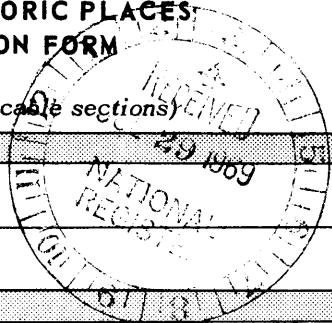


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
(John) Perkins House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Perkins Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Castine

STATE: Maine CODE: 18-1550 COUNTY: Hancock CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments _____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Castine Scientific Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Perkins Street

CITY OR TOWN: Castine STATE: Maine CODE: 18-1550

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth STATE: Maine CODE: 18-2500

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/3 acre

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)			
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ^{original} Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

At the present time the Perkins House has been completely dismantled and has been moved to a new site next to the Wilson Museum in Castine. It has been moved approximately one third of a mile. Restoration of the kitchen and front portion of the house is planned. A new concrete foundation has been poured, and reconstruction is due to start soon.

The original house was built in about 1765 when there were only one or two other frame houses in the area. It was considered to be one of the finest houses in eastern Maine as an outstanding example of Colonial architecture. The rooms were sixteen by twenty feet with the ceilings averaging a little over seven feet in height.

It was little changed by successive owners, but it recent years had suffered from lack of care. In light of the fact that a new road had cut off the front lawn of the house at the original location, it was decided to dismantle and reconstruct the house on the Wilson Museum site.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

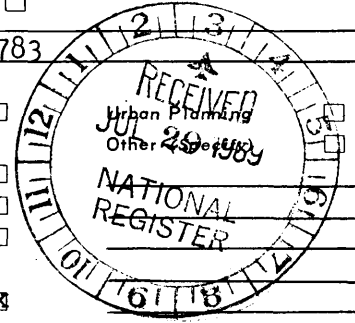
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Between 1765 and 1783**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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The house is of more architectural than historic interest, being an excellent example of Colonial architecture. The cracks between the wall boards were covered by birchbark strips. The laths were of the split board variety and the timbers hand hewn. The original house construction was one of the first in the area, being built around 1765. It survived the bombardment of 1779, and the British occupation then and later during the war of 1812. British officers were quartered in the house during the American Revolution as well as the War of 1812.

The following quotes point out the merits of the Perkins House:

"The house - Castine's only pre-Revolutionary dwelling - is indeed worthy of a serious preservation effort . . enlist the support of a public-spirited group who will see the wisdom of preserving this notable historic structure". National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"This house is a darned nice example of the period. It is the only one that has so many fine details of late 18th century architecture. It's well worth saving". Carlisle Humelsein, Director of Colonial Williamsburg.

"Historically and architecturally the Perkins House is outstanding and valuable; it is also intact and worth saving". John O. Curtis, Curator of Architecture, Old Sturbridge Village.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 pp. 421-422
 Wilson Museum Bulletin, Spring 1969, Col. 1, Number 15
 White Pine Series of Architectural Monographs, Vol VIII, No. 1
 Port Towns of Penobscot Bay

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Donald Holmstrom, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: July 17, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18-0160

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 July 24, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

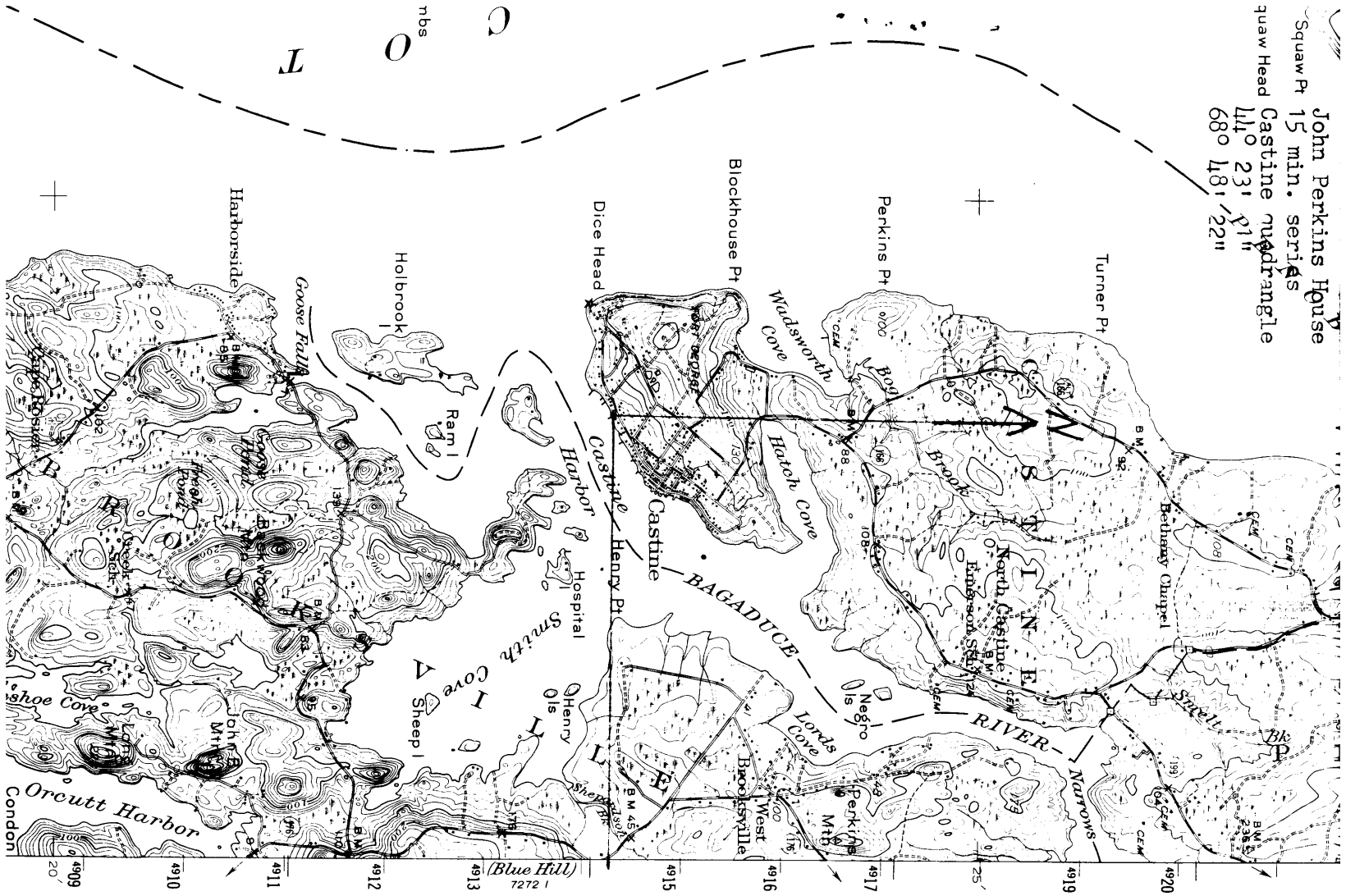
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ATTEST:
William J. Mudgett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 11 1969

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

John Perkins House
 15 min. series
 Castine quadrangle
 44° 23' 11" N
 68° 48' 22" W



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NORTH BROOKSVILLE 2 MI.
 BROOKSVILLE 6.2 MI.

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