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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hussey Plow Co. Building and Museum

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Dyer Street Extension

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

North Berwick VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

York

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hussey Manufacturing Co.

STREET & NUMBER

Dyer Street Extension

CITY, TOWN

North Berwick
Augusta VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine 03906

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

York County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Alfred,

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1976</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hussey Plow Company building is a very simple gable roofed wood frame clapboarded structure. The facade has a single recessed doorway to one side with double doors each having windows with nine panes in their upper halves and two panels in their lower halves. The north and south sides feature two six-over-six windows as does the rear elevation. The rustic interior, beautifully preserved, was once the office for the Hussey Plow Company and now harbors a museum.

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	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1831

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small and humble structure stands as the quintessential symbol of a famous Maine manufacturing tradition now carried on by the Hussey Manufacturing Company in North Berwick. From the most modest origins in 1835, this firm, under the leadership of successive generations of one family, grew over the years constantly adapting its products to changes in demand. Today the company is one of the leading manufacturers of steel and wood seating in the country.

William Hussey (1800-1870) of North Berwick was a descendant of Christopher Hussey who came to Lynn, Massachusetts from England in 1632. A simple Quaker farmer, William was introduced at the age of 35 to the cast iron plow recently invented by Jethro Wood of Scipio, New York. By redesigning and lengthening the mouldboard, Hussey developed a plow which became locally popular. The foundry work for the early Hussey plows was done in New Market, N.H. while the wooden components were fabricated and the plows assembled in North Berwick.

William's son, Timothy B. Hussey, established the T.B. Hussey Plow Co. which carried on all manufacturing operations in North Berwick. It was Timothy who set the standards and established the integrity, unity, and sincerity of purpose which carried the company through more than one crisis and characterize its operations today.

Over the remainder of the century the Hussey Plow Company expanded its line of products to include a newly patented stone boat, iron pipe hangers for sprinkler systems in the newly emerging textile mills, cast iron sled shoes, sewer grates and man-hole covers, and a cord wood sawing machine.

Surviving a disastrous fire in 1895, the new century saw the company, now under Timothy's three sons, producing steel ladders and fire escapes. In 1912 the plant was moved to its present location beside the Boston and Maine tracks.

Philip William Hussey, Sr. (1891 -) Timothy's grandson became active in the company in the early 1900's and the plant was enlarged and production of water sports equipment (floats, diving boards, etc.) became an important manufacturing sideline. The 1930's saw the beginning of bleacher seat construction, both portable and rigid and in the 1950's indoor roll-out gym seats, the company's present specialty, was developed.

Today, Hussey Manufacturing Company, much expanded with branch plants, is under the leadership of Philip Hussey's two sons, Philip William, Jr. and Peter Augustine Hussey, great-great grandsons of founder William Hussey.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hussey, Philip W., Sr., A Long Furrow Plowed: The Hussey Manufacturers.
North Berwick, Maine 1960.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1
UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>19</u>	<u>359750</u>	<u>4795820</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Map R17, Lot 27

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER 242 State Street TELEPHONE (207)-289-2133

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 Carole S. Fredrikson DATE 7/31/78

TITLE SHPO

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>Carol D. Shull</u>	DATE <u>11-19-79</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <u>Tommy Van Dyke</u>	DATE <u>11/19/79</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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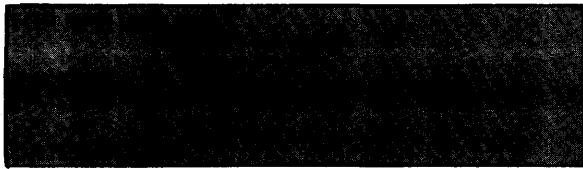


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This small museum, developed by Philip Hussey, Sr. contains memorabilia recalling the long and varied progress of this remarkable Maine institution.

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This building, the only structure remaining from the original Hussey Plow Company location was moved in order to place it in the center of the present company operations. This has in no way affected the integrity of the structure which for many years stood abandoned on its original site. The original clapboards have been replaced by new ones which duplicate them as nearly as possible. The only alteration is the entrance which was originally a single hinged door without glass.

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Although moved, this structure, as the only one associated with the early (plow making) history of this pioneer company, is of exceptional importance both because of its associations and because of its use as a museum which documents the history of this industry. The move from a nearby location served to place it again in a context which had disappeared from its original site thus giving it a more meaningful ambience.