

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

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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

1. Name

historic Eagle Hotel
and or common "The Elms" (preferred for listing)

2. Location

street & number Elm Street N/A not for publication
city, town Mechanic Falls, N/A vicinity of
state Maine code 23 county Androscoggin code 001

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Marcal Paper Company
street & number
city, town East Patterson, N/A vicinity of state New Jersey

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds
street & number
city, town Auburn, 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		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Designed as a late expression of classical revival architecture, The Elms combines features of both the Greek Revival and Italianate styles. This large rectangular structure is constructed of wood with clapboard siding and a steeply pitched gable roof. The gable end forms a classical pediment supported on fluted piers on the narrow (west) end of the structure.

This facade is the principal elevation and contains a central doorway for both the ground entrance and the second story porch. Each doorway is en-framed by sidelights, transom, pilasters, and cornice. On either side are two long windows with six-over-six double-hung sash and a decorative architrave trim. This elevation also has handrails with classical balusters and a cornice with modillion blocks.

Decorative features also ornament the side elevations, which have the same cornice and window treatment, plus pedimented dormers. There is also a bay window with round arched windows on the south side, and a one-story porch with square posts extending across the rear (east) elevation.

The building also contains original interior features such as molded architrave trim around the doors and windows and marble mantelpieces.

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

Specific dates 1859 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

"The Elms" originally built as a hotel, but for many years serving as a paper company office, serves as a significant reminder of a very prosperous period in the history of Mechanic Falls when the water power derived from the Little Androscoggin River attracted a number of manufacturing industries. The structure is also important as an impressive and handsome statement in the late Greek Revival tradition which serves as an architectural focal point in the community.

In 1859 A. C. Denison and Company built the Eagle Hotel at a cost of seven thousand dollars, and by at least one account, it contained about forty rooms. The hotel, "one of the finest establishments of its kind east of Boston", was operated by several landlords until about 1870 when Mr. A. C. Denison occupied it as his residence. In 1887 a Mr. Jordan again opened the building as a hotel and changed its name to "The Elms". Since that time the building has apparently remained as an integral part of the paper mill properties on the East side of the Little Androscoggin River, which have changed owners on several occasions over the ensuing years. Although a map of the Town dated 1907 identifies the building as the Hotel Elms the history of the structure since that time is less certain. During the recent past it has served as the residence for the manager of the paper mill.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Waterman, C. E., History of Mechanic Falls. Mechanic Falls, 1894.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Mechanic Falls

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A 19 388740 4884870
 Zone Easting Northing

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 13, Block 13, Lot 12

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 January, 1985

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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 *Elena S. Feltre*
 title S.H.P.O. date 2/8/85

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Melora Byers date 3-21-85
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration