

Hon. Peter N. Kyros

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine
 COUNTY: Cumberland
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 ENTRY NUMBER: _____ DATE: JUL 16 1973

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 PJR 41080
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Parson Smith House
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SE of South Windham on River Road
River Road (Corner Anderson Road)
 CITY OR TOWN: South Windham Me.
 STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Cumberland CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

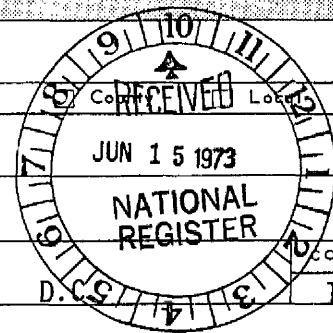
OWNER'S NAME: The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities
 STREET AND NUMBER: 114 Cambridge Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Boston STATE: Massachusetts CODE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Cumberland County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: 142 Federal Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: H.A.B.S. - Maine
 DATE OF SURVEY: August 21, 1968 Federal State
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1st Street and Independence Avenue, S.E.
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: _____



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

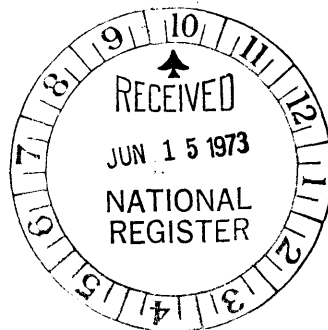
(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parson Smith Homestead, built by Peter Thatcher Smith in 1764, is an example of colonial architecture. The house is located in that part of Windham known as South Windham. Built on the highest elevation in South Windham, the house looks out over many other well-kept farmsteads and the Smith-Anderson Cemetery where Peter Thatcher Smith is buried.

The Parson Smith House is a large two-and-one-half story colonial home finished in clapboards. The windows on the first floor have 12 over 12 lights and on the second floor are 12 over 8. There are two chimneys, offset at each end of the house. There is a large ell on the house but just when it was added is not known. The earliest mention of it is in a family document written in 1866. The original woodwork is still in most of the house with the exception of a few 19th century mantels. In some rooms are also fragments of the original wallpaper.

This fine 18th century house has had very little alteration over the years.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1764

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parson Smith House is one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in Maine. Its significance, in this respect, lies in the fact that it is in excellent condition and has been virtually unchanged since its construction in 1764.

The builder of this house was Peter Thatcher Smith, second son of the Rev. Thomas Smith of Falmouth (now Portland). He was born at Falmouth on June 14, 1731 and took his first degree at Harvard College in 1753. He kept school for a number of years at Weymouth, Massachusetts while studying for the ministry. He had preached occasionally in Windham, Maine and in November 1761 was asked by the citizens of Windham to settle there as permanent minister. He was ordained on September 22, 1762 at Windham where he had accepted the position. He built his home in 1764 on lot #33 called the Ministerial Lot.

Parson Smith resided in Windham until October 26, 1826, the day of death, ministering to the needs of his flock. He was a great man to the people of Windham for they came to him for all their needs. Except for serving as Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts in 1803 he did not enter the political arena.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

H.A.B.S., Data Sheet, Prepared August 21, 1968.

Old Time New England. Vol. XLVIII #2. Boston: Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Fall 1957.

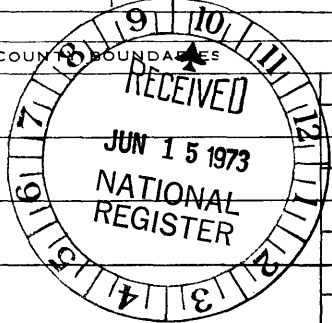
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
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NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	43°	42'	58"	70°	23'	35"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 Acres**

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 AND TITLE: **Richard D. Kelly**

ORGANIZATION: **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **May, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **31 Western Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James H. Munchy

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: June 14, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/16/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7 10 73

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The Parson Smith House never left the Smith family, although it did pass down through the female line. In 1944 Louisa A. G. Parker became the sole owner of the property. Upon her death on December 5, 1952, the home- stead of her great-great-grandfather, Peter Thatcher Smith, was bequeathed to The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. The house today is maintained by the Society and is kept in excellent repair.

