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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 George W. Smith Homestead
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Main Street NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN Mattawamkeag CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maine VICINITY OF Second
COUNTY CODE Penobscot COUNTY CODE 019

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth J. Hobbs
STREET & NUMBER Box 32
CITY, TOWN Mattawamkeag VICINITY OF Maine STATE 04459

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Penobscot County Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Bangor, STATE Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 George W. Smith Homestead of Mattawamkeag, Maine is a remote but dignified example of the Italianate style in a residential context. Built in 1874, the two-story house is of frame construction with hipped roof, cupola, two internal brick chimneys, bracketed cornice, clapboard siding, and field-stone foundation.

The facade, which faces west, is three bays wide and features a one-story porch supported by square posts. This porch covers a central entrance. Fenestration throughout the house is 2/2, save for the second-story central facade bay which consists of a pair of 1/1 windows. The square cupola is covered by a hipped roof with finial; each side of the cupola contains an arched four-light window. The sides of the house are two bays wide.

Extending from the rear of the house is a one-story ell which features an enclosed porch facing south. At the end of the ell is a large, 1½-story barn. This gable-roofed structure extends southward from the end of the ell and has barn doors facing west. The most distinctive element here are two large gabled dormers (6/6) above the doors.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1874

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This handsome Italianate structure stands alone in the town of Mattawamkeag as the only residence of any serious architectural merit and as such is a commonly accepted local landmark. Perhaps because of its remote location, the Smith House has remained virtually unchanged as have its ell and barn. Although not a rare or distinctly outstanding example of its style in the state as a whole, its presence, because of its size and elegance, is strongly felt as a contrasting element in a small and generally unimpressive community.

The great grand father of the present owner, Asa Smith, was one of the first settlers in this community on the east bank of the Penobscot River and served as a State Senator from Penobscot County. He was a successful merchant and built a large combination store and residence on the main street (now gone). His son, George, built the present house in 1874 and carried on his fathers business. He served as postmaster for most of his adult life and became the local "sage" in his later years.

Important because of its location and because it has remained unaltered, the George W. Smith house emerges as an outstanding residence.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clayton, W. W., History of Penobscot County. Cleveland, 1882.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

QUADRANGLE NAME Mattawamkeag

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 550450 5040150
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Assessor's Map #7, Lot 20

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 / TITLE

Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

October, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

242 State 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

Carle S. [Signature]

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

11/9/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. [Signature]

DATE

1/15/80

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

1/14/80