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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MAINE	
COUNTY: Knox	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-7-18-0033	DATE 7/1/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Vinalhaven Galamander

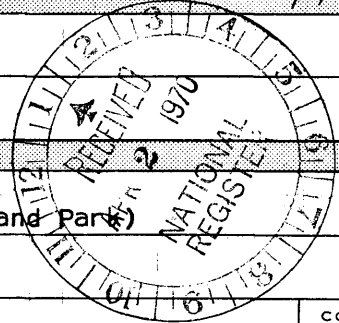
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Corner East Main and Schbol Streets (Band Stand Park)

CITY OR TOWN:
Vinalhaven

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18** COUNTY: **Knox** CODE: **013**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input 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"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Town of Vinalhaven

STREET AND NUMBER:
Selectman's Office

CITY OR TOWN: **Vinalhaven** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Rockland** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**

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 Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

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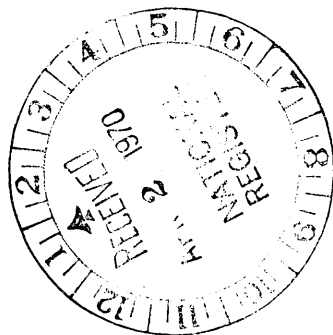
Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Vinalhaven Galamander, which can be viewed today on the Band Stand Park in the town of Vinalhaven, is the completed restoration of a machine used for the transportation of huge blocks of quarried granite. It is a wagon which was, when in use, drawn by an eight-horse team. It is made of the best oak lumber with iron reinforcements, and was almost entirely handmade. Different than other stone wagons, the Galamander was equipped with a derrick or lever to which was attached a rope tackle and which, hand operated, lifted large pieces of stone from the ground and underslung them between the two rear wheels of the vehicle. Machines of this type were common in Maine during the 1880 to 1914 period of the great granite industry. In the later years of this period wire rope was used in hoisting stones into place between the wheels. Platform stone, curbings and other stones too large or unhandy about loading on the ordinary stone wagon were transported to the cutting yards or polishing mill and other points by these ponderous vehicles about 25 feet in length and 10 feet in width.

The original Galamander stood on the Band Stand Park until time and weather deteriorated the wood. In January of 1968 the Town of Vinalhaven appointed a committee to investigate the repair of this machine. A project was undertaken. The iron parts were retrieved and used in the reconstruction; only the oak lumber and blue paint are new. The completely restored Vinalhaven Galamander has been returned to its island home. A spot on Band Stand Park near Arthur Woodcock Square has been set aside for its display site. An enclosure will be erected to protect it from the elements.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1880's through 1914

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"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Vinalhaven Island, North Haven Island and several smaller islands comprise a cluster of granite protrusions lying off the coast of Maine in Penobscot Bay. These islands lie in about the 44 N. latitude some 15 miles due east of the City of Rockland. These islands were first given recognition in 1602 by Martin Pring, an English explorer. It is recorded that people were in permanent residence on these islands in 1762. In the early years of settlement fishing was the chief attraction. The population growth within the first 100 years reached 1,850 people by 1870. In 1880 a new industry on the Maine scene erupted. This was the great, but short-lived, granite industry. The leader of this industry was Joseph R. Bodwell who started his quarry operations at Vinalhaven and which operations spread to many sections of Maine proper. Bodwell became wealthy and was elected the Governor of Maine in 1887. By 1900 the population on Vinalhaven had grown to 2,855. The Maine granite industry collapsed with the start of World War I. It has never revived, and today the population on Vinalhaven is 1,273. The residents today again turn to the sea for their livelihood, and gain additional income from the tourist industry.

It is not known exactly when the first Galamander was built or whether the idea of the big wagons originated in Vinalhaven. Some similar mechanism for moving heavy objects might have been handed down from the war machines of the Greeks and Romans. The origin of the word "galamander" has never been definitely established. It might be a contraction or distortion of some other word, and the words "salamander," "galley-meander" and others have been advanced in support of the theory.

