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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

78000154

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Bradford House, Additional Documentation - Removal

Other names/site number: Parkview Offices

Name of related multiple property listing: n/a

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

## 2. Location

Street & number: 54-56 Pine Street

City or town: Lewiston

State: Maine

County: Androscoggin

Not For Publication: n/a

Vicinity: n/a

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

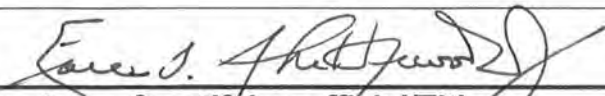
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this        nomination        request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

national       statewide       local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A       B       C       D

	<u>5/21/15</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>EJF</u>	Date
<b>MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION</b>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u>      </u> meets <u>      </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

**BRADFORD HOUSE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTATION - REMOVAL**

**ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, MAINE**

Name of Property

County and State

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

*Jon Edson H. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

*7.14.15*  
Date of Action

**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

**BRADFORD HOUSE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTATION – REMOVAL**

**ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, MAINE**

Name of Property

County and State

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.) (Refer to photographs)

This documentation is presented to remove the Bradford House in Lewiston, Maine from the National Register of Historic Places.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Bradford House (NR: 78000154) in Lewiston, Maine was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on December 22, 1978 in recognition of its architectural significance. Built in 1876 and designed by the prolific Lewiston architect George M. Coombs, the William H. Bradford House was a good example of a high style Second Empire style house located in a fashionable urban neighborhood. In the twentieth century the building was converted to legal offices. However, on July 4, 2007 a fire that spread from the basement to the attic caused roughly \$1 million damage and the building was subsequently demolished.

This additional documentation is submitted in order to remove Bradford House from the National Register as per 36 CFR 60.15 (a)(1) because "the property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed...". A copy of a newspaper article recording the fire, and a current image of the site are enclosed.

**8. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Williams, Christopher. "\$1 M in damage as blaze chars Bradford House" *Sun Journal* (Lewiston, Maine), July 5, 2007.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**BRADFORD HOUSE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTATION – REMOVAL****ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, MAINE**

Name of Property \_\_\_\_\_

County and State

 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_**10. Form Prepared By**

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date: 11 February 2015

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



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54 - 56 PINE STREET, LEWISTON, MAINE  
FACING NORTH-NORTHEAST.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

PHO 689670

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DATE ENTERED DEC 22 1978

**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  
Bradford House (preferred)  
AND/OR COMMON  
Parkview Offices

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
54-56 Pine Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Lewiston  
STATE  
Maine  
VICINITY OF  
2nd  
COUNTY  
Androscoggin  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CODE  
001

**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 checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 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  
Paul and Joan Cote  
STREET & NUMBER  
54 Pine Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Lewiston  
STATE  
Maine  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Auburn  
STATE  
Maine

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bradford House in Lewiston, designed by George Coombs and built in 1876, is a fine and well-preserved urban example of the Mansard style residence.

The house, which faces south, is of brick construction with wood and granite trim, 2½ stories, a slate roof, and brick chimney. The foundation and entrance steps are of granite, as are the window frames of the lower two stories. The bracketed cornice and ornate trim of the half-story dormers are of wood. A rectangular wooden portico, with square columns supporting a bracketed cornice, covers a central facade entrance. All fenestration is 1/1, except for small rectangular casement windows at the cellar level.

The facade is 3 bays wide. The right-hand bay projects from the main wall of the house, allowing a single window in the first and second stories to face west along the facade.

The west side of the building is distinguished by a 3-sided projecting bay which contains 3 windows in each of the lower 2 stories.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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      1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      George M. Coombs

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary significance of the Bradford House lies in its architectural merit as a high style Mansard urban residence which set the tone for what was in the 1870's a fashionable neighborhood surrounding this city park. Built in 1876 by George Coombs, Lewiston's leading architect of the period, the house was occupied later in the century by a prominent physician, Dr. William H. Bradford.

Dr. Bradford, born in 1866, was the son of Dr. Herbert Cary Bradford, a homeopathic physician who enjoyed a wide-spread and excellent professional reputation. Also the son of a doctor, he was responsible in part for the training of a number of medical students who later practiced in Lewiston.







