

**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 Nathaniel Osgood House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Route 136 N/A not for publication

city, town Durham, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Androscoggin code 001

3. 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	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gordon Grimes

street & number R.F.D. #3, Box 297

city, town Freeport, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04032

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Auburn, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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

This three story farmhouse is a timber frame structure with a hipped roof, a central chimney and clapboard siding. The principal (east) facade is five bays wide with a central entrance. Pilasters supporting a pediment enframe the six panel door and transom. For the first two stories the house has double-hung sash with 12/12 lights. A single small fixed sash with eight lights marks the third story.

Each side elevation of the main section of the house is two bays wide, although the north elevation also has a secondary entrance near the west corner. A one-story utility wing with a gable roof extends from the west side of the house.

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/ humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 1785–1789 **Builder/Architect** Nathaniel Osgood

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Osgood House is one of the best preserved examples of four square hipped roof central chimney 18th-century rural dwellings in Maine both as far as its exterior appearance is concerned and also because of the remarkable survival of its period interior.

According to the history of Durham, Maine, Nathaniel Osgood and his brother, Aaron Osgood moved to Durham in the early 1780's from Deerfield, New Hampshire. However, the Osgoods had originally been from the Amesbury, Massachusetts area. Nathaniel had apparently served in a regiment of Colonel Bagley in the Revolutionary War and Bagley was the proprietor of Royalsborough later to become Durham. Bagley sold lots in Royalsborough to men who had served under him. It is believed that Osgood purchased the land in 1779.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Stackpole, E. S., History of Durham, Lewiston, 1899.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$
Quadrangle name Lisbon Falls South

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>19</u>	<u>410610</u>	<u>4864730</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 28, Lot 8

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1985

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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 *E. S. Stackpole*

title S.H.P.O. date 2/8/85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Entered in the National Register
 date 3-21-85

for Delores Byers
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration