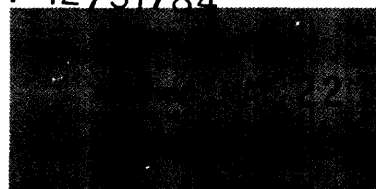


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 J. L. Prescott House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number High Street _____ not for publication

city, town North Berwick, _____ vicinity of ~~Congressional District~~

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property

name York-Cumberland Housing Development Corporation

street & number 81 A Main Street

city, town Gorham, _____ vicinity of state Maine 04038

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Alfred, _____ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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

The Prescott House is a large wooden residence with a gable roof and clapboard siding. Attached to the east side of the two-and-one-half story structure is a two-story wing with a shed roof. A small utility wing joins this section with a two-story carriage barn that is positioned at a right angle to the house.

The entire complex is ornamented in the Italianate style. Both the house and the carriage barn have wood quoins at each corner. There is a four-story tower joined to the center of the south facade. Bay windows, located on the south and west elevations, have paired brackets supporting a cornice. This motif is repeated on the cornice for the gable roof and on the mansardic roof of the tower. The latter is ornamented with a bulls-eye dormers and cast iron cresting. Two small porches, one over the main entrance at the base of the tower and one at the intersection of the ell, have chamfered posts, brackets and pendants. Finally, the carriage barn has a small cupola.

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"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1865	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The J. L. Prescott House is the largest, most finely executed and most stylish house of its' period in southern York County. It is particularly interesting to find it in a small rural community which boasts only one other house, the Queen Anne Mary Hurd House (N.R.) of consequence.

The house was built by J. L. Prescott, owner and president of the Prescott Stove Polish Comapny, then located in North Berwick. Prescott was much involved in Maine politics and entertained both Governor Joshua L. Chamberlain and his successor, Governor Sidney Perham, at the house. He remained in the house for only a relatively short time, however, since he relocated the stove polish plant to New Jersey in the early 1880's.

At the present the house is in deplorable condition but has not lost any of its important features. The York-Cumberland Housing Development Corporation has received confirmation of Fund Reservation from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of \$854,100.00 for restoration and rehabilitation for multiple housing.

9. Major Bibliographical References

North Berwick Historical Society, A Pictorial History of North Berwick. Portland, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name North Berwick

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map # 2, Lot 21

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 Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1984

street & number 55 Capitol Street 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 Charles S. Platt

title S.H.P.O. date 5/10/85

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u>Melores Byers</u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>6-20-85</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	