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# DATA SHEET

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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

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HISTORIC Valley Lodge

AND/OR COMMON

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Saddleback Mountain Road

CITY, TOWN ~~Baldwin~~ Steep Falls vic

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1st Honorable David Emery

STATE Maine

CODE 23

COUNTY Cumberland

CODE 005

### 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Peter T. Cyr

STREET & NUMBER RFD Box 193

CITY, TOWN West Baldwin

— VICINITY OF

STATE Maine

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Cumberland County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER 142 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN Portland

STATE Maine

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7** **DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valley Lodge today is a wooden frame structure with a gable roof (shingled in wood), clapboard siding, and granite foundation. These details are to be seen in both the main part of the house and its ell which is attached to the rear of the house. The main part of the house is equipped with three large, square brick chimneys, while the ell has a single small chimney; all of these are internally placed. The main part of the house consists of two and a half stories, while the ell has just one story.

The principal (south) facade has five second - story windows, each twelve-over-eight. The first story has a central doorway with restrained federal - style lintel; to either side of this door is a pair of windows identical to the second-story ones. The gable - ends of the house are identical to each other on the second and half stories, with a single six-over-six window in the half story, and three twelve-over-eight windows in the second story. On the first story, the gable-ends of the house differ from each other. The west end has a one-story open porch supported by three square posts. The house here has three twelve-over-twelve windows. The east gable-end has three-over-eight windows. There are two additional first-story twelve-over-eight windows, at the northern end of the east gable-end where the main part of the house has been extended northward.

Access to the ell is gained from the one-story porch at the west end of the house (referred to above), where there is a west-facing doorway with sidelights and a south-facing door of simple design. The west facade of the ell has three two-over-two windows. At the northern end the ell becomes a small barn with a wide sliding door on the west facade. On the northern end of the ell, on the east side, there is a simple lean-to addition with vertical board and batten siding.

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Internally, Valley Lodge is extremely interesting, in that the present federal building in effect encapsulates a post-colonial cape. The chimney and room arrangements on the first floor reflect this phenomenon, with two long (east to west), but very narrow (north to south) federal parlors: The north wall of each was originally the main (south) facade of the earlier cape. The twin chimneys in these walls are a federal feature, while the third chimney, centrally positioned near the north side of the present house was originally the single center chimney of the post- colonial structure. At the north side of the present main house north of this 18th - century chimney is the original present kitchen of the house, which runs the entire length of the structure.

Across the road from the Valley Lodge house (to the west) lies a barn. This structure is not a part of this nomination to the National Register, although it is part of the same property. It is a simple frame building with gable roof and clapboard siding, painted red.

# 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 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 checked="" 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 1792

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ephraim Brown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the earliest surviving structures in the sparsely settled sections of Cumberland County west of Sebago Lake, Valley Lodge in East Baldwin is an interesting example of the development of an early homestead. Beginning as a simple Cape built in the wilderness, it was enlarged over the years into a sizeable and attractive farmhouse.

In 1788, Ephraim and David Brown came to Baldwin, then called Flintstown, from Concord, Massachusetts. Their father Captain David Brown (1733 - 1801), had fought in the Lexington - Concord battles and was one of the survivors of Captain Flint's Company, who were given a grant in the Baldwin area. Ephraim built the original one-and-a-half story cape which he called Valley Lodge in 1792 and David at about the same time erected a farmstead nearby which he called Saddleback Farm. This structure is no longer standing.

Prior to building Valley Lodge, Ephraim Brown had assisted his father in surveying and making the first plot plan for Flintstown. He was one of the pillars of the early township, serving both as selectman and tax collector. He was also deeply involved in land speculation in the area.

Within a very few years after its construction, the original Cape proved inadequate for Ephraim Brown's growing family and he proceeded to build a significant addition or what might more properly be called an enlargement. This was done by enveloping the first building within a two-and-a-half story federal house with an entirely new facade constructed several feet in front of the old front wall. In the early 1800's an upstairs dormer was added and the original ell containing the summer kitchen was remodeled and extended to include a shed.

Valley Lodge remained in the Brown family well into the 20th century and, though largely used as a summer house after 1880, was the scene of annual family reunions for many years.

Attractively sited on the brow of a gradually sloping hill which runs down in a field from the front yard, Valley Lodge is once again a year round home though no longer used as a farm. It is well maintained by the present owner as befits a local landmark associated with the town's earliest settlement.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Cumberland County, Everts and Peck (Philadelphia, 1880)

Occasional Verse and Prose Celebrating the Old Baldwin House, Sarah Brown Earle (Privately printed, 1905)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

January, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

31 Western Avenue

TELEPHONE

289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

Augusta

STATE

Maine

# 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Earle S. Shettleworth Jr.*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*January 17, 1977*

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles Adger*

DATE

*9/19/77*

DATE

*9/10/77*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER