

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine  
 COUNTY: York  
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 ENTRY DATE: SEP 20 1973

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**1. NAME**  
 COMMON: The Capt. Nathaniel Lord Mansion  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Buckland Mansion

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Corner Pleasant and Green Streets  
 CITY OR TOWN: Kennebunkport CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st: Hon. Peter N. Kyros  
 STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: York CODE: 031

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |

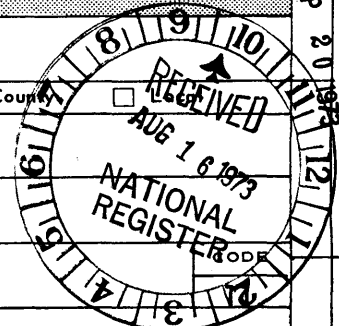
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                    |  |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   |  |                                   |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 OWNER'S NAME: KCT Realty, Inc.  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Corner Pleasant and Green Streets  
 CITY OR TOWN: Kennebunkport STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: York County Courthouse  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Court Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Alfred STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY: HABS (ME)  
 DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 1st Street and Independence Ave., S.E.  
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C.



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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stately mansion situated in the Town of Kennebunkport was built in the year 1812 by Capt. Nathaniel Lord. Done in the Federal style, the house has three stories rising to a flat roof topped by a cupola.

The windows on the first two stories of the facade have six over six lights while on the third story they are three over three. The central window on the second story facade is an elaborately decorated window with sidelights. There are four chimneys on the main house, two at each end.

Entrance to the house is gained through the front portico where is found a single door decorated with sidelights. In the entrance hallway, one finds an unsupported elliptical winding staircase leading to the other floors.

The portico is not original and is the only alteration that was ever done to the main house. Originally there was a latticework archway but changed to its present style at a later date.

The inside of the house has been totally restored within the last year. No changes in the rooms have been made and all existing architectural attributes have been preserved. There are at least two rooms with the original wallpaper.

The large rear portion of the house, done in the same fine style as the front, was added in 1858.

The house has a total of 23 rooms, six full baths, two 1/2 baths, a trunk room, butler's pantries, twelve fireplaces and a gold vault in the basement. A separate outside entrance leads to the cupola and window's walk.

The barn, which has been moved about 250', was also built in 1812. It is a three story structure, solidly constructed and totally unchanged.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1812**

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" 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      | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

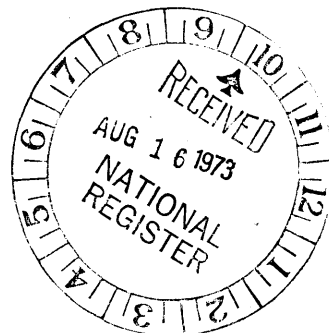
Kennebunkport was an important shipbuilding center and port of entry until during the War of 1812 the British blocked the mouth of the Kennebunk River. All ship building and commerce ceased in this area at that time.

Consequently, with no shipping being done, and no ships being built, the ship carpenters became idle. Nathaniel Lord, a wealthy shipowner and merchant, commissioned these men to build him a large house and barn upon a piece of land given to his wife, Phoebe Walker, by her father.

The detail workmanship of many rooms throughout the house illustrates the talent provided by these craftsmen. The unsupported elliptical staircase in the front entrance hall is a dramatic example.

The inheritance of this house went from daughter to daughter through seven generations. This accounts for the many names this house has gone by through the years, as marriages took place. It has been known as the Lord, Clark, Buckland and Fuller estate at one time or another, depending on what generation you happen to be!

This house was sold in 1972, and for the first time in its history, does not belong to an ancestor of Capt. Nathaniel Lord. The total restoration that has occurred during the past year has created quite an interest among the local people. It will be offered for their enjoyment during "open house" on weekdays this summer.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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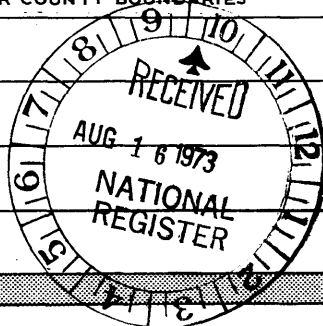
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |        | 43° 21' 31"   | 70° 28' 29"             |  |
| NE   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |        |   |                         |  |
| SE   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |        |   |                         |  |
| SW   | 0' 0" 0"                | 0' 0" 0"                |        |   |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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: Carol B. Clark, Vice President

ORGANIZATION: KCT Realty, Inc. DATE: May 28, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Corner Pleasant and Green Streets, P.O. Box 527

CITY OR TOWN: Kennebunkport STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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. Mundy

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date August 13, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/20/73

ATTEST:

Wm. Bennett  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9 19 73

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