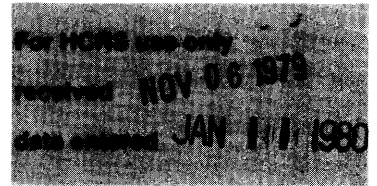


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Camden Yacht Club

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bay View Street _____ not for publication

city, town Camden _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Camden

street & number

city, town Camden _____ vicinity of _____ state Maine 04843

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Rockland, _____ state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Camden Yacht Club of Camden, Maine designed by John Calvin Stevens and built in 1912, is a dignified building in the Shingle Style.

The building is of frame construction with 1½ stories, a single internal brick chimney, hipped roof, and shingle siding. On all but the rear side, the roof greatly overhangs the eaves, creating porches supported by wooden posts.

The facade, which faces north-east, is three bays wide, the central bay being a double-doored entrance flanked by sidelights. The other bays each consist of paired six-light casement windows. Above the entrance, in the half-story, is a gable-roofed projection with balcony servicing another doorway.

The south-east elevation two sets of double doors and, as with most of the remainder of the building, 6/6 fenestration. From the north-west side of the building runs a porte-cochere, of which the most distinctive feature is the Oriental influence of the outer wooden supports. Here also are two pairs of double doors.

The rear of the building (facing south-west) contains two single doors, an 8/8 window, a 6-light single-sash window, and four 6/6 windows. The last, along with one of the doors are contained in a one-story hipped-roof projection.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1912 **Builder/Architect** John Calvin Stevens

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Founded in 1906 largely through the efforts of George B. Phelps, the Camden Yacht Club with Chauncey B. Borland as Commodore, initially leased a shore front property and cottage as a wharf and clubhouse. In 1912, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, founder of the Ladies Home Journal and publisher of the Saturday Evening Post and an avid Camden yachtsman, erected a very attractive and fully appointed club house at one of the finest wharf locations in the Harbor. Curtis retained John Calvin Stevens, Maine's most noted architect to design the building in the Shingle Style. Sumptuously furnished and built with the finest materials, the structure cost \$60,000.00, a very large sum for the period. Retaining ownership, Curtis generously offered the building to the Yacht Club at a very nominal rent. At the time of his death, it was left to the town with the provision that its use by the Yacht Club continue. The Camden Yacht Club building is the finest such structure of its style on the Maine coast.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Prescott, John R., Glimpses of Camden. Newtonville, Massachusetts. 1916.

Robinson, Reuel, History of Camden and Rockport, Maine. Camden. 1907.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Camden

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessors Map 1, Lot 66

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/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1979

street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Carol D. Schul*

title S.H.P.O.

date 10/22/79

For HCRS use only

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

Carol D. Schul
Keeper of the National Register

date 1/1/80

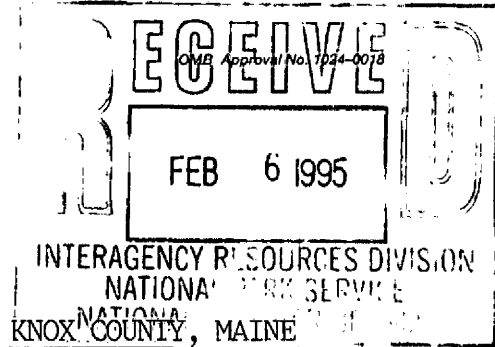
Attest: *Walter W. Dwyer*
Chief of Registration

date 1/8/80

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

CAMDEN YACHT CLUB



Section number 8 Page _____ REVISION

**Camden Yacht Club
Camden, Knox County, Maine**

REVISION to Part 8

The nomination as originally submitted states that the yacht club was left to the Town of Camden at the death of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, its benefactor. It has recently been brought to our attention that this statement is in error. In fact, Curtis conveyed the Yacht Club to the Town on September 1, 1926, with the stipulation that it be used "...perpetually for Yacht Club and other Community purposes...."

Cyrus H. K. Curtis to Inhabitants of the Town of Camden, September 1, 1926. Knox County Deeds, Office of the Registry of Deeds, Knox County Courthouse, Rockland. Book 209, p. 579.

"Cyrus H. K. Curtis Makes Princely Gift to the Town of Camden." Camden Herald. August 26, 1926.

Kirk F. Mohney
Architectural Historian
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
February 2, 1995