection submitted by 2 (only) of the 39 property owners.

Also enclosed are six (6) registration forms for the removal of National Register Listed properties in Maine:

McElwain House, Aroostook County Burgess, Walter and Eva, Farm, Piscataquis County Bradford House, Androscoggin County First Baptist Church, Cumberland County New Sharon Bridge, Franklin County Crockett, Knott, House, Knox County

If you have any questions relating to these nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me at $(207) 287-2132 \times 2$.

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