

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Laudholm Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Laudholm Farm Road, N/A not for publication

city, town Wells Vic. vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>N/A</u> 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 Laudholm Farm Trust

street & number RR 1, Box 847

city, town Sanford, vicinity of state Maine 04073

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Alfred, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A 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

The Laudholm Farmhouse is a two-and-one-half story wooden structure, six bays across and four deep. Three facade and one off-center rear dormer punctuate the pitched roof, and two windows occupy each gable. The clapboarded walls are framed by simple Greek Revival cornerboards and entablatures, the later dentiled. The dormer windows are framed by thin pilasters and topped with triangular pediments. The facade windows are likewise dentiled below a simple raised cornice. Unusual, however, is the five-bayed front, most often seen in Federal style houses and hardly ever appearing in mid-century.

A long multi-bayed ell extends to the rear of the main portion, and joins a smaller connecting shed sited perpendicularly to it. The shed in turn joins a barn. The ell may contain an earlier house dating from c. 1800.

A columned veranda (Colonial Revival style) extends across the facade and wraps around the southeast gable end. This was added c. 1890 but harmonizes well with the earlier work.

An octagonal Victorian gazebo stands behind and to the west of the house. The gazebo has a latticework fence and tall simple finial.

An unusual fence of unspecified date extends across a portion of the property in front of the house. It consists of widely-spaced, turned wooden posts with long iron bars running between them.

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 checked="" 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 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	c. 1850	Builder/Architect	Theodore Clark
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This massive Greek Revival residence, built c. 1850 by Theodore Clark with porch added c. 1890 by George C. Lord, represents the most impressive and sophisticated working farmhouse in Maine. Magnificently sited on a hill with fields sloping down to Wells Bay, Laudholm Farm sits on 250 acres of rich farmland.

A small earlier residence, c. 1800, has been absorbed in the ell of the present house and two Capes (one in the Early Wells Capes Thematic Group, N. R. 12/22/79) which were farmers' residences exist nearby. A large barn stands in the rear of the main house.

George C. Lord, a financier, who purchased the property in 1881, served for a time as President of the Boston and Maine Railroad. He and his descendents kept the farm working until the 1950's. The Laudholm Farm Trust now plans to operate the property as a working farm museum and nature preserve in conjunction with the 1600 acre Rachel Carson Refuge which abuts to the northeast.

The site is the only large undeveloped saltwater farm remaining in southern Maine and is an oasis of tranquility on an otherwise cluttered coast.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bourne, E. E. History of Wells & Kennebunk, Portland, 1875.

10. Geographical Data

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

Quadrangle name Wells

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Property: Map 148, lot 1

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/Gregory K. Clancey, Architectural Historian

organization Me. Historic Preservation Comm. date July, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol Street 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 *Emilia S. Fullenbrook*

title S. H. P. O.

date 9/6/83

For NPS use only

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

Ronnie Lee Dwyer
Keeper of the National Register

date 10/20/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration