

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 Lower Lisbon Street Historic District

and or common

2. Location Lisbon St. between Cedar and Chestnut

street & number See Attached List not for publication

city, town Lewiston, vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Androscoggin code

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Various, see list.

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Auburn, 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lower Lisbon Street Historic District consists of one block of buildings which represent the entire range of Lewiston's most important period of commercial development from 1850 to 1914. There are a variety of sizes, building materials and stylistic periods among the structures of this district. Commercial buildings to the north, east and south on Lisbon Street lack sufficient architectural integrity to be included in the nomination.

Buildings Contributing to the Historic District

Lisbon Street

- 281 c. 1900, one story wood frame building with gable roof hidden behind classical revival false front facade. Decorative panelling, pilasters, cornice with modillions and lentils, storefront altered.
- 291-97 1876, three story brick building, High Victorian Gothic style, combinations of round, segmental and lancet arched windows with store and brick voussoirs, cornice with brackets, pilasters and granite, and cast-iron storefront.
- 299 1881, three story wood frame building, bow front facade with shingle siding, six-over-one double-hung sash, storefront altered.
- 305 1871, two story wood frame building with clapboard siding, cornice with brackets, original storefront, corner pilasters.
- 307 1901, two story wood frame building, simple cornice, original storefront with round arched and segmental arched windows, large metal cornice with pediment and finials, storefront altered except for brick piers.
- 311-17 1909, four story yellow brick building, elaborate Renaissance Revival facade with Florentine windows, large cornice, decorative medallions and original storefront.
- 319 c. 1900, four story wood frame building, classical revival style, fluted pilasters, cornice with modillions and brackets, original storefront.
- 323-25 1896, three story wood frame building, bow front with asbestos shingles, cornice with brackets, storefront altered with plywood.
- 327-29 1896, four story wood frame building, classical revival style, fluted Ionic pilasters, cornice with brackets and dentils, windows with cornices, storefront intact.
- 331-33 c. 1850-55, two-and-one-half story wood building with gable roof, Greek Revival style, clapboard siding, cornice returns, mid-twentieth century Carrara Glass storefront.
- 335-37 1914, four story brick building, Romanesque style with round arched windows on upper floor, metal cornice, stone trim, storefront partially intact.
- 339-41 1903, four story brick building, commercial style, cornice with brackets, storefront altered.

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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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	Various	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lower Lisbon Street Historic District is a concentration of 18 commercial structures which form a single block in Lewiston's central business district. The district is significant as the only intact concentration of commercial buildings from the city's most important period of development, 1850–1915. Moreover, this rare surviving representation of late nineteenth and early twentieth century architecture is unusual for the great variety of materials, ornamentation and building heights found concentrated in a single block. As a product of intermittent development, there are structures which survive from every major phase of the city's history.

Developed as a company town by Boston investors beginning in 1850, Lewiston rapidly grew to become the largest industrial city in Maine. It became particularly important as a textile center for the region. Until its decline in the 1920's, Lewiston experienced fairly steady prosperity as the developers, known as the Franklin Water Power Company, sold off lots for housing and commercial structures. Lisbon Street quickly became the central business district where most of the stores and office buildings were located. The lower end, which includes the area of this district, did not develop as intensively as the upper end. Consequently what survives includes stores dating from the earliest period of significance, as well as those constructed in the 1900's. This section of the street has traditionally served as the location for a variety of small businesses and this contributes to its varied historical character.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic Lewiston A Textile City in Transition, James S. Leamon, Auburn, Maine, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 1/2

Quadrangle name Lewiston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

19	402640	4882820
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

19	402700	6882640
Zone	Easting	Northing

C

19	402660	4882800
Zone	Easting	Northing

D

19	402620	4882800
Zone	Easting	Northing

E

Zone	Easting	Northing

F

Zone	Easting	Northing

G

Zone	Easting	Northing

H

Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the SW corner of Lisbon and Chestnut Streets, the district boundary runs southerly along the W side of Lisbon Street to the NW corner of the latter and Cedar Street whose N side it follows westerly to the rear property line of 369-71 Lisbon Street. From here the line runs northerly along the rear property lines

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

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1985

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 *Emile S. Feltz*
 title S.H.P.O. date 2/8/85

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

for Delores Byers Entered in National Register date 5-21-85
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration

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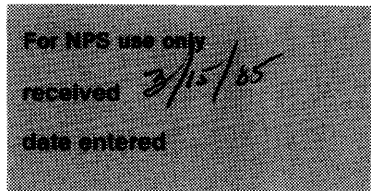
PROPERTY OWNERS

Lisbon: Chestnut to Cedar - West

<u>PROPERTY ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER(S)</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>
281 Lisbon St.	Andre Frechette	700 Lisbon St.-Lew. 04240
291-297 Lisbon St.	Roger Morin	395 Poland Rd.-Aub. 04210
299 Lisbon St.	Esther Goldman c/o Pauline Ouellette	127 So. Main St. Auburn 04210
305 Lisbon St.	(see 299 Lisbon St.)	
307 Lisbon St.	Edward & Carlene Desrosiers	P. O. Box 1123-Aub. 04210
311-17 Lisbon St.	Richard St. Laurent & Roger McGraw	313 Lisbon St. Lewiston 04240
319 Lisbon St.	Fernand Leblanc	317 Lisbon St.-Lew. 04240
323-25 Lisbon St.	Donald Dube c/o Emile & Marie Lafrance	296 Lisbon St. Lewiston 04240
327-29 Lisbon St.	Robert & Jeannine Lambert	94 Summit Ave.-Lew. 04240
331-33 Lisbon St.	Fernande Dionne	333 Lisbon St.-Lew. 04240
335-37 Lisbon St.	Vincenzo Depaolo	201 Harvard St.-Port. 04103
339-41 Lisbon St.	John Stasulis	P. O. Box 775 One Highland Ave.-Lew. 04240
343-45 Lisbon St.	Edgar & Lorraine Leblanc	343 Lisbon St.-Lew. 04240
347-51 Lisbon St.	Normand & Theresa Cote c/o Maurice Beaulieu	347 Lisbon Street Lewiston 04240
353 Lisbon St.	(see 347-351 Lisbon St.)	
355 Lisbon St.	Laurette Parent	29 Arkwright St.-Lew. 04240
359 Lisbon St.	Leo & Laurette Parent	29 Arkwright St.-Lew. 04240
369-71 Lisbon St.	Daniel Leonas	R.F.D. #1, Box 1590 Mechanic Falls 04256

