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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

HISTORIC

Calais Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Church, Main and North Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calais

VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maine

23

Washington

029 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Ownership

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Machias

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 checked="" 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 Main Street Historic District in Calais is comprised of two blocks on the south side of Main Street facing the St. Croix River, and several buildings extending up Church Street, _____ and North Street. The majority of the buildings were constructed after the 1870 fire of Calais, though a few date back to the mid nineteenth century. None of the buildings have had major alterations.

Map #	Street #	
		<u>Church Street</u>
1	15	City Building, Romanesque Revival, 1901 Architect: H.A. Crosby Builder: Robert Walker Brick with granite trim, three stories
2	13	Old Fire House, Italianate, 1874 Two stories with tower, brick construction with granite trim Hose tower and Bell added 1895-6
		<u>Main Street</u>
3	189	J. Perkins Store, Italianate, 1871 Brick with granite trim, three stories Decorative trim removed roof, brick with granite
4	185	J.G. Beckett Building, Italianate, 1870 Three stories with gable roof, brick with granite trim
5	183	W. & F. Todd Building, Italianate, 1870 Three stories, brick with granite trim
6	181	Blake and Taylor Building, Italianate, 1870 Three stories, brick with granite trim.
7	175	T. Horton Building, Italianate, 1871 Three stories, brick with granite trim
8	169-173	J. Murray Hill Building, Italianate, 1871 Three stories, brick with granite trim
9	167	F. Ross Building, Italianate, c. 1890 Two stories, brick construction with granite trim
10	165	J.G. Hamilton & J. Pickari Building, Italianate, 1878, Two stories, brick construction, wood trim Height and trim on store front remodeled to match 163 Main Street c. 1886

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Map #	Street #	<u>Main Street</u>
11	163	M. Silverstone Building, Italianate , 1878 Two stories, brick construction with granite trim
12	159-161	A. Spence Building, Italianate, 1886 Two stories, brick with granite trim
13	157	E.H. & I. Macalester Building, Italianate, 1886 Originally two stories, added third and fourth stories in 1886 or shortly thereafter, Brick construction with granite trim
14	155	C.P. Robbins Building, Italianate, 1886 Two stories, brick with granite trim
15	153	Hill Building, Greek Revival, 1847 Three and one-half stories, gambrel roof Brick with granite trim
<u>North Street</u>		
16	22	J.W. Todd Building, Greek Revival, 1846 Two stories, brick with granite trim
17	28	M. Vickery Building, Greek Revival, 1852-1856 Three and one-half stories, frame with clapboarded exterior

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The delineation of the Calais Historic District was arrived at after careful on site inspection by the State Historic Preservation Officer, a member of the Historic Preservation Commission staff and a representative of the Community Planning Center.

The area of the district was chosen excluding neighboring buildings for the following reasons:

1. Those structures on the west side of North Street are of much more recent construction than those within the district and thus not chronologically homogeneous.
2. The commercial buildings on the north side of Main Street include a number of recent commercial intrusions and those of the period which remain have been severely altered.
3. The area east of Church Street contains a mixture of residential and commercial properties not suitable for a commercial district.
4. The area south of the district is largely residential.

Calais Historic District

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Historic District in Calais exhibits commercial ^{and} governmental architecture of the mid to late nineteenth century. The cohesive block has not undergone any major exterior changes nor been encroached upon by modern intrusions. The buildings in the district were constructed at a time when Calais was a thriving shipbuilding and lumber port, and are an excellent tribute to that era.

Calais was incorporated as a city in 1850, with a population of 4,749. The city is situated at the head of tide water on the St. Croix River twelve miles from the Passamaquoddy Bay, and was an excellent port for ship building and the lumber industry as well as an ideal site for water powered mills. The excavation of granite was another source of income which drew settlers to the area. These industries were at their peak at the end of the nineteenth century, and the border city had continual traffic up and down its' wharves.

In August of 1870 a major fire destroyed much of the downtown area. It began to the east of the Main Street Historic District block behind the Old Post Office. The fire spread down Main Street and consumed the wooden frame buildings up to the location of the present Ross' Store. Construction was resumed immediately following the fire, and all new building was done in brick. The Beckett, Todd and Blake and Taylor buildings were erected in the Fall of 1870. The remaining buildings in the block were completed by 1886 and are all constructed in the Italianate style of architecture. The Hill and J. Todd stores are the only brick buildings in the district which pre-date the fire.