But this is certain--Galamanders flourished in and around Vinalhaven in the hey-day of the granite industry in the 19th century. "Fish Scales and Stone Chips," a history of Vinalhaven by Sidney L. Winslow, reports: "One outstanding piece of the Bodwell Granite Company's equipment was the wagon referred to locally as the Galamander. These wagons were a common and familiar sight in Vinalhaven's former years.

The Bodwell Granite Company's stone wagons, galamanders, derricks, and some other equipment were painted a shade of blue locally known as "Elder Littlefield Blue" and it came to be the prevailing color for all island stone and farm wagons.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

O. P. Lyons--A Brief Historical Sketch of the Town of Vinalhaven
 (Rockland: 1889)
 Winslow, Sidney L., "Intimate Views of Vinalhaven"--Rockland Courier-
 Gazette (Newspaper Article Series Rockland 1943-1944)
 Winslow, Sidney L. Fish Scales and Stone Chips (Rockland)

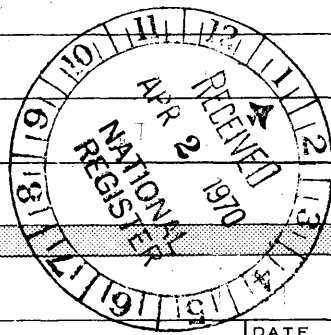
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN TEN

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: January 30, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18

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 March 26, 1970

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

Arrest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 1 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh
 Keeper of The National Register

JUN 5 1970

Date _____

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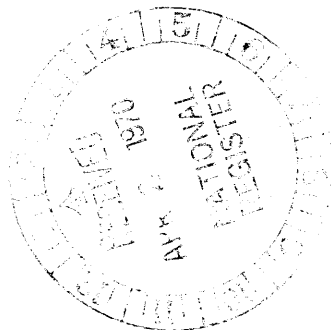
After the decline of the granite industry there was no use for the Galamanders and most became victims of the elements. The report persisted that Henry Ford had one in his museum at Dearborn, Michigan, but that Museum's Director states this is not true.

