

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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" for "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 Anderson Bros. Store

other names/site number Lewis Anderson Hardware

2. Location

street & number 280 Main Street N/A not for publication

city or town Stockholm N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Aroostook code 003 zip code 04783

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.)

*Ernest Peterson* 11/30/01  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (  See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this 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): \_\_\_\_\_

*Edson H. Beall* 1-11-01  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Anderson Bros. Store  
Name of Property

Aroostook, Maine  
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	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		_____ sites
		_____ structures
		_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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)

Commerce/Trade/Department Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Recreation and Culture/Museum  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**7. Description**

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

Victorian  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Wood/Wood Shingle  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof Asphalt  
other Attached Barn and Front Porch  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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County and State

**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 a 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.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

**Period of Significance**

1901-1950

**Significant Dates**

1901

c. 1915

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**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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The Anderson Bros. Store is a modest, one-and-a-half story, gable roofed frame building that is sheathed in wood shingles. A one-story false front wing on the north side was built to house the post office, and a small barn was added to the rear. The building stands on a rubble stone and concrete foundation in the center of the small village of Stockholm.

Facing east, the front elevation of the main block contains a pair of three-sided bays on the first story that are separated by a recessed central entrance and surmounted by a shallow hip roof. Each of the bays contains paired two-over-one double hung sash windows. There are two symmetrically placed one-over-ones on the upper story below the moderately projecting eaves. The wing to the north, whose false front intersects the original block below the eaves, contains a pair of two-over-ones.

The building's long south side elevation features three asymmetrically placed double hung windows and one door on the first story and a cross gable located slightly east of center framing paired windows. The barn has a large track mounted door on the lower level and a pair of two-over-twos in the gable peak. There is a single door on the west side of the barn, paired windows in the north side of the wing, and several windows on the north side of the main block.

Inside, the store space retains its original finishes consisting of narrow tongue and groove sheathing on the walls and ceiling. Both this space and the barn are used to display the artifacts owned by the Stockholm Historical Society.

The history of the building is captured in a series of photographs, the earliest is believed to have been made soon after the store was built late in 1901. It shows a relatively small square building with double front doors and flanking two-over-two storefront windows. By about 1915, the bays, hip roof and north wing had been added. The precise date of the building's extension to the west and the addition of the barn is not known.

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Originally constructed in 1901 and then remodeled and enlarged some years thereafter, the Anderson Bros. Store is a vernacular two-story frame building that was the first general store erected in Stockholm. It is the only remaining historic store in the village center. The property is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion A for its local association with the town's early twentieth century business development.

According to local historians, in November of 1900 John and Lewis Anderson moved from the adjoining town of New Sweden to Stockholm where they established the community's first general store. They erected a 20' x 20' building, and opened their store in 1901. The impetus for their business venture is undoubtedly related to the fact that Stockholm Plantation (the town was incorporated in 1911) was undergoing a development boom in this period that was a direct result of the construction of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad in 1899 and the establishment of a long lumber mill. This growth is especially evident in the rapid population increase, which rose from a figure of 66 persons in 1890 to 715 in 1910. By then, it appears that the Anderson Bros. partnership had dissolved, and the subsequent editions of the *Maine Register* list John and Lewis Anderson separately.

In the 1918 edition of the *Maine Register*, Lewis Anderson is no longer listed under general merchants but as a hardware dealer. A photograph of the front of the building from about this time shows a sign with the inscription: L. ANDERSON, Hardware and Sporting Goods. It also reveals that the existing storefront and the wing housing the post office had been added, and these changes suggest that the extension to the rear had also been made by this date. The hardware business operated by Lewis Anderson last appears in the 1926-27 edition of the *Maine Register*, although it was continued thereafter by A. E. Baxter until 1938-39. George D. Fogelin subsequently returned the business to a general store which remained in operation until the late 1950s. In 1976 the property was acquired by the newly formed Stockholm Historical Society which maintains it as a museum.

Little remains of the historic industrial and commercial enterprises that illustrate Stockholm's rapid development in the early twentieth century. Although the railroad line through the village is still in operation and two railroad related dwellings still stand, the station is gone as are the lumber mills, which closed during the Depression. The population has likewise declined dramatically, falling to 286 persons according to the 1990 census. In this context, the Anderson Bros. Store is an especially important reminder of the town's commercial history.

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### **Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property of less than one acre occupies the Town of Stockholm tax lot #1508.

### **Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the entire village lot that is historically associated with the Anderson Bros. Store.



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Richard Hede

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View from east

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View from southeast