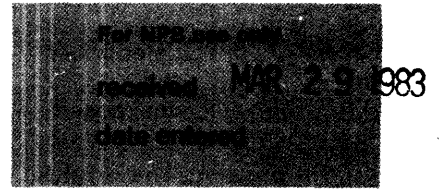


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 Elisha F. Stone House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Gothic Street N/A not for publication

city, town South Paris, N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Oxford code 017

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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Mr. David Johnson

street & number Gothic Street

city, town South Paris, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04281

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town South Paris, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Elisha F. Stone House in South Paris is an asymmetrical Gothic Revival cottage of frame construction, with scored, rusticated siding and corner quoins. Appropriately, the house sits on the corner of High and Gothic Streets.

The cottage is "T-shaped", with the length of the two cross-gables being slightly unequal. The longer (north) cross-gable is roughly half the length of the main portion, and forms an "L" with said portion from the street-corner. The roof is steeply-pitched and a chimney is located half way along the main portion's ridge. Two original Gothic chimneys have been removed. All three gables have icicle-like vergeboarding.

The porch, located in the "L", was originally quite shallow and extended along the north wall of the main section to its joint with the cross-gable. The porch has since been doubled in area to enclose the entire space within the angle. The newer porch replicates exactly the Gothic posts, millwork, and balustrade of the original.

An oriel bay window originally affixed to the first floor of the east gable end has been removed and replaced with a picture window. An identical alteration has occurred in the first-story window of the north gable end. Both picture windows have been given Gothic lintels identical to those of the remaining windows. A small two-sided oriel bay window survives on the second story of the north gable end.

A two-and-one-half story, pitched-roofed, clapboarded ell extends back from the house's joint. The ell has an entrance facing Gothic street. To the ell's rear, also on Gothic Street, stands a 20th century two-car garage, its walls sheathed in rustication matching that of the house.

The house's first floor consists of two rooms, one running the length of both cross-gables, and one in the main portion. A recent fire probably caused the original floorplan to be altered, and doubtless destroyed a number of interior decorations. The fire caused no discernable damage to the exterior.

## 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
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<input 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** 1854 **Builder/Architect** attributed to Henry Rowe

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Elisha F. Stone House is the finest Gothic Revival cottage in Oxford County. Gothic Revival architecture is generally rare in western Maine, and the Stone House is virtually unique as a sophisticated, architect-designed example.

The house was constructed in 1854, probably from plans by Henry Rowe of Portland. An Irish-born, English-trained architect, Rowe was established in Portland by 1845, and advertised himself as a specialist in Gothic Revival design. The Arthur Seabury House in Yarmouth (c. 1845) is virtually identical to the Stone House in both plan and detail, making it likely that a Portland architect was responsible for both. The details of both houses are further identical to features of the John J. Brown House in Portland, a Gothic cottage designed by Rowe in 1845.

Small alterations in the house's exterior have been carried out with great respect for the original style, from a linteled picture window to a rusticated two-car garage.

Elisha F. Stone was a local merchant-tailor who also served as the town's post-master.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Town of Paris Tax Assessor's Records, 1853-55.  
William Lapham & Silas Maxim, History of Paris, Maine, Paris: 1884 (photo).

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property  $\frac{1}{4}$

Quadrangle name Norway

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map U8, Lot 115

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Gregory K. Clancey, Contract Assistant/Frank A. Beard, Historian

organization Me. Historic Preservation Comm. date January, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol 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 *Earle S. Stettin*

title S. H. P. O. date 3/22/83

For NPS use only

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

*Shelous Byer*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 4/28/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date