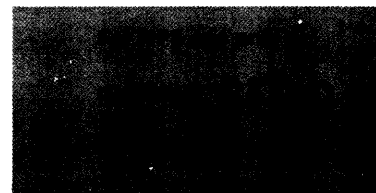


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



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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 Dudley Block

and/or common Green Wave Tavern

2. Location

street & number 28-34 Water Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Biddeford,

n/a vicinity of

~~congressional district~~

state Maine

code 23

county York

code 031

3. Classification

Category

- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership

- public
- private
- both
- Public Acquisition**
- in process
- being considered
- N/A

Status

- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress
- Accessible**
- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use

- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military
- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert L. Huot

street & number 39 Franklin Street

city, town Saco,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine 04072

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

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 Dudley Block of Biddeford, Maine, built in 1848, is a large and substantial commercial building in the Greek Revival style.

The 3½-story block is of brick construction with gable roof, 6/6 fenestration, and granite trim and foundation. The three-story facade, which faces east, is twelve bays long and features a series of four shops on the first floor trabeated in granite. Each shop has its own single-door entrance between two store windows. The windows above the first story carry simple granite lintels typical of the period.

The 6-bay-wide south end of the block contains a pair of doorways at the second-floor level. These provided access to residential apartments.

Minor storefront and internal alterations have occurred over the years but not to an extent which affects the basic architectural theme of the structure.

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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Town Planning
Specific dates	1848	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dudley Block is individually eligible for nomination under three categories: architecture, town planning and commerce. The structure is architecturally significant as an example of mid-19th century brick commercial building with granite pier and lintel construction of the lower story. The upper floors are an interesting example of tenement housing in an important Lowell-type industrial community and are related to corporation housing in earlier New England textile cities. The development of brick buildings at the foot of Sullivan Street near Water Street is part of land development directly associated with Samuel Batchelder, the founder and leading figure in the industrial development of Biddeford. Batchelder's personal investment in the creation of private residential sub-division with commercial use of the Water Street site is an example of mid-19th century speculative development common to many textile cities of this type. The construction of stores by Benjamin Dudley along this section of Water Street continued earlier commercial usage of the site opposite the river wharves. The later ownership of the Block by Abel Jellison, a locally prominent citizen, adds to the significance of commerce in the social and political history of Biddeford.

From the evidence of the Dudley manuscript in the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, the brick "Dudley Block" was quickly begun and rented up on May 27, 1848. The four ground-floor stores facing Water Street were rented that day.

Benjamin Dudley continued his ownership of the Dudley Block as a commercial property until 1864, when he sold the building and its outbuildings to Ivory Goodwin and Abel H. Jellison. Abel Jellison was born in Waterborough in 1820, attending high school in Lyman and married Betsey Roberts of Parsonfield. He settled in Biddeford in 1846, working first in the Laconia Cotton Mills and then as a store clerk. In 1848 he entered a partnership with William Berry and established a grocery business. In 1852 his wife died and the next year he married the widow of John H. Staples, Sarah E. Dudley, the daughter of Benjamin Dudley. In 1854 he purchased his partner's interest in the business and by 1856 was located under his own name in the Dudley Block. After purchasing the Block from his father-in-law, the grocery business was established as a partnership with Capt. Ivory Goodwin of Kennebunkport until 1871. In 1873 Goodwin sold his half interest in the Dudley Block to Jellison. He operated in partnership with William Bradford until 1882, when he sold the business and property to Jean B. Pare, Jr. Jellison was an active member of several fraternal organizations and influential in local politics. He was assessor in 1854, represented the second ward as a city Alderman, and in 1863 and 1864 was elected to the Maine legislature. In 1864 and for twelve succeeding years he was elected judge of the Municipal Court of Biddeford. He died in 1895 at age 75.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Candee, Richard, Determination of Eligibility of Five Historic Structures in Biddeford, Maine. 1981. Typed manuscript at M. H. P. C.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Biddeford

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 41, Lot 122

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A 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 July, 1982

street & number 55 Capitol 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Earl S. Gattwood*

title S.H.P.O.

date 9/23/82

For NPS use only

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

Bruce Van Dyke

date 11/12/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration