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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name McGlashan-Nickerson House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number St. Croix Drive N/A not for publication  
city, town Red Beach N/A vicinity  
state Maine code ME county Washington code 029 zip code 04619

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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.  See continuation sheet.  
Carol S. Fitzgerald  
Signature of certifying official  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau  
5/7/90  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
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Signature of commenting or other official  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this 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:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Allova Byrne  
Signature of the Keeper  
6/14/90  
Date of Action

Entered in the National Register

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granitewalls Wood/WeatherboardWood/Shingleroof Asphaltother Front Deck & Side Porch

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated with its principal elevation facing south toward the St. Croix River, the McGlashan-Nickerson House is a two-story, Italianate style wooden frame dwelling with a long recessed two-story ell and an attached carriage barn. Hip roofs cover the three main blocks of the building which is sheathed in wood shingles and weatherboards and rests on a red granite block foundation.

The three-bay front elevation of the main block features a central doorway framed by sidelights and a transom. This is flanked by a protruding bracketed bay window to the west and coupled four-over-four windows to the east which rest below a shallow pediment. The second story contains a central bulls-eye window surmounted by a pediment and single four-over-four windows which meet the bracketed cornice. Two windows below a pediment comprise the centrally-located dormer. A broad flight of wooden steps leads to a deck which spans the east half of the elevation and extends to the ell porch. The deck and porch have a balustrade with turned newels and balusters. Chamfered and bracketed posts support the porch which shelters an enclosed bay at the west end, a window, and a door at the east end. Wide double doors leading into the wood shed and another window are located in the remainder of the ell's first story. There are six windows on the second story, the eastern three bays of which were added during the late nineteenth century.

Four symmetrically placed windows occupy the west end of the main block whereas an asymmetrical pattern of nine units punctuates the long rear (north) elevation. A second dormer is located on the main block. There is a single window in the narrow east end of the ell. This wall as well as those of the connector that leads to the barn and the rear of the barn itself are sheathed in wood shingles. The connector, in which is located the original privy, has a normal size window on the west side and a narrow three pane window illuminating the privy from the east. The barn features a large sliding door on the west side as well as a second story loading door, two four-over-four windows on the south side and one large window and three small ones on the rear, the latter of which provide light to the horse stalls which still survive. A ventilator crowns the roof.

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The interior of the house features typical Italianate style details including heavily molded door and window surrounds, bracketed hoods, and darkly stained four-panel doors. An open string stair with a large turned newel post and turned balusters is located in the central hall. To the west is the parlor and its mantelpiece comprised of turned posts and console brackets framing tiles, and to the east the dining room and adjoining pantry. A transverse hall extends to the kitchen, beyond which is the woodshed. There are three bedrooms in the second floor of the main block and a number of others in the ell, particularly in the section added after the original date of construction.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1883

Significant Dates

c. 1883

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Constructed about 1883, the McGlashan-Nickerson House is a rambling two-story frame dwelling whose long ell extends to a carriage barn. It was built for Scottish immigrant George G. McGlashan, but was acquired soon after by Calais justice Samuel H. Nickerson. The house is one of the two or three most architecturally significant houses in the small village of Red Beach, and the only one which displays such wide use of Italianate style details. It is eligible for nomination to the Register under criterion C.

During the nineteenth century the village of Red Beach was a thriving community whose existence revolved around two important industrial enterprises: the Maine Red Granite Company and the Red Beach Plaster Company. Both enterprises occupied a group of buildings (all of which have since disappeared) which were concentrated along the banks of Red Beach Cove. Surrounding this industrial center was a village whose housing stock ranged from modest capes and workers' dwellings to the few large residences of the plant managers and owners. McGlashan's Italianate style house lies in this second group along with the nearby Gothic Revival style J. Pettigrove House. The integrity of this dwelling and the profile of its pedimented window and door hoods (which are more typically found on the most elaborate of urban Italianate houses) are among the characteristics that lend it the local architectural distinction which it enjoys.

According to tradition, George G. McGlashan had come to Red Beach to establish a quarrying operation for red granite. What little information exists about the Maine Red Granite Company shows that it was organized in 1876 by a group of ten stockholders. McGlashan was one of the minor stockholders with ten shares, but his role in the actual operation is not stated. Subsequent corporate returns show that his holdings had increased to 25 shares by 1884. By 1888, McGlashan's shares were held by his estate in Aberdeen, Scotland. The date of his death is not as yet known, but in November of 1887 McGlashan's widow sold the property in Red Beach to Samuel H. Nickerson. At the time and until 1895, Nickerson's name appears in the Maine Register as a justice in Calais. He and his wife occupied the house

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Corporate Returns of the Maine Red Granite Company, Red Beach, Maine. 1876-1900.  
Maine State Archives, Augusta, Maine.

Maine Register. Portland: G. M. Donham. Editions of 1887 to 1900.

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

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**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 5.5

**UTM References**

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property occupies the Town of Calais tax map 15 block 1, lot 18.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the building and entire parcel of land historically associated with this property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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until their deaths, and it then descended to their daughter Virginia (Nickerson) McMaster. Her daughter sold it to the present owner in 1985.