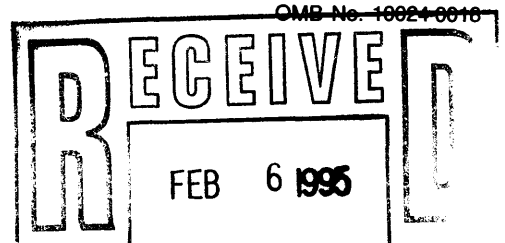


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in how to complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking X in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" not applicable. For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Pendleton, James G., House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 81 West Main Street N/A not for publication

city or town Searsport N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Waldo code 027 zip code 04974

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
Edward J. Thoreson JHPB 1/31/95  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register Date of Action 3/10/95

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County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Hotel

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Stone/Slate

other Decorative porch and cornice

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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### 8. Statement of Significance

#### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

#### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

#### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

#### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

#### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

#### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Commerce

#### Period of Significance

c. 1865-1903

#### Significant Dates

c. 1865

#### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Pendleton, James G.

#### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

#### Architect/Builder

Unknown

#### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Kirk F. Mohney, Architectural Historian  
organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1995  
street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/287-2132  
city or town Augusta, state Maine zip code 04333-0065

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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The Pendleton house is a two-story, three-bay Italianate style frame dwelling which is sheathed in weatherboards and covered by a slate roof. It has a two-story rear ell which is joined to a two-story stable by way of a narrow connector. The house is set back on a large terraced lot along U.S. Route 1 outside of Searsport's business district where it has a commanding view of Penobscot Bay. A granite block foundation supports the building.

Facing east, the symmetrically composed front elevation has a central entry and flanking two-over-two double-hung sash windows. An elaborately detailed entry porch featuring a bracketed cornice, chamfered and paneled posts, and drop pendants in the arches between the posts, shelters a projecting vestibule and its two-leaf door. Pronounced hoods above the first story windows are supported by brackets that frame the window surrounds. The second story has a tripartite window in the center bay, each unit of which has a round arch with keystone. There is a single segmentally arched two-over-two window in each outer bay with a bracketed surround. The broad overhang of the eaves is supported by four sets of large paired brackets whereas small console brackets decorate the underside. This treatment is carried around the main block. Wide corner boards frame the elevation. Two chimneys with paneled shafts and decorative caps rise through the roof ridge.

The two-bay south elevation of the main block has a three-sided bay window at the rear corner that is comprised of four round-arched windows framed by paneled pilasters. It has a bracketed cornice. A single two-over-two window flanks the bay window and there are two windows on the second story, all of which match those on the facade. One round-arched window is located in the gable peak. There are two windows on each story of the north end and one below the gable. Two additional windows, one of which is a rectangular stained glass unit, are located near the rear (northwest) corner. There are two doors with transoms and a pair of six-over-six windows on the first story of the ell's south wall and a trio of six-over-sixes on the second story. Four windows (including a small square one) occupy the first story of the north side whereas there are three above. Two windows are located in the ell's endwall, and a single chimney punctuates the roof. The stable, which also has a slate roof, features a central sliding door and flanking six-over-six windows on the facade, and three openings on each end. The rear elevation is solid. The interior of its first floor is unobstructed by posts, a design feature made possible by the incorporation of a truss in the loft to carry the weight of the second floor.

In plan, the house is organized around a central hall with four rooms located astride it on the first floor. The open string staircase features a handsome newel post with a tapered paneled shaft and numerous turnings. Four panel interior doors and the windows are framed by heavily molded Italianate surrounds and the ceilings in both the living room and dining room are

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ornamental metal. Of further note is the round-arched marble mantel in the parlor (northeast room) that has a keystone supporting the mantel shelf and flanking quatrefoils. There are four bedrooms on the second story of the main block, and several others in the ell.

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Constructed about 1865, this handsome Italianate style dwelling was erected for James G. Pendleton, a successful ship's captain and local businessman. It is one of a number of substantial residences built in Searsport during the 1860s and 1870s - including several in the East Main Street Historic District (N.R. 12/13/91) - by residents who had prospered from maritime related pursuits. The subject property is eligible for nomination to the Register under criterion B by virtue of its association with Pendleton and criterion C for its architectural development.

James Gilmore Pendleton was born in Searsport on May 17, 1821, the son of Phineas and Nancy (Gilmore) Pendleton. According to a biographical sketch which appeared in the 1897 publication Men of Progress, Pendleton worked on his father's farm until the age of eighteen when he began his career as a mariner. From 1845 until his retirement in 1864 he commanded a variety of vessels in the foreign trade making several voyages around the world. In 1851 Pendleton married Margaret Gilmore (1829-1876), and they had two sons: Alfred B. Gilmore (1853-\_\_\_\_) and James Lock Gilmore (1865-1887), the younger of whom was killed at sea off Cape Horn.

Local tax records reveal a considerable amount of information about the nature of Pendleton's estate. In 1860, for example, his one-half acre of real estate was valued at \$200 whereas his personal estate, consisting principally of his share in the ownership of several vessels, amounted to nearly \$2,500. Between 1864 and 1866 the value of his real estate rose from \$200 to more than \$3,000 and included both a house and barn. Unfortunately, the 1865 tax records are incomplete, thereby making it impossible to further narrow the time frame of the present building's construction. Nonetheless, this documentation in conjunction with the stylistic characteristics of the house and Pendleton's recent retirement clearly support a date of construction that is some fifteen years later than local tradition maintains.

In the 1870 census, Pendleton gave his occupation as Mariner even though all accounts indicate he had retired. His personal estate was valued in the census at \$20,000, and the tax records show that he held shares in ten vessels. Three years later, Pendleton became president of the Searsport Savings Bank, and in 1882 upon the organization of the Searsport National Bank he was elected president of that institution. His prominence in business affairs is further indicated by the fact that in 1897 he was a Director of the Merchant's Insurance Company of Bangor and the Maine Belting Company of Philadelphia. Pendleton was also a member of the Governor's Council from 1879-1881. After the death of his first wife, Pendleton married Hannah T. McGilvery (1837-1910) on October 10, 1883. She was the widow of Col. Freeman McGilvery who died in 1864, an apparent casualty of the Civil War. James G. Pendleton died on March 1, 1903, the Republican Journal (Belfast) noting in his obituary that:

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Capt. Pendleton was kindly and gracious in his ways, his house and his sympathy were always hospitably open to his friends and the needy, and his place in the community it will be impossible to fill. He was a man of large charity and of unlimited tolerance.

As stated above, the Pendleton house is one of several dwellings in Searsport erected in the third quarter of the nineteenth century whose architectural prominence testify to the success of their occupants. Unfortunately, no information has as yet been discovered about the builders and architects who were involved with the construction and design of these houses. Another distinguishing characteristic of many of these houses, particularly those in the East Main Street Historic District, was the often extensive landscaping of the surrounding grounds. An historic photograph of the Pendleton house suggests that landscaping was not as elaborate at this property, consisting only of the double front terrace punctuated with shade trees. A lozenge-shaped drive now exists in the dooryard (south side) of the house, but this may be a later addition.

The house and its seven acres of land (which had been acquired by 1872) left the Pendleton family after Hannah Pendleton's death in 1910. It has had several owners during the twentieth century and during the 1930s is said to have been a tourist home known as "Fair Haven." Recently, it has become a bed and breakfast inn.



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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property occupies the Town of Searsport Tax Map 13, Lot 14.

## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary embraces the remaining 3.08 acre lot which is historically associated with the Pendleton house. Nineteenth century tax records reveal that this property included 7 acres of land in 1872, but more than one-half appears to have been sold, probably after it left the family.