Bradford House  
Lewiston, Maine

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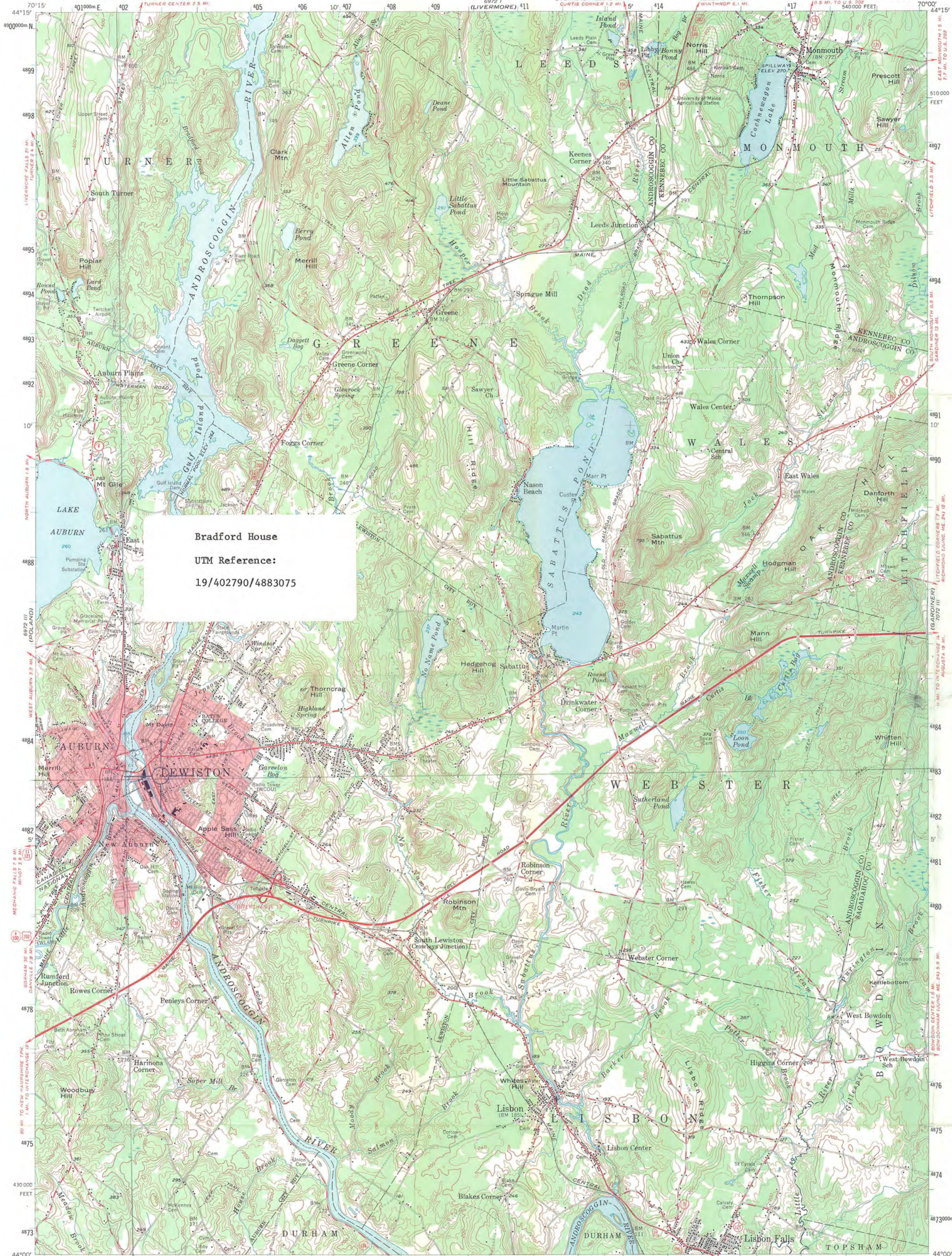
Frank A. Beard 9/78

Me. Historic Preservation Comm.

