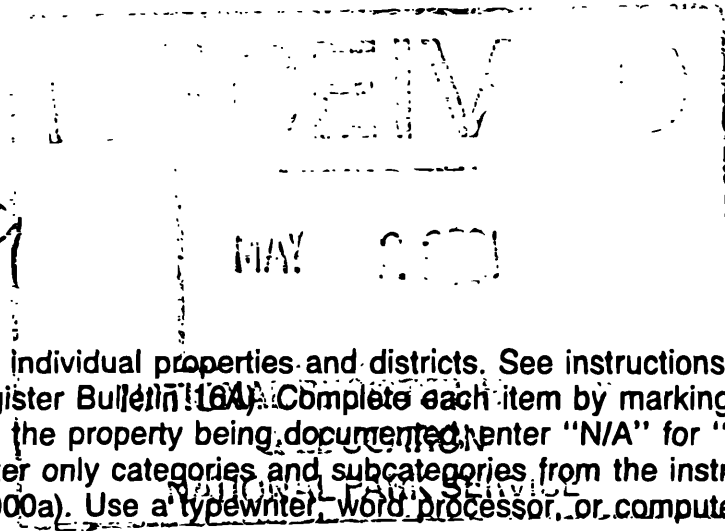


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Eastman, William K., House

other names/site number Eastman-Lord House

2. Location

street & number 100 Main Street NA not for publication

city or town Conway NA vicinity

state New Hampshire code NH county Carroll code 003 zip code 03818

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Nancy C. Dutton 4/26/01
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

New Hampshire
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Elson H. Beal 6/6/01

Wm. K. Eastman House
Name of Property

Carroll Cty., NH
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Early Republic/Federal

Mid 19th Century/Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation granite

walls weatherboard

roof metal

other brick (chimneys)

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**Wm. K. Eastman House
Conway (Carroll Cty) NH**

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Description:

The south-facing Eastman-Lord House is a two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, I-house initially constructed as a cape c1818 and added to in c1849 to result in its current configuration. Extending from the northeast corner of the main block is a two-story gable-front ell. The buildings rest on granite foundations, are sheathed in clapboards, and terminate with a metal-clad gable roofs.

The main block is five bays across and one bay deep, the center entry is recessed slightly and framed by paneled reveals. The wood paneled door is flanked by half-length sidelights. A late-19th century Queen Anne entry porch shelters the doorway; it has a hip roof supported by turned posts with decorative brackets, the balustrade has turned members and a low railing. Windows are mostly two-over-one double-hung sash; the attic is lighted by mid-19th century six-over-six sashes. All are flanked by louvered blinds. (Historic views show the use of nine-over-six windows even after the entry porch was constructed.)

Along the rear of the main block is a one-and-a-half-story, full-width shed-roofed element supported by rubble and sheathed in clapboards. Its roof continues the line of the main block's rear slope. Fenestration consists of a wooden door (not accessed by any steps) on the western-most bay, and four windows including nine-over-six, two-over-two, and one-over one sashes.

The two-story ell to the northeast of the main block is gable-front in orientation. It is the product of two building campaigns. The rear section was previously a free-standing building which housed a the general store Eastman operated during the 1830s. During the mid-19th century, the front section was constructed, connecting the rear building to the main block. There is an entry door on the west (left) bay of the façade, and a three-sided bay projection with hip roof on the east bay. The two second-story windows are two-over-one sash; the single gable window is six-over-six. Windows elsewhere on the ell are two-over-one, six-over-six, and nine-over-six, with a late 20th century three-part window on the rear (north). On the east (side) elevation, there is a door sheltered by a simple one-bay gabled porch. A mid-20th century single cell addition on concrete foundation extends eastward from the rear of the ell.

The balance of the lot is grassed and includes mature trees, lilacs, and evergreen shrubbery.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Industry

Period of Significance

c1818 - 1879

Significant Dates

c1818

1820

c1849

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

William K. Eastman

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Conway NH Historical Society

Wm. K. Eastman House
Name of Property

Carroll Cty., NH
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property less than one (.40acre)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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Conway (Carroll Cty) NH

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Significance

The William K. Eastman House at 100 Main Street in Conway, New Hampshire is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its associations with William K. Eastman (1794-1887), a prominent citizen and businessman of Conway. Its period of significance is 1818, the date of construction, to 1879, the years of Eastman's occupancy. Eastman built this house just after his marriage and resided there throughout a 65-year career in business and community service. It is the only structure surviving with associations to his active career, his first tannery and later mills having been lost to demolition and fire. (Eastman's original tan yard was operated by Christopher W. Wilder from 1850 to 1875, who did harness-making and carriage-trimming there. By the early 1880s it had become quite weatherbeaten and was demolished. The straw board mill burned, probably around 1890. The site of his store does survive, as the rear section of the side ell of the house.) The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association for Eastman's occupancy. The only significant changes have been the introduction of a one-story, one-bay Stick Style entry porch, likely added in the 1880s and a single cell addition at the rear of the side ell, which do not effect the house's ability to convey its associations with Eastman.

William K. Eastman was born in Loudon, New Hampshire in 1794, the fourth child of David and Ruth (Whittemore) Eastman. He attended Loudon schools and later high school in Concord, during several winters. After a one-year apprenticeship at a Concord bakery, he left for Limerick, Maine where he learned the trade of tanner and currier.

Eastman came to Conway in 1814 where he settled and would live for the next 65 years. In 1816 he married Rhoda Messer of Loudon. They moved into a small house near the tannery and began the construction of a permanent home, the William K. Eastman House, at 100 Main Street, across the road from the tannery. The house was completed c1820.

Eastman initially established himself as a tanner on Pequawket Pond. He continued at the site until c 1834, adding shoe-making and harness-making to the business in 1827. He operated a general store at his home during the 1830s. It was located in a building to the east of the house that was later connected to the house by an addition constructed in the mid-19th century.

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Significance (cont)

About 1845 he built a mill on the lower Pequawket Power Privilege to produce straw board, a rough board used to make boxes and book covers. (That mill burned shortly after, as did the factory that replaced it.) At the new location, sons Hasket D. and William W. Eastman were in partnership with their father as William K. Eastman and Sons.

In 1853 William K. Eastman and Sons purchased the Jonathan Chase wool-carding and cloth-dressing mills on the east side of the Pequawket stream. They were enlarged and operated by the Eastman company until 1865 when they were reorganized as Eastman (Hasket) and Pendexter (Daniel E.).

Eastman's wealth and prominence grew over the years. He was a respected businessman known as William K. Eastman, Esq.. Not only did he have many business interests, he held local and state offices including deputy sheriff, selectman, juryman, coroner, state representative for two terms; was a lieutenant in the militia, delegate to Democratic state conventions, and part of a delegation meeting General LaFayette in 1825. During the Civil War, was a founder of the Conway Methodist Society and also a founder of the South Conway Seminary, a school of excellent reputation serving students in the grades beyond those available in the municipal system. In 1840 he was one of fifteen men in Conway wealthy enough to own a four-wheel chaise. Eastman owned a 300 acre farm that was valued at \$2000, according to the 1860 agricultural census. Other 1860 inventories indicate he owned a house, barn, shop, and store on eight acres as well as two cows, a horse, small farm, house and lot occupied by C.W. Wilder, interest in Eastman and Pendexter and stock in trade – all valued at close to \$5,000.

After his wife's death in 1870, Eastman lived on in the house with his daughter Caroline Eastman Barnes and her family for nine years. In 1879 he sold everything and moved to Minneapolis where a number of his family had successfully established themselves in the preceding years. He remained there the rest of his life, residing with his son Hasket. William D. Eastman passed away October 18, 1887. He was buried in Conway next to his wife.

Civil War veteran George Heath of Conway purchased the house in 1879, residing there until his death in 1900. The Kennett Family owned the house very briefly,

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Significance (cont.)

then selling it to Mary Daniels Lord (wife of Eben Lord, at one time a box maker) who ran a millinery shop there. The house next passed to the Lords' son, Robert

Raymond Lord, a night watchman for the Conway Fire Department. Lord gifted the house to the Conway Historical Society in 1962. He retained life tenancy and occupied a small apartment partitioned off from the rest of the interior. After Lord's passing, in the late 1980s, the house became a very active museum and cultural center. It has continued to grow increasingly more vibrant with important collections and publications to its credit.

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The Eastman House is located on parcel 33-64 on tax map 3-7 in the tax records of Conway NH. Boundaries are indicated on the attached sketch map.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries of the nominated property are coextensive with the holdings conveyed to the Conway Historical Society by Robert Raymond Lord in 1962. This represents the parcel still associated with the Eastman House.

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Photographs:

Photographer: Richard S. Putnam

Date of Photograph: March 2000

Negatives filed at: NH Div. of Historical Resources

Photo 1: Front (south) elevation of main block and east ell, facing north

Photo 2: Side (west) and front (south) elevations of main block

Photo 3: Rear (north) and side (west) elevations of main block and east ell.

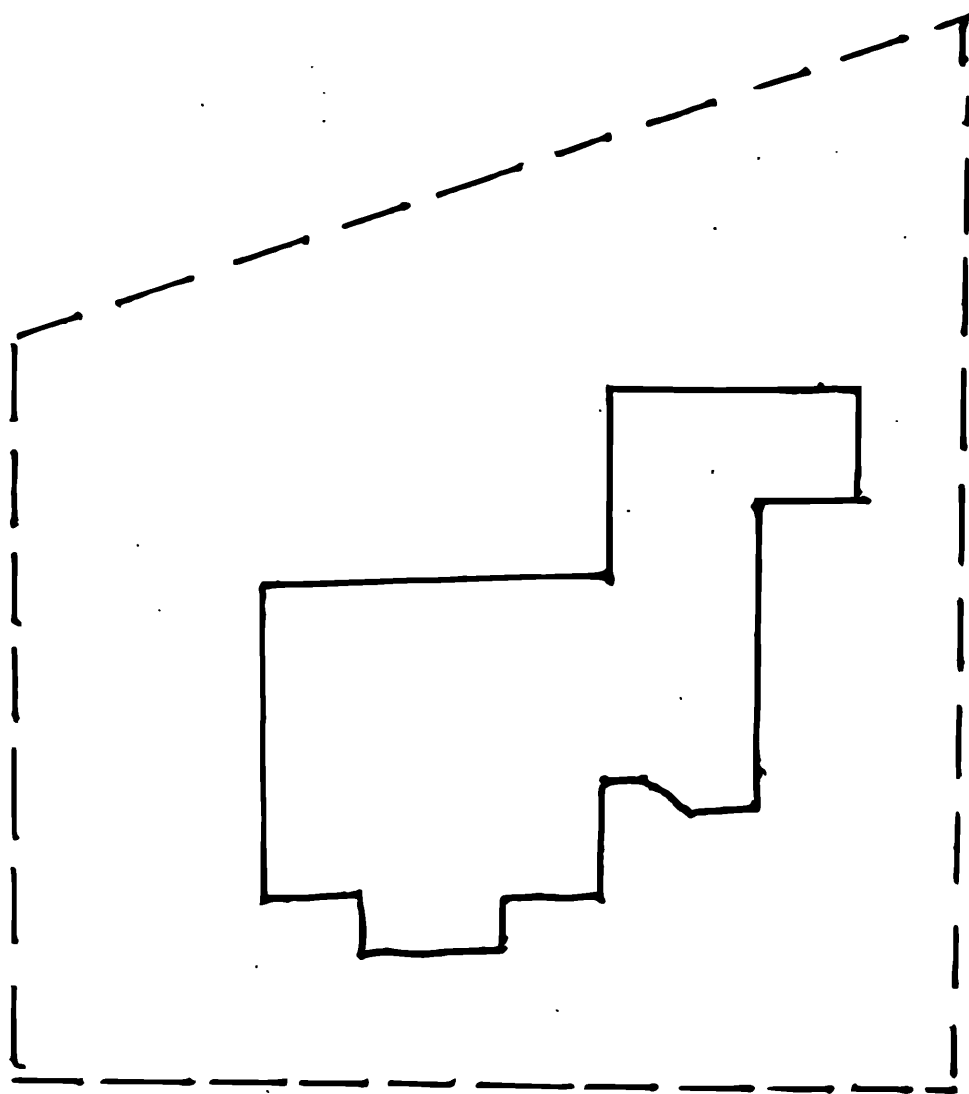
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SKETCH MAP

WILLIAM K. EASTMAN HOUSE
100 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, NEW HAMPSHIRE



MAIN STREET (ROUTE 16)

BOUNDARIES

30 FT
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