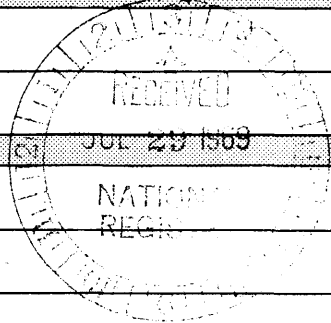


NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Knox	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-12-18-00-21	DATE 12/23/69



1. NAME

COMMON:  
The Conway House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Conway Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Camden

STATE: Maine CODE: 18-1300 COUNTY: Knox CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
Camden-Rockport Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Conway Road

CITY OR TOWN: Camden STATE: Maine CODE: 18-1300

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Knox County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockland STATE: Maine CODE: 18-7000

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Conway House is of Cape Cod design measuring 22' x 30'. It has been nearly completely restored and is in very good condition. Most of the furnishings found in the house are original.

The house is an example of the early 18th century simple rural construction. In the cellar can be seen the foundation of a much earlier house. The original portion of the present house has been added to, although the last addition was made no later than the early 1800's.

The kitchen contains an interesting bake-oven built with the early small bricks. Roof timbers are fastened with treenails (trunnels). Many cellar beams still have their bark covering. Laths in the walls and ceilings are of hand-split hemlock, beams and heavy sills hand-hewn with broadaxe and adze, and early rose-head nails used in some of the fastenings. A simple, early door, measuring only 7/8" thick was found inside a wall in the kitchen. Other features are: wide floor boards, a double brick hearth, L and H hinges, and bean latches and one butterfly wing. The original four-light transom can be seen over the front door. There is a most unusual curved entrance hall with a "parson's cupboard."

Near the house is an old barn that is one of the better known local examples of the heavy timbered style typical of the late 1700's. It is filled with early carriages and farm implements.

Also on the premises is a blacksmith shop which is fully equipped with a furnace, bellows, tools and ox lifter. Both the barn and blacksmith shop are in relatively good condition.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

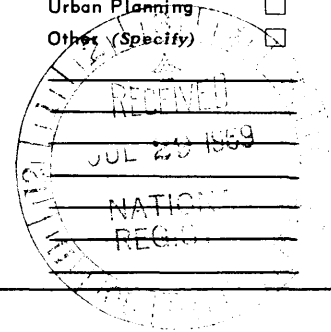
- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

not known

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Aboriginal                                      | Education                             | Political                               | Urban Planning                                      |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>            | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-                           | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>               | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | losophy <input type="checkbox"/>        |   |
| Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Science <input type="checkbox"/>        |   |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Landscape                             | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>      |   |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>               | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-                           |   |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/>         | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | itarian <input type="checkbox"/>        |   |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>           | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>        |   |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> |   |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The house itself is of prime interest, since the occupants had no real important historic backgrounds.

The Conway House, 18th Century farm house, is one of the earliest in the region. Built in the 1770's, its exact date has not yet been determined. It is situated on the Camden-Rockport line and was lived in by Robert Thorndike, Jr. from 1807 until 1825. He is considered by historians to be the first white male child born in the community

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Articles in Down East Magazine, Camden, Maine, Aug. 1965, Sept. 1968, October 1968 and June 1969  
 Article in Yankee Magazine, July 1962, pp. 32-33  
 New York Times Travel Section, May 22, 1966  
 Christian Science Monitor, December 10, 1963  
 History News, October 1963, p. 186

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44°	12'	2"	69°	4'	41"			
NE	44°	12'	2"	69°	4'	39"			
SE	44°	12'	0"	69°	4'	39"			
SW	44°	12'	0"	69°	4'	41"			

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 AND TITLE:  
 Donald Holmstrom, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission      DATE: July 23, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta      STATE: Maine      CODE: 18-0160

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Lawrence Stuart  
 Lawrence Stuart  
 Title: Director  
 Date: July 27, 1969

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest Allen Connally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
 DEC 23 1969

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST:  
William J. Murtagh  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date: DEC 11 1969

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69°07'30"

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BELFAST 14 MI.  
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5'

44°15'

44° 12' 0"  
69° 4' 39"

7.6 MI. TO ME. 131  
HOPE 2.4 MI.

18000m.N.

HOPE 4.7 MI.

12'30"

