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National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Elisha Purington House

and or common "Pride Farm"

2. Location

street & number 71 Mast Road not for publication

city, town Falmouth, vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Cumberland code 005

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	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 Dr. Paul Gauthier, Margaret Gauthier

street & number 71 Mast Road

city, town Falmouth, vicinity of state Maine 04105

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 142 Federal Street

city, town Portland, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A 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

The main section of this house is two-and-one-half stories high with a gable roof and a central chimney. The timber frame residence is sheathed with clapboard siding and has double-hung sash containing either six-over-six or nine-over-six lights. The main entrance, located in the center of the principal (east) facade, consists of a six paneled door surmounted by a transom with three lights. The molded architrave trim, which has simple profiles more typical of interior woodwork, is capped by a small entablature.

Attached to the west side of the house is a one-and-one-half story ell which also has a central chimney, gable roof and six-over-six double-hung sash. Located in the center of the west gable end is a door with moldings identical to the main entrance. Perpendicular to the ell is a gable roof barn, part clapboarded and part shingled.

The nomination also includes a separate L-shaped barn dating from the mid-nineteenth century. This structure has clapboard siding, six-over-six double-hung sash and a gable roof with a ventilator.

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Craftsmanship

Specific dates 1761 **Builder/Architect** Elisha Purington

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This house is one of the most remarkably preserved examples of mid-18th century architecture in Maine in a rural context. With its ancillary extensions and the early barn on the property, it exists as a virtually unspoiled farmstead of the period. Of equal interest is the fact that its builder and first owner, Elisha Purington, originally of New Hampshire, is generally considered to be one of the finest clock makers in colonial New England. Beyond this, he also achieved a reputation as a gunsmith and served the community of Falmouth as a blacksmith.

Purington was a staunch Quaker and the records of the Falmouth Meeting not only attest to his marriage in 1762 to Sarah Huston but also to the fact that a violent hurricane on July 31st, 1767, removed the roof from his newly built house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Palmer, Brooks, "First New Hampshire Clockmakers", Antiques Magazine, July, 1948.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Cumberland Center

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	19	3	9	1	8	13	0	4	8	4	6	3	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C

Zone	Easting				Northing									

D

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map #R9, Lot 43

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1984

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

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 *Eric S. Felt*

title S.A.P.O. date 12/15/84

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

Entered in the National Register date 2-14-85

for Nelson Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Chief of Registration date