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Buildings Contribution to the Historic District (continued...):

Lisbon Street

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|---------------------|--|
| 243-45 | 1911, one story wood frame building, classical cornice with brackets, storefront altered with plywood |
| 347-51 | 1906, four story brick building, classical revival style, flat arched lintels, cornice brackets, storefront altered with plywood |
| 353 | c. 1900, one story wood frame building, aluminum siding and large picture window |
| 355 | 1881, two story wood frame building, simple cornice and storefront, aluminum siding |
| 359 | 1873, three story brick building, Italianate style, cornice with brackets and pendants, decorative panelling, flat stone lintels, post and beam granite storefront |
| 31 69-71 | 1876, three story brick building, Italianate style, cornice with brackets, flat stone lintels, storefront altered |

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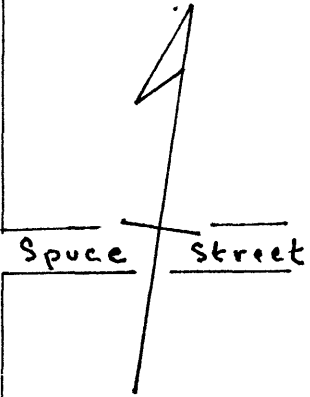
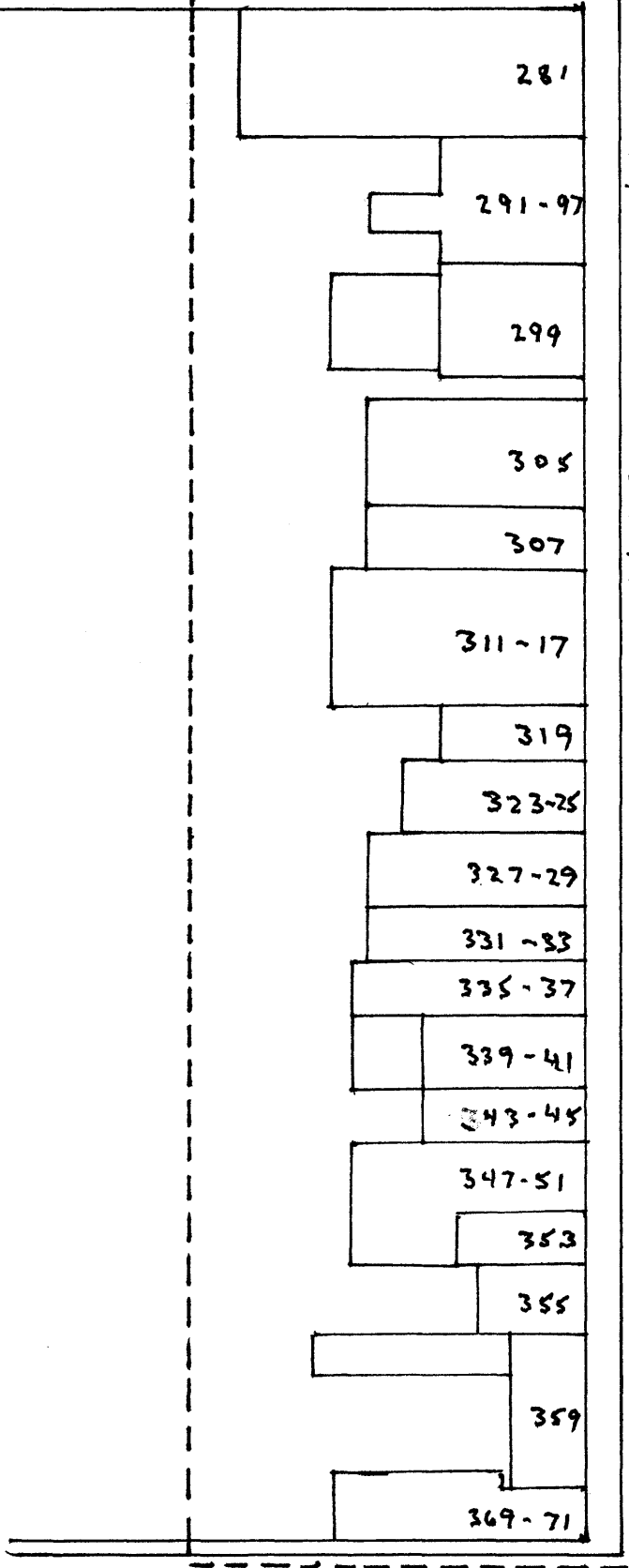
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on the W side of Lisbon to Chestnut Street whose S side it follows easterly to the point of beginning.

This boundary encompasses the major concentration of the earliest commercial buildings on Lisbon Street.

Chestnut St



Cedar St.

Lower Lisbon Street Historic District

District Boundary - - - - -

Scale: 1:925

