

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic The Old Tavern

and or common

2. Location

street & number Maine Route 188 and Old Dam Road N/A not for publication

city, town Burlington, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Penobscot code 019

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 type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Stewart M. Lord Memorial Historical Society

street & number P. O. Box 307

city, town Howland, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04448

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Bangor, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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 Burlington Tavern is a two-and-one-half story wood frame structure with a gable roof and clapboard siding. The principal (south) elevation is five bays wide with a central entrance. The door is flanked by sidelights and pilasters. Extending across this facade is a veranda supported on turned posts with brackets. Extending from the rear of the tavern is a two story ell which, on the north side, has wood shingles instead of clapboards. The windows throughout the building consist of two-over-two double-hung sash. There are also two gable roof dormers on the west slope of the ell roof which have original six-over-six lights. There are three brick chimneys, one at each end of the main section of the house and one for the ell.

The only major alterations occurred during the late nineteenth century when most of the sash was replaced and the veranda was added. The door, however, is a modern replacement.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1844 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Old Tavern in Burlington is a remarkably well preserved example of an early inn and tavern catering to lumbermen and drivers during the height of the lumber industry in Maine. Now a sleepy community, it was once a bustling and rough town on the Passadumkeag River and this building was filled with hard living, heavy drinking men during the season of the log drive.

It was built by Amzi Libby who came to Burlington about 1834 from Limerick, Maine. When he acquired the lot at "the corner" in 1844 he built the tavern which served as a hotel for lumbering crews driving down the Passadumkeag or who were working in the Nicatous area.

Jeremiah Page bought the tavern from Charles R. Libby, a son of Amzi, in 1864. He became a very prominent citizen both as a merchant and innkeeper, serving also as selectman, town clerk and Justice of the Peace.

In later years the tavern became a very popular headquarters for hunters and fishermen in the area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hawkins, Alan H., History of the Town of Burlington, Penobscot County, Maine.
Augusta, Maine, 1977.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Saponac

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 18, Lot 19

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1986

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

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 *E. S. Feltner*

title S.H.P.O.

date 2/17/86

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Patrick Andrews

date 4/4/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest *Beth L. Savage*

date 4-4-86

Chief of Registration