

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service



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

historic Blazo-Leavitt House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number ME Route 160 N/A not for publication

city, town Parsonsfield Me. N/A vicinity of congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" 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 Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Muir

street & number

city, town Kezar Falls, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04047

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 N/A federal N/A state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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 Blazo-Leavitt House of Parsonsfield, Maine, built between 1812 and 1817, is a very fine rural example of a Federal style residence.

The two-story house is of frame (post-and-beam) construction, with hipped roof of very low pitch, four large internal end chimneys (and one in the ell), clapboard siding, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces south, is five bays wide with a central entrance. This entrance consists of a single door flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a fanlight--all with elaborate tracery. The central bay in the second story is a fine Palladian window. Fenestration on the facade, as elsewhere, is 9/6.

A secondary facade faces east and is equivalent to the south elevation, save that it lacks the Palladian window.

A two-story ell runs from the north (rear) side of the house; this is three bays long with an entrance facing east. Beyond the ell is a long attached carriage house with a pair of large doors beneath an arch and an additional barn door beyond to the north.

The interior of the Blazo-Leavitt house is distinguished by particularly fine woodwork and features intersecting central hallways with arched ceilings.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1812-17

Builder/Architect

[Signature]

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This handsome, beautifully finished Federal house was built by Daniel Blazo, son of Amos Blazo, a shipbuilder and merchant from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who moved to Parsonsfield in 1778. His father, another Amos Blazo, was a Huguenot who emigrated from Bordeaux, France, in 1738.

One of the finest houses of the period in the region, this structure is noted for its woodwork performed, it is believed, by ship's carpenters left unemployed in Portsmouth by the Embargo.

A granddaughter of Daniel married John G. Leavitt, also from an old family, whose grandson, John Greenleaf Leavitt, a distinguished naturalist at Harvard University, was the last of the family to occupy the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dearborn, J. W., A History of the First Century of Parsonsfield, Portland, 1888.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Kezar Falls

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	9	3	4	3	8	3	0	4	8	4	7	0	3	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map R 4, Lot 1

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

state N/A code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1981

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Emile S. Speltz*

title S.H.P.O. date 12/18/81

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u><i>Alton Byers</i></u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>2/19/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	