View from the southwest

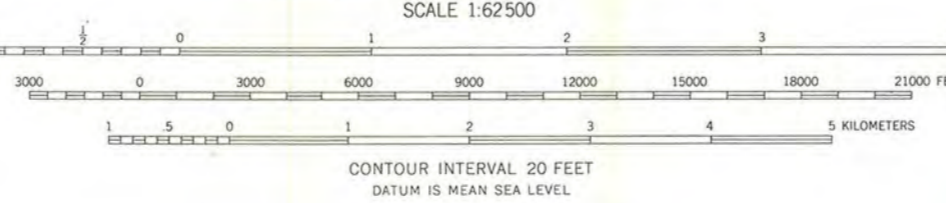
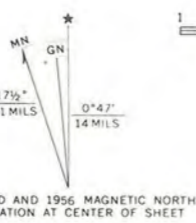
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Bradford House  
UTM Reference:  
19/402790/4883075

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Topography from aerial photographs by Kelsh plotter  
Aerial photographs taken 1953. Field check 1956  
Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maine coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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Bradford House 19/402790/4883075

National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

YD  
11-27-78

Bradford House  
11/21/78

COTE, COTE & HAMANN, P. A.  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
54 PINE STREET  
LEWISTON, MAINE 04240

ADRIAN A. COTE 11900-1966  
PAUL A. COTE  
RICHARD G. HAMANN  
MARC P. AYOTTE

November 27, 1978

P. O. BOX 1229  
TELEPHONE  
207-784-2931

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Re: Paul and Joan Cote, 54 Pine Street, Lewiston, Maine  
Bradford House

Both my wife and I would like our property, located at 54 Pine Street, Lewiston, Maine and referred to as the Bradford House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

We are in the process of trying to ascertain the exact date of the construction of the building. We do have the original copies of the architect's plans but there is no date listed on them, and we are both working to pinpoint either the date construction was started on the building, or the date of its completion.

I believe the building is now listed as being built in 1876, but we have pretty substantial proof that it was constructed prior to that date, and when and if we are able to ascertain the exact date we will send this information along to you.

Both my wife and I have taken great pride in rehabilitating the building with our own funds and feel richer for having done so. We would be very proud to have this building listed in the National Register.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

COTE, COTE & HAMANN, P.A.



Paul A. Cote

PAC:D

LETTERS OF PACIFIC PLACES

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*[Handwritten mark]*

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MAINE

Date Entered DEC 22 1978

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Springfield Congregational Church	Springfield Penobscot County
Williams, Gen. John, House	Bangor Penobscot County
Holland-Drew House	Lewiston Androscoggin County
Bradford House	Lewiston Androscoggin County
Patten Building	Cherryfield Washington County
St. Paul's Church and Rectory	Portland Cumberland County
Dennett Garrison	Kittery York County

Also Notified

Honorable William S. Cohen  
Honorable Edmund S. Muskie  
Honorable Olympia J. Snowe  
Honorable David F. Emery

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.  
Director  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
242 State St.  
Augusta, Maine 04330

NR Byers/bjr 1/17/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.



Property Bradford House

State Me.

Working Number 11.7.78.4494

**TECHNICAL**

Photos   
Maps

**CONTROL**

*pl*  
*OK 11.8.78*

*Statement of architectural significance appears more explicit than most from Maine. Also significant for associations with prominent local physician.*

**HISTORIAN**

*Accept*  
*Lightner*  
*12-12-78*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

*Locally significant example of Mansard style house.*

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*ACCEPT*  
*Mac Dougan*  
*12/12/78*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered DEC 22 1978

Federal Register Entry

2.6.79

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register  
Bradford House

2 OTHER NAMES  
Parkview Offices

3 date of entry:  
DEC 22 1978

4 county code:  
001

5 LOCATION street & number  
54--56 Pine St.

city / town  
Lewiston

vicinity of

state  
ME

county  
Androscoggin

6 NPS REGION  
NE

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name)

8 ADMINISTRATOR

9 EXISTING SURVEYS  RAS  NAE  NH  FINISHED?  YES  NO  CONGRESS DISTRICT: 2

10 SOURCE OF NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL

11 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  
 YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO

12 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  
 YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO

13 AGREEMENT  
 LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

14 CONDITION  deteriorated  altered  original site

excellent  ruins  unaltered  moved

good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown

fair  unexcavated  excavated

15 features:  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3

NOT INTACT-0

UNKNOWN-4

NOT APPLICABLE-7

INTERIOR

NOT INTACT-0

UNKNOWN-5

NOT APPLICABLE-8

EXTERIOR

SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3

NOT INTACT-0

UNKNOWN-6

NOT APPLICABLE-9

ENVIRONS

16 ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown

17 ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO

18 SAVED?  YES

19 IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

20 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-7  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28

ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LAW-16  RELIGION-27  SETTLEMENT-29

AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31

ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_

ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  TRANSPORTATION-25

PHILOSOPHY-20

21 CLAIMS: explain

'first'

'oldest'

