

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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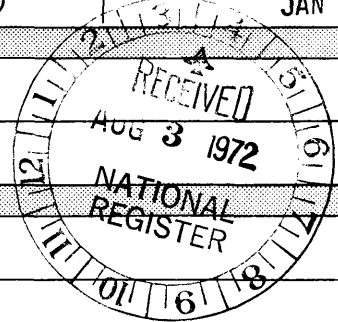
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COUNTY: Penobscot	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Dr. Henry K. Woodbrey

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Gov. Israel Washburn House



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Orono

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: Penobscot	CODE 019
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dr. Henry K. & Dawn M. Woodbrey

STREET AND NUMBER:
120 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Orono

STATE: Maine	CODE 23
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Penobscot County Registry of Deeds Book 2152, P.594

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hammond Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bangor

STATE: Maine	CODE 23
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

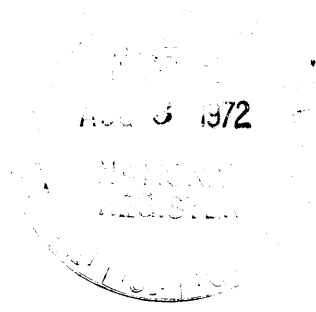
This building is a classic example of the Greek Revival style. It rests on a 115' X 500' plot fronting on the main street of Orono, in an area containing several fine examples of early nineteenth century American homes. It is a single residence with attached barn. The basic plan is rectangular with side wing. There are two stories with an attic and a partial basement. The basement has brick floors and stone, mortared walls. The surrounding foundation is of cut granite slabs.

The gable end and front of the north wing are faced with horizontal plank while the remainder of the house has clapboards. Corners are adorned with Doric pilasters and the front porch and study alcove are topped with balustrades. The two original porches, front and south side, are supported by Doric columns. The eaves of the main house and the porches are cornice boxed with ribbon bracket supports and frieze decorated. The gable end roof is cornice boxed pedimented. The main entrance is recessed with lights, surrounded with sides of pilasters and elaborately carved wooden transom panels. The four original chimneys still stand, with three in use. Four of seven original fireplaces are in use, with the other three restorable.

The interior features a generous hallway with a double formal parlor at the front of the house, containing two fireplaces of black marble and decorative cast metal. The original oak floors are in excellent condition and have a unique double strip of mahogany inlaid around the periphery. Joining the parlor to the north is the wing, originally used as a study. This room has the original leather ceiling and a secret escape door. The Indian shutters remain intact throughout the front of the house, as do most of the old wavy panes of glass. The original dining room, now used as a kitchen, contains the china closet with leaded glass windows. Upstairs remains basically unaltered, with the exception of added bathrooms and closets. The three bedrooms in the front of the house have the old fireplaces, in good condition.

The attached barn has had the doors altered, and the horse stalls have been removed.

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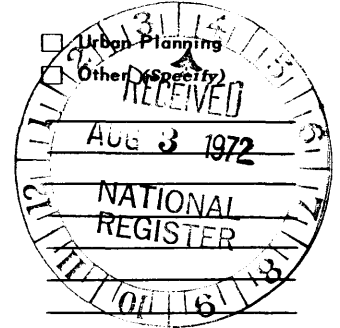
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-
losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-
itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house is of interest historically. It was built in 1840 by the Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr. for his bride. Washburn was prominent in both state and national politics. He was admitted to the bar in Bangor in 1834, at the age of 21, with no formal education. He began his practice in Orono at the beginning of the mid-century logging era and land boom in eastern and northern Maine. He served on numerous committees and boards. He was elected to Congress in 1851, where he served with distinction until 1860. While in the House of Representatives, he was a leader in drafting anti-slave legislation. He helped in the organization of the Republican Party and suggested the name "Republican" for the new party. He played a leading role in the formation of the Republican Party in Maine, holding some of the initial meetings in this house.

In 1861, Washburn became governor of Maine and served two terms during Lincoln's administration. He declined a third term and was appointed, by President Lincoln, as Collector of the Port of Portland. This was a position he held from 1863 until 1877, when he retired.

In 1874, he returned to Orono to give a historical address before the citizens on the 100th anniversary of that settlement. It was a labor of love because here he spent his early manhood, here he married and became the father of four children, and here he achieved his first success.

In 1879, he prepared for the Historical Society an elaborate and thorough investigation of a question, which for many years hung heavy over the state of Maine, that of the dispute over the Northeastern Boundary of the state.

The great work of his life was his contest against extension of slave power in America, and later against slavery itself. He was known as an exceptional orator, writer and man, loved and esteemed by all.

Israel Washburn was born in Livermore in 1813 and died in Portland in 1883. He was one of seven brothers, all of whom gained prominence. One brother was Governor of Maine, another of Wisconsin. One brother

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds dating back to 1839—Penobscot County Registry of Deeds.

"My Seven Sons" by Israel Washburn, Sr.

Information gathered at the Washburn Memorial Library at "The Norlands", Livermore, Maine.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Dr. Henry K. & Dawn M. Woodbrey Owners

ORGANIZATION: Members of Orono Historical Society DATE: April 3, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 120 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Orono STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Lawrence Short
Commissioner, Parks & Recreation

Date: July 27, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/12/73

ATTEST: William J. Sautter
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-8-73

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was Minister to France, another to Paraguay. Three of the brothers were members of Congress at the same time, from three different states, a record yet to be equaled. Two of the brothers became millionaires. "My Seven Sons", by Israel Washburn, Sr., as told to his niece, tells of this amazing family. Stephen Hess, in his book, "American Political Dynasties", devotes a section to the Washburn family. The old family homestead at Livermore provides a wealth of historical information.

