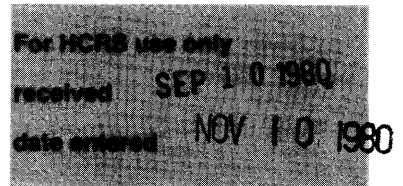


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 "Barncastle"
and/or common Kline Cottage

2. Location

street & number ~~Box 183~~ South Street ___ not for publication
city, town Blue Hill ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd
state Maine code 23 county Hancock code 009

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name June M.B. Esselstyn
street & number Box 183 South Street
city, town Blue Hill ___ vicinity of state Maine

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hancock County Registry of Deeds
street & number
city, town Ellsworth state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no
date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local
depository for survey records
city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

"Barncastle", located in the Town of Blue Hill, Maine, is an elaborate and distinctive house. Designed by George Clough and built in 1884, the building is a sprawling complex in the Shingle style with additional eccentric details.

The 1 1/2 story house is of frame construction with gambrel roof, three internal brick chimneys, shingle siding, and field-stone foundation.

The asymmetrical facade faces north and is dominated by a semi-circular projecting bay of two-stories with a roof of bellcast form and double-hung sash fenestration. To the left of this bay is an open porch at the north-east corner. To the right is a one-story porch which runs across the rest of the facade. Within this porch, adjacent to the projecting bay, is the building's main entrance, a single door flanked by pairs of multi-panel windows. Above this entrance is a five-sided dormer with segmental roof; fenestration is multi-paned casements. To the right of this dormer is a larger one with gabled roof, containing a 2/2 window flanked by multi-paned double-hung windows.

The east and west ends of the house likewise contain asymmetrical fenestration, that on the east side being 2/2, on the west 6/6 along with two oval windows--one blind, one functional.

Extending from the rear of the house to the south is a one-story gable-roofed ell of simple design. Beyond this is an arched carriage-way flanked on both its east and west sides by circular towers with conical roofs. This in turn leads to an attached carriage-house and barn, both of which have gambrel roofs.

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 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 1884 **Builder/Architect** George Clough

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"Barncastle" is primarily significant as an eccentric variation or extension of the Single Style. Secondly it possesses a unique architectural history.

Originally occupying the site was a late Federal cape, built in 1834. This undistinguished house was the birthplace of Effie Ober who married John D. Rockefeller's lawyer and became Effie Kline. Mrs. Kline in 1884, apparently not wishing to destroy her birthplace, built the present house around it, completely obscuring it in all respects except for a portion of the shingle roof still visible within the attic of the present structure.

The present house is filled with architectural peculiarities including a split staircase rising out of a two-story foyer with an inside window and balcony on the second level. Also of note are the broad arches reaching between two pairs of turrets across the driveway between house and barn. A further unusual feature is the bellcast roofed semi-tower which emerges from the front of the gambrel roof.

Although unconventional in many respects, "Barncastle", nonetheless emerges as a striking and impressive summer cottage.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Blue Hill's House-on-a House has lots of 'pizazz'," Bangor Daily News August 23, 1979

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Blue Hill

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Hancock, County registry of deeds, book 1360 page 296

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/James Schimmer, Intern

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date July, 1980

street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133

city or town Augusta state Maine

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Earle S. Fitts*

title S.H.P.O. date 8/29/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Thomas M. Boyd</i></u>	date <u>11/10/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u><i>Patrick Ardus</i></u>	date <u>11/4/80</u>
Chief of Registration	