'only'

22 functions

WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:

CURRENTLY:

23 dates of initial construction:

major alterations:

historic events:

24 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

25 architectural style(s):

26 architect:

27 master builder:

28 engineer:

29 landscape architect / garden designer:

30 interior decorator:

31 artist:

32 artisan:

33 builder/contractor:

34 NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

35 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Bradford House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, Androscoggin

DATE RECEIVED: 5/29/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/14/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78000154

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 7.14.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

# Sun Journal

## \$1M in damage as blaze chars Bradford House

By Christopher Williams , Staff Writer

Thursday, July 5, 2007

LEWISTON - A historical building that housed three law offices sustained roughly \$1 million damage after a fire crawled from basement to attic and burned through the roof early Wednesday morning, a fire official said.

Firefighters were alerted to the blaze at the rear of the basement at The Bradford House at 54-56 Pine St. shortly before 4:30 a.m., said Paul Ouellette, a Lewiston fire investigator.

Firefighters believed they had put out the fire by 5:30 a.m. They had rolled up hoses and some trucks had already returned to quarters when smoke was spotted seeping from the rear wall of the top story about 20 minutes later.

Officials said the cause of the fire remains under investigation and they haven't determined whether or not it's suspicious. Ouellette estimated about \$1 million in damage to the building and its contents. The building was insured, he said.

Three law offices worked out of the building. On the first floor: Cote, Hamann and Fournier; on the second floor, Chris L'Hommedieu and, across the hall, John Whalen.

The fire apparently started in the basement at the rear of the late 1880s-vintage building and burned a small portion of the first floor. Flames later made their way up a pipe chase to the third-floor, which was used as a storage area, Ouellette said.

Smoke filled the attic, followed by flames. Firefighters worked off ladders in an effort to bring the blaze under control. Ladder trucks from Auburn and Lisbon also were on the scene.

The third floor was a total loss, Ouellette said. The second floor was heavily damaged by smoke and water along with most of the first floor.

Eighth District Court Judge Paul Cote and his mother, Joan, the owner of the building, took in the scene as did most of the lawyers who worked in the building.

L'Hommedieu said he rushed to the building, having been notified by the judge. He said he first watched as firefighters started to clear the scene when he noticed smoke coming from the top floor.

"It just sort of exploded into flames," he said.

Two firefighters on a ladder near the attic windows had to bend down and put their helmets in the direction of the blaze to escape the heat, he said.

After working at the building for about five years, L'Hommedieu said he had accumulated a lot of client information, in both paper and electronic files.

### PHOTO GALLERY

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One of the firefighters climbed to L'Hommedieu's second floor office and retrieved his computer. It appeared to be intact, he said.

"I'm almost certain the data will be fine," he said. Paper files were kept in metal file cabinets, some of them fire resistant, he said, adding they were likely to survive the heat and flames.

L'Hommedieu said he was impressed by the dedication and courage firefighters showed while battling the blaze.

"You don't really appreciate how insane these guys are to try to save somebody else's pieces of paper," he said.



MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
55 CAPITOL STREET  
65 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333

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Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

PAUL R. LEPAGE  
GOVERNOR

EARLE G. SHETTLEWORTH, JR.  
DIRECTOR

22 May 2015

J. Paul Loether, Deputy  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW, 8<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find four (4) new National Register nominations for properties in the State of Maine:

Ella R. Hodgkins Intermediate School, Kennebe County  
Great Chebeague Golf Club, Cumberland County  
Norton's Corner School, Piscataquis County  
Lewiston Mills and Water Power System Historic District, Androscoggin County

The photographs submitted with the Lewiston Mills and Water Power System Historic District were developed from black and white film negatives. As such, there is no accompanying image disk. Please note that for the sake of convenience the photographs have been labeled with an abbreviation of the district name (i.e. LMWPS Historic District). Accompanying this nomination are copies of letters of objection submitted by 2 (only) of the 39 property owners.

Also enclosed are six (6) registration forms for the removal of National Register Listed properties in Maine:

McElwain House, Aroostook County  
Burgess, Walter and Eva, Farm, Piscataquis County  
Bradford House, Androscoggin County  
First Baptist Church, Cumberland County  
New Sharon Bridge, Franklin County  
Crockett, Knott, House, Knox County

If you have any questions relating to these nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 287-2132 x 2.

Sincerely,

Christi A. Mitchell  
Architectural Historian

Enc.