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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

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1. Name

historic Charles G. Bryant Double House

and or common

2. Location

street & number 16-18 Division Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Bangor,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine

code 23

county Penobscot

code 019

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Gilbert E. Boynton

street & number 18 Division Street

city, town Bangor,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine 04401

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Bangor,

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

Located in a densely built-up residential neighborhood of Bangor, this double house is surrounded by a variety of nineteenth century houses of similar materials and scale. A lack of architectural integrity among these structures, however, does not permit the establishment of an historic district.

The Bryant Double House is a long, rectangular building one-and-one-half stories high. The wood frame structure has a gable roof and clapboard siding. The windows are six-over-six double-hung sash and attached to the principal (east) facade is a recessed porch flanked by entrance vestibules. At either end of the main section of the house and over the kitchen wing are tall brick chimnies.

This Greek Revival style residence is distinguished for decorative features such as corner pilasters, cornice returns and mutules attached to the soffit. The front porch has fluted pilasters and carved wreaths embellishing the frieze. The double house also features small square "frieze windows" on either side and a lunette in the gable end.

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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1836 **Builder/Architect** Charles G. Bryant

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The double house at 16 and 18 Division Street, which was built in 1836 by the important Bangor architect Charles G. Bryant, deserves listing in the National Register for a number of reasons. The house was built on speculation by the architect as a rental property and is a document of the great Bangor land boom of the 1830s in which fortunes were amassed by speculations in timberlands and urban lots. Bryant joined the entrepreneurs during this boom, and the Division Street house was one of a handful he built on speculation. With the exception of a simple double house on Prentiss Street, it is the only one of this group to have survived with its elements intact. Its handsome trim includes finely proportioned entrablatures, pilasters and the beautiful carved wreaths favored by Bryant.

The Bryant Double House is unique in plan, its deeply recessed common portico recalling the Recency rhythm of solids and voids of the architect's Kent-Cutting Double House (N.R.) on Penobscot Street. The very small scale of this ambitious design is also quite unusual. Many of Bangor's historic landmarks are on the scale of mansions. This small double house was intended as a residence for people of modest means, but it exhibits the same brilliant design as some of the large houses designed by the same architect.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Thompson, Deborah, Bangor, Maine, 1769-1914: An Architectural History. Orono: University of Maine Press, in press.
 Mundy, James H. and Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., The Flight of the Grand Eagle. Augusta, Maine: Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property $\frac{1}{4}$
 Quadrangle name Bangor

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 39, Lot 147

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian
 organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1986
 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 Earle S. Shettleworth
 title S.H.P.O. date 5/7/86

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

Patrick Andrews date 6/20/86
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: Betty S. Sarge date 6/19/86
 Chief of Registration