

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Peacock Tavern

and or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Route 201 N/A not for publication

city, town Richmond, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Sagadahoc code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property

name State of Maine - Bureau of Parks and Recreation

street & number State House Station #19

city, town Augusta, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04333

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Bath, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Peacock Tavern, which fronts State Highway 201 in a rural area of the Town of Richmond, is a wood frame structure, two stories high with a hipped roof and clapboard siding. Extending from the rear (east) is a two story ell. The principal elevation, seven bays wide, consists of a five bay main section with an entrance in the center and a two bay addition on the north side. The windows consist of twelve-over-twelve and twelve-over-eight double-hung sash for the main section and six-over-six double-hung sash for the ell. There are three chimneys, one at each side of the main section and one in the ell. The only important exterior ornamentation is the main entrance, which is in the Federal style. The door is flanked by sidelights and enframed by pilasters supporting an entablature with triglyphs.

The interior contains much of the original Federal period woodwork, which includes simple wainscot, architrave trim and panelled doors. There are also several Federal style mantelpieces. The newell post and balustrade for the central staircase, however, is an early twentieth century replacement.

Except for the two bay addition on the north side, which dates from the early nineteenth century; the only exterior alteration is the mid-twentieth century portico added to the north entrance to the ell. Major interior alterations include the removal of the ceiling in the ballroom and the modernizations undertaken in the kitchen in the ell.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1807 **Builder/Architect** Benjamin Shaw

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This interesting public house built during the Federal Period is probably the oldest surviving structure in the town of Richmond. It has long been a landmark on this formerly heavily travelled road between Portland and Maine's capital city, Augusta. It is one of the finest examples in the state of a typical roadside hostelry of the turn of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Originally built in 1807 by Benjamin Shaw, the tavern was acquired shortly thereafter by Edward "Uncle Ned" Peacock after whom it came to be named.

Located on what was in the 19<sup>th</sup> century known as "the Post Road", the tavern was a busy and thriving establishment for many years. Since then it has been bypassed by a throughway and exists unused today only as part of a state park.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Ye Olde Peacock Tavern, typed manuscript. Author unknown. Maine State Library archives.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property  $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Gardiner

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map U-16, Lot 6

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

state	code	county	code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1986

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

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 *Evan S. Feltner*

title S. H. P. O. date 2/19/86

### For NPS use only

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

*Patrick Andrus* date 4/4/86  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Billy Savage* date 4-4-86  
Chief of Registration