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Linwood Cottage is located on Main Street in Bucksport and commands a site overlooking the Penobscot River. The house is basically T shaped in form, has a granite foundation, and is of wood construction. It displays features of the Greek, Gothic, and Italianate styles, all three of which were popular in the mid-nineteenth century.

The facade of Linwood Cottage is composed of three major elements. At the left is a story and a half section with its gable end to the front. Its first story has a projecting bay window capped by a balustrade. Directly behind the balustrade is a pointed Gothic window on the half story. This window is divided into two pointed areas. The story and a half section is covered with shingles which create a pattern of six-sided shapes. In addition, it is outlined by bold, simple pilasters at the corners with similar treatment on the projecting cornice of the gable roof. These thick, flat areas of detail reflect the influence of the Greek Revival. Half way along the peak of the gable roof is a tall, thin square chimney decorated at intervals with projecting brick courses and capped by crenellated brickwork at the top.

The central section is a large square tower which rises above the rest of Linwood Cottage. In the May 5, 1855, description of the house in Drew's Rural Intelligencer, this is the feature referred to in the statement, "the campanile is Italian, certain." The walls of the tower or campanile are shealthed in shingles which create a diamond pattern. Near the top of the tower's facade is a large Gothic quatrefoil window. The corners of the tower have broad pilasters like those on the first story of the left section. The top of the tower is surrounded by a broad, flat cornice molding, a pronounced overhand, and a balustrade. The tower originally had an additional stage with a large arched window on each of the four sides and a crenellated Gothic balustrade at the top.

The right section of the house is perpendicular to the left section and the tower. It stands a story and a half with its gable end to the side. There is a porch on the first story of the facade which is supported by two pillars in a Greek Revival manner. The facade wall behind the porch contains the entrance with a window to its right. Above the porch is a broad, flat cornice molding and the overhang of the gable roof. Projecting from the center of the side of this gable roof and extending down into the overhang and cornice is a large Gothic dormer with a pointed arch window and a pointed roof. From behind the peak of the dormer on the other side of the gable roof protrudes another tall, thin square chimney decorated at intervals with projecting brick courses and capped by crenellated brick at the top.

The interior of Linwood Cottage has more space than the exterior would suggest. The ground floor contains the kitchen, dining room, living room, bath, one bedroom, a storeroom and several closets. The stairway

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to the second floor is in the tower. On the second floor are four bedrooms and a bath.

Both the exterior and the interior of Linwood Cottage are in a good state of preservation. The only major alteration in the house has been the removal of the upper stage of the tower. Otherwise, its appearance is unchanged from the 1850's when it was first placed atop its terraced hill-side to overlook the Penobscot River.



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Linwood Cottage in Bucksport is a delightful example of a mid-nineteenth century eclectically designed residence. Built circa 1855 for James Emery, the house reflects the impact of the romantic cottage movement in American architecture as fostered during the 1840's and 50's by Andrew Jackson Downing and his contemporaries. Linwood Cottage is a composite of Gothic, Italian, and Greek features. Its landscaped setting also conforms to that prescribed for a romantic dwelling. It stands on a rise overlooking a river, is surrounded by trees and shrubs, and has a terraced lawn in front of it.

These qualities of architecture and landscaping were recognized shortly after the completion of Linwood Cottage in an article published in the Augusta, Maine weekly, Drew's Rural Intelligencer, on May 5, 1855. The Intelligencer printed a view and floor plan of the house and commented:

The above Cottage, in style, is Gothic and Italian combined; designed for the site it occupies, which can be viewed from the Penobscot River. It also commands a view of the water from the parlor, library, and balconies.

Some will ask why do you put two styles together? Do you not think an accidental or minor strain in music adds to its power and effect? The sharp roof is very appropriate for this snowy climate, and the campanile is Italian, certain.

Regretably, no record has been found of who designed Linwood Cottage. It remains in the possession of the family of James Emery, the man who had it built. The house today ranks among the most unusual of Maine's mid-nineteenth century cottage residences.

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