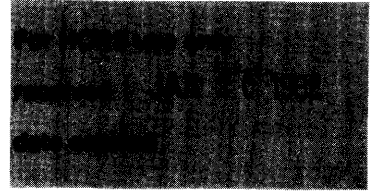


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Gould House

and/or common Lyndon & Caroline Huff Home

2. Location

street & number 31 Elm Street N/A not for publication

city, town Skowhegan, N/A vicinity of congressional district Second

state Maine code 23 county Somerset code 025

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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Lyndon & Caroline Huff

street & number 31 Elm Street

city, town Skowhegan, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04976

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Skowhegan, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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 Samuel Gould House of Skowhegan, built in 1887, is a well-preserved example of a Queen Anne style residence in a northern setting.

The 2½-story house is of brick and frame construction, with gabled roof, 3 ornate internal brick chimneys, corner tower, shingle siding (brick first story), and brick foundation.

The facade, which faces south, is 3 bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance consists of a door with sidelights, flanked by 6/2 windows and covered by a one-story curving porch with elaborately-turned posts and balustrade. In the second story is a five-sided bay window with ten multi-paned casements flanked by shuttered 7/2 windows. In the half-story is a gabled projection containing three 4-light casements; to the right of this is a gabled dormer. At the left side of the facade is a three-story corner tower with six sides topped by an eight-sided bell-cast roof.

The 3-bay-wide west side of the house has a partially-exposed cellar wall with a doorway and window. Attached to the north end of the house is a 2-story shingled barn with gable roof.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887 **Builder/Architect** *unknown*

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Samuel Wadsworth Gould, a man of local importance, had this elegant Queen Anne style home built in 1887. A rare example of this architectural style in Skowhegan, the Gould house is one of the finest Queen Anne homes in the State.

Samuel Gould was a Porter, Maine, native who began practicing law in Skowhegan in 1880. An active and ardent Democrat, Gould was always politically involved, but in this strongly Republican area of the State he gained little bipartisan support. He ran for Governor once, unsuccessfully, and for Congress three times, being victorious only once, in 1910. The lawyer was also active in local politics. For twenty years he operated the Oxford Hotel in Skowhegan along with his law practice.

Gould purchased an Elm Street lot in 1885, but the site was already occupied by James White's tavern (which housed Skowhegan's first dancing floor). In 1886, after returning "from the Provinces with some fine looking work horses", Gould moved the tavern to another lot and constructed his lovely dwelling in the fashionable neighborhood. The brick and wood residence was completed in 1887 for the young lawyer and his wife and was painted "contrasting, but harmonizing colors". Still in excellent, original condition the residence stands today as a dramatic example of Queen Anne style architecture in a relatively remote section of Maine.

ACCORD NOT VERIFIED
NEW NOT VERIFIED

9. Major Bibliographical References

Louise Coburn and other residents, Skowhegan on the Kennebec, 1941.
Skowhegan Reporter, March 17, 1886; June 9, 1886.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2
Quadrangle name Skowhegan Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A	1 9	4 4 2 7 7 0	4 9 5 1 7 1 0 1 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 26, Lot 108

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Hist./Robert L. Bradley, Arch. Hist./Bette A. Smith, Asst.

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1981

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Eula B. Fullenworth* date 12/18/81

title S.H.P.O.

For HCERS use only

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

Delores Byers Entered in the National Register date 2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration