

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

McIntire Garrison

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

State Route 91

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

~~Scotland~~ York

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maine

York

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Mary M. Davis

STREET & NUMBER

142 York Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

York

VICINITY OF

Maine

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

York County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

York

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The McIntire Garrison is a two-storey, gable-roofed log house with overhang and center chimney plan. Each floor features one principal room to either side of the chimney. The building's appearance has been significantly, if only superficially, changed by the covering of the log structure with clapboard siding, and the addition of a new roof and chimney. The sash windows in the reworked house are also uncharacteristic of its defensive nature, if not function, of the original building. The house nevertheless remains the most notable remaining example of "garrison houses" in Maine, and is still understandable despite its new dress. The house was given a so-called restoration in 1908-1909.

Apparently built about 1707, although the legendary traditional date of construction is 1645, the McIntire Garrison is built of 7-1/2 inch-thick, sawn logs, which are now clapboarded and shingled. The house features jetties (overhangs) on all four elevations, and at one corner, a door has been added so that one can look beyond the shell to the original structure beneath. The log members are fitted together snugly along their horizontal surfaces without the clay infill that one finds in log cabins. The sawn logs are carefully dovetailed at the corners to assure weathertight and solid joints.

The interiors of the house are largely unchanged from the original condition, with stark unfinished, wooden floors and panelling, and open structural ceilings.

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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 c. 1707

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Special reference in this report has been made to the recently published HABS catalogue of Maine which includes Denys Peter Myers' history of Maine architecture.

The McIntire Garrison is the most notable example remaining in Maine of a regional type of seventeenth century structure known as a garrison house, and built of sawn logs. It is probably the most significant type of characteristically seventeenth century types which were once relatively common.

The use of the type persisted because of its defensive advantages in an area where Indian raids were common until sometime in the eighteenth century. The house has traditionally been dated around 1645, making it one of the oldest log buildings in the country, although recent investigation shows its construction date more likely about 1707.

The essence of this log building is hidden behind more recent clapboarding, which makes the building appear undistinguished from a number of other eighteenth century New England overhang type houses in the area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1,9</u>	<u>3,6,0</u> <u>7,0,0</u>	<u>4,7</u> <u>8,0</u> <u>6,8,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James Dillon, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey - National Park Service

DATE

9/4/76

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street NW.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/31/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

June 15, 1978

ATTEST:

William Lebovich

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The principal elevation is the south one, facing a broad expanse of marshland towards the York River nearby. State Route 91 passes by the house no more than 25 feet to the North. The McIntire Garrison is significant as an example of an architectural type, and while the environment today remains as undeveloped as it was during the period of its construction, the house, per se, achieves its significance apart from its setting. The landmark boundary of the McIntire Garrison then, consists of only a small portion of the contiguous lands held by the Garrison's present owners. No other structures other than the Garrison House itself contribute to the national significance of this landmark although the garrison remains part of a complex of farm buildings. The house is unused and unoccupied.

Specifically, the official boundary consists of a patch of land bounded on the North, by the south right-of-way of state route 91 which runs by just north of the house, and by East, West, and South, boundary lines, drawn parallel to the East, West, and South, elevations of the house, at a distance of 50 feet. The total acreage enclosed by this rectangle is approximately 1/2.