

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: _____
2. Historic name: First McGillicuddy Block
3. Street or rural address: 133 Lisbon Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 23B Lot 133
5. Present Owner: Louis P. Nolin Address: 133 Lisbon Street
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Eclectic
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Four story commercial building, brick construction with stone and metal trim, occupies a corner lot with a round tower surmounted by a conical roof at intersection. Building features pointed, round and segmental arched windows with one over one double hung sash. On the two upper stories these have additional fixed sash beneath the arches. These arches are orange brick with granite voussoirs and contrast with the red brick walls. Orange brick is also used for a belt course beneath the metal cornice. Centered over the Lisbon Street elevation is a round arched pediment flanked by urns containing the name and date of the building. On the Ash Street side there are two shallow oriel windows at the second and third story levels. The storefront is encased in metal with large early twentieth century plate glass.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:
Estimated _____ Factual 1895
9. Architect Jefferson Coburn & Sons, Lewiston
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage $\frac{1}{4}$ acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___
14. Alterations: Storefront encased in metal siding
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up
Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___
Public Works project ___ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? ___ Unknown? ___
18. Related features: Adjoining Osgood Block designed by same firm.

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The building is architecturally significant as one of two surviving commercial structures by noted local architect, Jefferson Coburn. The other is the adjoining Osgood Block, erected two years earlier. Both are fine representations of Coburn's eclectic inclinations and his use of contrasting colors and building materials. Both buildings are similar in spirit to the firm's Healey Asylum and Lord House, both listed in the National Register. With its locally unusual corner tower and brick and metal ornamentation, this building is an important surviving example of late Victorian architecture.

The building was constructed by Daniel McGillicuddy, a prominent local lawyer who served as a state legislator in 1884 and 1885, and Lewiston mayor from 1887 to 1890.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government ___ Military _____
 Religion ___ Social/Education _____
 Other (describe) _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Industrial Journal (Bangor) 6/16/1893,
6/22/1894; 10/12/1894; 11/16/1894

22. Date form prepared 12/85
 By (name) Roger Reed
 Organization MHPC
 Address: _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Building Name(s): McGillicuddy Block Historic McGillicuddy Block
- 2. Principal Street Address: 133 Lisbon Street (133-137)
- 3. Other Street Address: _____
- 4. Present Owner's Name: _____ 5. Ownership: public ___ private X
- 6. Owner's Address: _____
- 7. Original Owner: _____
- 8. Use: original Commercial/office/hall 9. Accessibility to public:
 present same exterior visible from public road X
 interior accessible: (explain) yes, public access to streetlevel shops

Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August 1984
 Address: Cornell University, Ithica NY 14350 Telephone: _____
 Position: volunteer ___ professional consultant ___ intern XX
 other, (explain) _____

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 4 Bays ___ Attic ___ Basement X
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: ___ wood frame, light members: ___
 System: masonry load bearing: X metal, (explain): _____
- 12. Photo _____ 13. Map _____

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DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle___ wood shingle___ slate___ concrete___
Material: composition X metal___ tile___ other copper roof details
Walls: wood___ stone___ cast iron___ brick___ stucco___
other pink brick and granite trim
Foundation: brick

15. Present excellent___ good X fair___ poor___ deteriorated___
Condition: explain fair or poor condition_____

16. Integrity: original site: yes X no___ if moved, when_____
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

Remodeling of storefronts has produced the present Deco style, angular configuration of display windows and created the two existing shops from a previously single storefront.

In 1918, the local architectural firm of Gibbs and Pulsifer was commissioned to design a fire escape for the structure.

17. Threats to none X zoning___ roads___ developers___ deterioration___
Building: other_____

18. Related none barn___ carriage house___ garage___ privy___ shed___ shop___
Outbuildings: landscape features_____
other_____

19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land___ woodland___ industrial___
densely built-up X commercial X scattered buildings_____
residential___ other_____

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

This building is a strong visual element at the busy downtown intersection of Lisbon and Ash Streets. The large size and striking facade design are suited to its prominent location.

The sharp grade between Lisbon and Lincoln Streets reveals the structures's lower level on the Ash Street facade.

DESCRIPTION

21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

An eclectic combination of Victorian Gothic and Queen Anne details characterize this large, asymmetrical, flat-roofed, red brick, commercial structure. The principal roof line is complicated by the conical copper roof and pinnacle of the corner turret that bulges from the main facade, and an arched pediment projecting from the crowning cornice.

The asymmetrical fenestration pattern consists of narrow paired openings and larger single windows. At the second story, segmental arched openings have reticulated voussiors of contrasting, light-orange brick, and granite sills. The third story generally has pointed arch openings with light-orange brick voussiors and granite sills and keystones. Rectangular, double-hung sash windows are surmounted by pointed arch toplights, with triangular panes divided by diagonal muntins.

At the fourth story, window treatment is similar to the second, with the addition of colored-glass, Queen Anne sash toplights.

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SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1895

23. Architect: J.L. Coburn and Sons Address: Lewiston

24. Builder: _____ Address: _____

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

This commercial block was designed by the local architectural firm of J.L. Coburn and Sons for Daniel J. McGillicuddy. Jefferson Lake Coburn was born in 1835 and designed many commercial and residential structures in Lewiston before his death in 1917. Examples of his firm's work include the neighboring Osgood building, the Healey Asylum and the Lord House. Coburn's son, Forrest G., died in 1984 at age twenty-three, prior to completion of the McGillicuddy building.

Daniel McGillicuddy was a prominent Lewiston lawyer who maintained offices in the turret of the bulding for many years, under the name, McGillicuddy and Morey. McGillicuddy served as a state legislator in 1884 and 1885, and as mayor of Lewiston in 1887 and 1890. The McGillicuddy building is one of Lisbon Street's outstanding examples of late Victorian, eclectic architecture.

26. Sources:

¹Plan for Fire Escape for Store of Daniel McGillicuddy, #225, on deposit at the Maine Historical Society Library. Portland.

²"Industrial Journal", Bangor, 6/16/93, 6/22/94, 10/12/94 and 11/16/94

³Geneva Kirk and Gridley Barrows. Historic Lewiston, Its Government: pub. by Lewiston Historical Commission, Lewiston, 1982.

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21. Notable Featurescont'd

Above fourth story windows a band of alternately projecting header brick follows the contour of the arched voussiors. This outline is surmounted by a wide band of contrasting orange brick.

An arched pediment above the deep, stamped metal cornice depicts the name and date "McGillicuddy, 1895".

Decorative treatment of the Ash Street facade is similar to the main facade with the following differences:

- o no pointed arch openings;
- o three lunette windows with reticulated brick voussiors and granite sills at the first story;
- o two oriole bays, corbelled out from the wall at the third story. Bays are semi-hexagonal and surmounted by stamped metal projecting cornices.

A large open floor space at the third story has functioned as a meeting hall since the structure was erected.