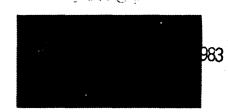
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**United States Department of the Interior National Park Service** 

## National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms



Type all entries	s—complete applicable se	ections		
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city, town	Searsport,	¥∤A vicinity of	congressional district	
state	Maine code	23 county	Waldo	<b>code</b> 027
3. Clas	sification			
Category  districtX_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public both Public Acquisition N/Ain process being considered	Status  X occupied  — unoccupled  — work in progress  Accessible  — yes: restricted  X yes: unrestricted  no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

This Second Empire style residence is a three-story structure with a concave mansard roof. It is constructed of wood with clapboard siding and has corbelled brick chimneys. The main section of the house is L-shaped with a veranda extending across the northeast side of the ell. A one-story wing on the northeast end joins the house to a two-story carriage house which also has a mansard roof.

In addition to the mansard roof, both the house and the carriage barn are ornamented with pedimented dormers and a denticulated cornice with paired brackets. The windows and doors have molded architrave trim, except for the main entrance which is enframed by pilasters supporting an entablature. Flanking the entrance on the southeast facade is a two-story bay window with panelled woodwork and a denticulated cornice. The veranda on the ell features chamfered posts supported on panelled pedestals.

## 8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1799 X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture architecture art commerce communications		landscape architectur law literature military music mphilosophy politics/government	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1874	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As a fine example of high style Second Empire architecture this house is outstanding for mid-coastal Maine in addition to which its builder was a notable representative of Searsport's most famous product, the sea captain.

In the mid-19th century, one of every ten captains in the American merchant marine came from this little community, a concentration not equalled elsewhere before or since. It is not clear how this tradition of maritime service began but it survived well into the 20th century long after the age of a sail.

Very much in this tradition, Capt. John Willard McGilvery was one of five sons of Robert and Elizabeth McGilvery, all of whom became sea captains. Born in 1829, he went to sea, typically, as a boy and held his first command at the age of 22. From 1855 to 1860 he temporarily left the sea for a short, but evidently very successful, business career in Portland, Maine. Returning to Searsport with a wife he went back to what was obviously his first love, the sea. His success at this vocation is attested to by this great house that he built in 1874.

From then until only four years before his death in 1904, he held a series of important commands including the famous "Oneida". He never lost a ship and in a time when the treatment of crews was generally not of the best, McGilvery was said to have always a superfluity of hands wanting to sign on with him. His popularity in Searsport was no less and a large public funeral was held at his death.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Penobscot Marine Museum, <u>Sea Captains of Searsport</u>. Belfast, 1963.

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