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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Sagadahoc	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

FEB 23 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Southard Block

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
25 Front Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond 04357 (1st District Hon. Peter N. Kyros)

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: Sagadahoc	CODE 023
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Arthur Terrell Jr. and Dr. Carroll Terrell

STREET AND NUMBER:
25 Front Street Stevens Hall, U. of M.

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond 04357 Orono 04473

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Sagadahoc County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bath

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

LOCATION AND SETTING:

This building is located on the corner of White Street as it intersects with the west side of Water Street in the Town of Richmond. Water Street runs parallel with the Kennebec River, removed 300' from the river, and it is an improved section of Maine Rt. #24. Immediately south of the Southard Block there is old wooden Row House in poor condition and next to it is a two story gable roof brick building. The area directly across Water Street has been cleared to make way for a boat launching facility and a parking area which serves a brick factory building built in 1881. The factory is still in use. This river front section of Richmond has been improved in late years. Many irretrievable buildings have been removed to provide open spaces. The buildings which remain are complimented by the open spaces. One of these buildings is the Southard Block which has been purchased by people who desire to restore it and in doing so inspire the restoration of other buildings still remaining in this area.

THE SOUTHARD BLOCK:

1. The following information is drawn from the Richmond Bees, a newspaper for the years 1880 through 1883.

"The lot between White Street and Church Street on Front Street where the Thomas Jefferson Southard Bank and Counting House is to be located has been bought for \$1,000. The gravel for the cement in the cellar has been lightered from Swan Island."

"In answer to many inquiries concerning the solid block masonry in the cellar of the Southard Block, we will say that it is intended for the foundation of a bank vault."

"Honorable T. J. Southard has built a whole dock of tenement houses near the factory (Southard Mill) reaching the whole distance between two streets. At each corner is a large brick house (apartments on the left and bank on the right) with 2 story dwellings the whole distance between."

"The building (counting house) is three stories high, 52' by 55' and has an iron front (arrived Aug. 11, 1882 on steamer Star). The cellar is 6½' deep, well cemented and contains two large cisterns. Except for two tenements in the rear, the entire first floor is reserved for banking. This area is divided into two rooms, each 22' by 20' by 12' high. The flooring is brick. Wainscoting is ash and black walnut. The doors are also black walnut. The ceiling is decorated.

The director's rooms in the rear are 17' by 13'. In the south room the directors quarters are separated from the main room by columns instead of partitions. The bank vault is set upon a solid stone foundation 16' by 12'. The floors are brick and 12" thick. The walls are also 2' thick with an air space. The compartments are 7' high and covered with a layer of railroad iron upon which is laid two solid feet of bricks. A brick partition 8" thick separates the two vaults. A hard pine stairway 6' wide leads to the second floor which is divided into two rooms. Wm. S. Hagar uses one room while T. J. Southard & Sons Co. uses the other. Each room is 20' by 22' and 11' high. A stairway leading to the third floor is also hard pine, but is a mere four feet wide. On the third floor is a hall complete with anterooms and closets.

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SIGNIFICANCE

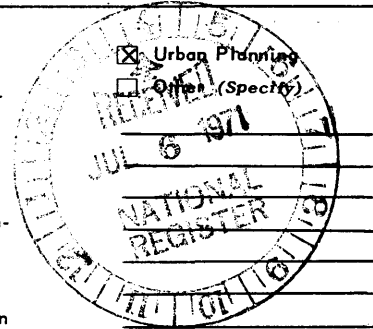
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1882

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural: The Southard Block equates a functional adaptation of a building built in "the Second Empire Style."

BACKGROUND: Richmond, the most northerly town of Sagadahoc County is situated on the west bank of the Kennebec River, between Gardiner and Bowdoinham. The Maine Central Railroad passes through the town near the river. It derives its name from Fort Richmond built in 1719-1720 to facilitate trade with the Indians and provide protection settlers. In 1762 on the incorporation of the Town of Bowdoinham, the territory now comprising Richmond, was placed under Bowdoinham's protection. In 1779 the Richmond territory was annexed into Bowdoinham and it was not until 1823 that Richmond set up housekeeping for itself. This section of Maine, about the lower Kennebec River, was the scene of early settlement, farming, lumbering, shipbuilding and small industry. The history of one town was often the history of its neighbor until the 19th Century. The locality now known as Richmond Village was named White's Landing in honor of Brazille White, a lumberman and storekeeper. In time the village grew into a shipping port, with local industries of shipbuilding and manufacturing. An early and long lasting influence was exercised by a certain Thomas Jefferson Southard.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SOUTHARD

The sudden leap of Richmond into a leading place second only to Bath was in large measure due to one man whose energy and business acumen were extraordinary. This was Thomas J. Southard. Born in Boothbay, he had come to Richmond as a young man. While he worked at the trade of shipsmith, he studied drafting and construction to such good purpose that when only twenty-eight he launched his first schooner, the "Texas". This he followed with a group of small coasters evidently designed for the southern trade. They bore the names of cities of that section--"Savannah", "Richmond", "Wilmington", and others. Gradually he expanded, buildings brigs, barks, and finally large ships which had an enviable reputation for a reliability of construction and trimness of line.

His industry was prodigious. Besides supervising the work in his yards he ran a dry and West Indies goods store which did a business of \$50,000 a year, was the village postmaster, managed a drugstore, operated a planning mill and a grist mill, became the leading promoter of the Southard Cotton Mill and build several business blocks in his town. He also served as an active director of various railroads, telegraph companies, towage corporations, and banks. His eight-eight years were full indeed. His fleet bore at the masthead the Southard House flag displaying an anvil as its device.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Adams, Silas, the History of the Town of Bowdoinham 1762-1912, Fairfield, Maine 1912.
2. Newspaper article; Richmond Bee 1880-1893
3. Rowe, William Hutchinson, The Maritime History of Maine, Freeport.

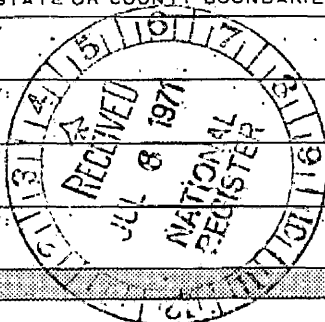
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		69°	51'	09"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. Briggs, Historian Mrs. Paul L. Roberts

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Rec. Comm. Richmond Historical and Cultural Society DATE: May 17, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: State Office Building 32 Pleasant Street

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta 04330 Richmond 04357 STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Lawrence Stuart
 Title: Director

Date: June 29, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register:

Ernest A. Cannally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 23 1972

Date: _____

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: Jan 17, 1972

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 Richmond, Maine
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 Longitude 69° 51' 9"
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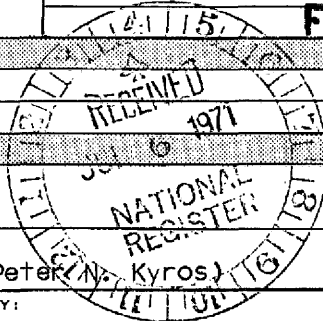
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Maine	23		023
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. Gardiner Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:62500			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			