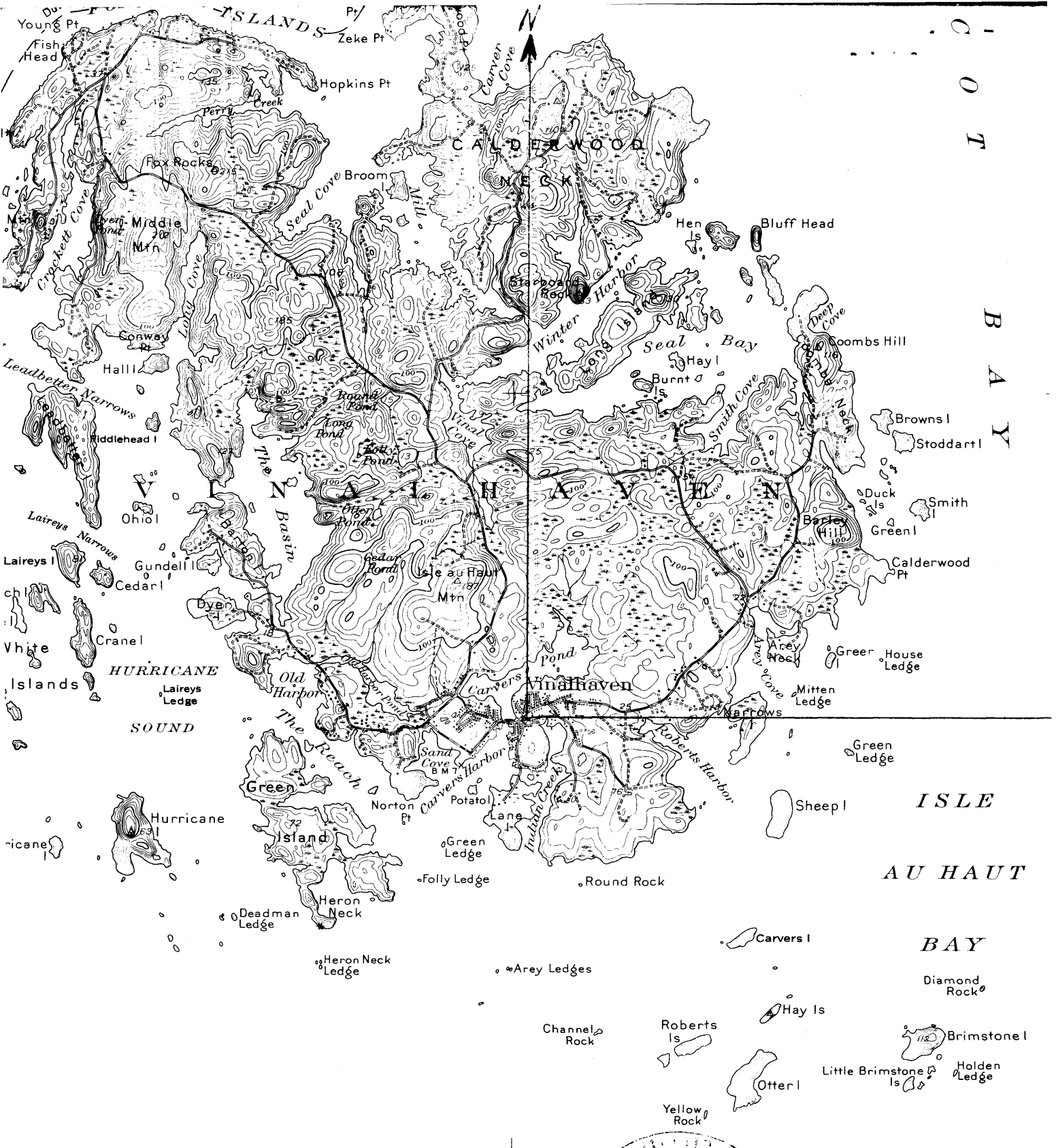
Somehow one survivor in Vinalhaven was rescued by public-spirited citizens and hauled to Bandstand Park in the center of the Town where it stood in silent majesty and decay until January, 1968.

About three years ago the Town appointed a special committee: Elliott E. Hall, past president of the Vinalhaven Historical Society, Hollis Burgess, Sr., and O. V. Drew to investigate the repair of the Galamander, and appropriated \$500 for the project. But it was found that the old Galamander was in such bad shape that it could not be repaired. So a project was started to build a new one using such old metal parts as were still serviceable. The Committee for the Restoration of the Galamander at once ran into difficulty, first in finding someone to do the job, secondly in raising the necessary funds.

In Wiscasset Mr. E. C. Bryant agreed to build a Galamander from the original specifications and duplication of old wood members. The 70-year old rusty, sagging wagon was dismantled and sent to him.

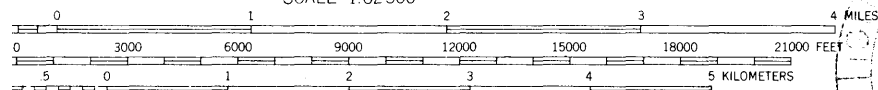
The Vinalhaven Galamander has been restored and returned to its former location. This is then a memorial to the Granite Industry.





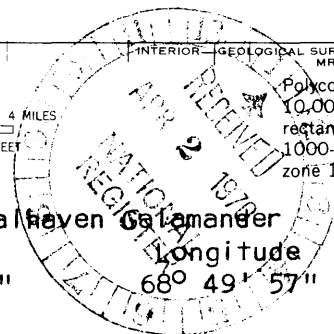
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Vinal Haven, Calamander
 Latitude 44° 2' 51"
 Longitude 68° 49' 57"



INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. — 1962
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000-foot grid based on Maine (East)
 rectangular coordinate system
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid tick
 zone 19, shown in blue

VINALHAVEN, ME
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