

DATA SHEET

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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

Redington House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

64 Silver Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Waterville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Kennebec

CODE

011

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Waterville Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

64 Silver Street

CITY, TOWN

Waterville,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kennebec County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Augusta

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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

The Redington House of Waterville, built in 1814 by Asa Redington for his son Silas, is a fine example of the Federal style in a rural context of Northern New England. Except for rear additions of 1927 and 1971 (designed to be compatible with the main part of the house), the building is generally unaltered both externally and internally.

The original house is of 2½ stories, with gable roof, granite foundation, frame construction, and clapboard siding. Two internal brick chimneys are present. The main facade faces west and is 5 bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance contains a single six-panelled door with a 4-paned overlight. To either side of this entrance is a pair of 2/2 windows; these were probably 6/6 originally, the sash being changed in the later 19th century. Each window is flanked by external wooden louvered shutters. The facade's second story is equivalent to the first, except that here the central bay consists of a 6/6 window flanked by sidelights of 4 panes. A 1-story porch covers the 3 central bays, supported by 4 graceful fluted columns in the Ionic order. This porch is surmounted by an ornate wooded railing and may be a slightly later addition to the house.

The north and south walls of the house, in the gable-ends of the buildings, are of 2½ stories, with two 2/2 windows in each story and a 6/6 in the half story. A rectangular bay window with shed roof was added in the later 19th century to the first story of the south end; this bay contains five 1/1 windows. The gable-ends feature boxed cornices.

The rear (east) elevation of the Redington House has been slightly altered by a 2-story ell of 1927, built to house caretakers. This ell is very unobtrusive, being of the same size, scale, and fabric as the house. The 1971 continuation to the ell is likewise very discrete.

Internally, the house is in fine condition and contains a restored kitchen with large fireplace and adjacent brick oven. A parlor features a period Franklin fireplace. The hall is fitted with a graceful circular staircase. All rooms retain their original door and window frames (with hardware) and delicate wainscoting.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1814

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Redington House of 1814 in Waterville was built by pioneer settler Asa Redington for his son Silas and was the residence of three generations of Redingtons until presented to the Waterville Historical Society in 1924 by Mrs. William Redington, whose husband had been born in the house. One of the most intact houses of its age in the city, this structure is one of very few dating from the early 19th century. It is a good example of a prosperous merchant's house of the late Federal Period. The house now serves as the headquarters and museum of the Society.

Asa Redington was born in 1761 in Boxford, Massachusetts and enlisted in the Continental Army in June, 1778. After several short tours of duty he enlisted finally for three years in February, 1781. He was in the skirmish at King's Bridge and at the siege of Yorktown. Subsequently he served as corporal in the Commander-in-Chief's Guard, an elite mounted unit, and was one of twelve men chosen to deliver Washington's personal papers and baggage to Mount Vernon in the fall of 1783. He was discharged at West Point in December of that year.

Redington moved to Vassalboro, Maine, in 1784 and to Waterville in 1792 where he became a prosperous merchant. After his death in 1845 his business interests were carried on by his son.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Fisher, Carleton E., Washington's Mounted Guard, unpublished manuscript.
 Diary of James Stackpole, 1785-1820, in possession of Waterville Historical Society.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION	DATE
<u>Maine Historic Preservation Commission</u>	<u>January, 1978</u>
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>242 State Street</u>	<u>(207)-289-2133</u>
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Augusta</u>	<u>Maine</u>

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. Fleetwood
 TITLE S.H.P.O. DATE 2/9/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>Charles Sturges</u> DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>7-21-78</u>
ATTEST: <u>Waterville Cole</u> KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>6-29-78</u>