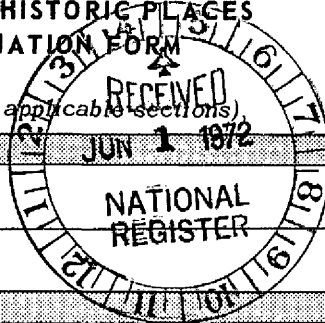


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**1. NAME**

COMMON: **McLellan House**  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Gorham Campus of the University of Maine at Portland - Gorham School Street (also called Fort Hill Road), Route 114**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Gorham**  
 STATE: **Maine**      CODE: **23**      COUNTY: **Cumberland**      CODE: **005**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Dormitory</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: **University of Maine at Portland - Gorham**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **96 Falmouth Street**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Portland**      STATE: **Maine**      CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Cumberland County Courthouse**  
 STREET AND NUMBER: **142 Federal Street**  
 CITY OR TOWN: **Portland**      STATE: **Maine**      CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Not so represented**  
 DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_       Federal       State       County       Local  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McLellan House is located on the western side of School Street (also called Fort Hill Road), Route 114, 0.4 miles north of the intersection with Route 25. The house is on the edge of the Gorham Campus of the University of Maine at Portland - Gorham and is currently used as a women's dormitory by the University. It faces southeast, set on a hillside which slopes down to a brook on the north.

The McLellan House is two stories high, about 40 feet wide and 25 feet deep. It is built of brick: the front (southeast) and right (northeast) walls in Flemish bond, the left and rear walls in Common bond. The foundation is granite. The roof is wooden and the end gables clapboarded. The roof is currently shingled in asphalt and the brick painted red. A modern wooden two story addition has been added at the rear of the house, making use of the basement and framing of a shorter, earlier addition.

An illustration in Hugh McLellan's History of Gorham, Me. supposedly shows the house as it originally looked: with a gambrel roof, dormer windows, four end wall chimneys, and no windows in the end walls except for two in the gambrel end. The house presently has gable roof, two interior chimneys (one was removed sometime after 1937 except for the foundation, the other has been rebuilt), and windows in the two end walls. The present roof structure is not original - the framing timbers are sawn, not hewn as in the framing for the rest of the house. The roof is supposed to have been remodeled in 1868 and probably was. A photograph taken prior to 1886 shows the house with a gable roof, shingled gables, two interior chimneys, and end wall windows. The house could have had a gambrel roof originally, but it is extremely doubtful that there has been any change in the chimney arrangement or the window openings.

There is an original window in the house, on the second floor in the rear, 8 over 8. The other windows are modern, double hung 6 over 6. A double entrance door, prior to 1903, has since been replaced by a modern door. The exterior of the house, then, looks essentially as it did originally, but has a newer gable roof.

The interior of the McLellan House has undergone alterations, the most recent being its change from a house into a women's dormitory in 1966. The second floor has been partitioned into individual rooms, as has the rear of the first floor. The center hall has been shortened. The two first floor front rooms have been left as sitting rooms, but any fireplaces removed.

Some original features of the interior remain. The windows are set at the outside of the brick wall, the one foot deep recess around each panelled with wood and framed with identical moldings. The front door is set in a similar recess with slanting sides.

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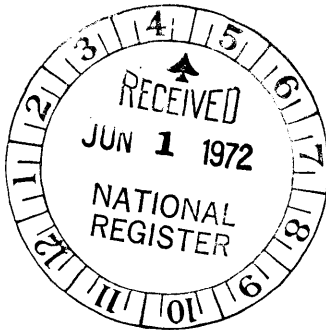
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7. DESCRIPTION

The first floor hall has a simple wainscot and a molding around the ceiling. The floors are all new; most of the doors are recent. There is no original hardware.

Two rooms were finished on the left side of the attic. They are accessible now only by a pull-down stairway. The floors are of wide boards. The board and batten doors have Blake's latches. Probably these rooms were finished when the roof was remodeled.

There is a full basement under the house, lined with field stone. The framing for the hearths of the left chimney shows above the remaining chimney base. There is a crumbling brick wall under the beam which runs under the right wall of the hall. The framing timbers are hewn.



**5. 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) **1773**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

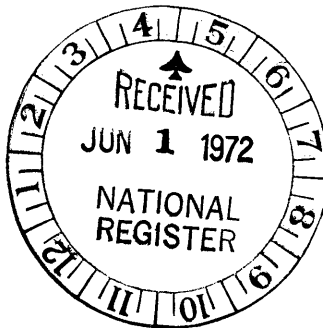
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McLellan House is the oldest brick house in Cumberland County and possibly the oldest one in the state of Maine. Until 1965, it was owned and lived in by the descendants of the original builder, Hugh McLellan. He and his wife Elizabeth were among the first settlers of Gorham, arriving there around 1740. The site on which they built their home was the scene of several skirmishes with the Indians. The bricks for the house were made from the clay of the nearby brook. The house was completed in 1773.

Some change is usual in a house which is constantly lived in due to the changing tastes of its inhabitants. This is what happened to the McLellan House. The exterior looks much today as it did originally, but with the "modernization" of the roof and door alterations. The McLellan House is a stately brick dwelling of the Colonial Period, simply designed. The major ornamentation is in the brickwork itself - the bonding patterns and the arches over the windows. One of the oldest homes in the area, it is an architectural asset to Gorham.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mary-Eliza Wengren, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc.** DATE: **March 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Station A. Box 4197**

CITY OR TOWN: **Portland** STATE: **Maine** CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 *Commissioner, Parks & Recreation*  
Date *May 22, 1972*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Robert M. Utley*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *12/5/72*

ATTEST:  
*William M. ...*  
Keeper of The National Register

Date *12 4 72*

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