After this disaster the Fire Department's equipment supply grew substantially to demand a new Engine House, which was constructed in 1874. The fire department moved out in 1970, but the building is currently used as a Senior Citizen's Center and Community Planning Center.

The City Building, constructed in 1901, was the last addition to the Historic District. It is still the central location for all town offices.

Calais was able to rebuild much of its downtown area within one year of a major fire in 1870, due to the ample supply of carpenters and builders from its shipbuilding industry. The Main Street Historic District is comprised of buildings both architecturally and historically significant to this period when Calais was a leading salt water port.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- ³The Way We Were, Print'N Press Ltd., St. Stephen, 1908.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2
 UTM REFERENCES

A. 45° 11' 20"N 67° 16' 36"W
 B. 45° 11' 17"N 67° 16' 38"W
 C. 45° 11' 18"N 67° 16' 45"W
 D. 45° 11' 20"N 67° 16' 43"W

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 C [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

B [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION ~~Beginning at the southern corner of the City Hall property on the northwest side of Church Street, the district boundary line follows this side of Church Street northeasterly to Main Street, thence westerly on the south side of Main Street to North Street and from there southwesterly along the southeast side of North Street to westerly corner of the M. Vickery Building property. From this point the line runs southwesterly along the southwest property line of the M. Vickery building to the southern corner, thence northeasterly, easterly and southwesterly along the rear property lines on Main and Church Streets to the west corner of the City Hall property where it turns south~~

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Ann Fernald, Architectural Surveyor
Frank A. Beard, Historian

ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER 242 State 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Earle S. Fretwell

TITLE SHPO DATE 7/31/78

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

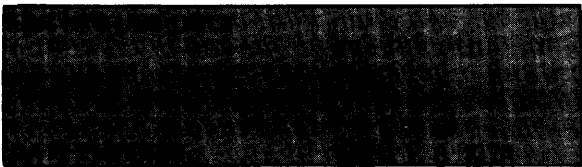
DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION W. Dean Tolson DATE 12/28/78

ATTEST: William Tolson DATE 12/18/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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easterly and returns to the point of beginning.

CALAIS HISTORIC DISTRICT



<u>Building</u>	<u>Owner</u>
1. City Building	✓ City of Calais
2. Old Fire House	✓ City of Calais
3. J. Perkins Building	Taylor Furniture Inc. ✓ River Rd. Calais, ME. 04619
4. J.G. Beckett Building	Eastern Maine Appliances, Inc. ✓ 177 Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
5. & 6. Wm. Todd Building Blake and Taylor Building	Jean G. Eaton ✓ 329 Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
7. T. Horton Building	Border Investment Co. ✓ Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
8. J. Murray Hill Building	Elizabeth Tingley ✓ Swan St. Calais, ME. 04619
9. F.T. Ross Building	Nellie T. Ross ✓ 167 Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
10. J.G. Hamilton Building	Bror Olsson 282 Main St. ✓ Calais, ME. 04619
11. M. Silverstone Building	E. Leonard and Nancy T. Scott ✓ 159 Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
12. Spence Building	Sunrise Realty Corp. ✓ Main St. Calais, ME 04619
13. Macalester Building	Bruce and Shirley J. Ashmore ✓ 157 Main St. Calais, ME. 04619
14. C.R. Robbins Building	Mainline Graphics ✓ Main St. Calais, ME. 04619

15. H. Hill Building

✓ Gary L. Diffin
153 Main St.
Calais, ME. 04619

16. J.W. Todd Building

✓ Lloyd Wells
Crawford P.O.
Crawford ME. 04610

17. M. Vickery Building

✓ Robert Olsson
Route 1
Baring ME. 04610

~~Sawyer House~~

~~Robert Olsson
Route 1
Baring, ME. 04610~~

~~W.H. Young House~~

~~Gail Waycott
6 Sawyer Avenue
Calais, ME. 04619~~





NORTH STREET

MAIN STREET

CHURCH STREET

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CALAIS HISTORIC DISTRICT
District Boundary---

