

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Gerrish Warehouse

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, York

DATE RECEIVED: 8/14/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/29/15

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77000140

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9.29.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson H. Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 9.29.15

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Original Documentation: 1977

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DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED FEB 16 1977
DATE ENTERED MAY 26 1977SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

** Gerrish Warehouse

HABS

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pepperrell Cove

H ME 103

CITY, TOWN

Kittery

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maine

CODE
23

1st Hon. David Emery

COUNTY

York

031

CODE

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

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: none**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maine Maritime Museum

STREET & NUMBER

963 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Bath

VICINITY OF

Maine

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds York County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Alfred

Maine

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey (ME-131)

DATE

1965

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

HABS, National Park Service

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

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 Gerrish Warehouse is a small rectangular clapboard building of 2½ floors, gable roof, and stone foundation. Overall dimensions are thirty feet by forty-five.

There are doorways at the north and south ends of the building, with two doors per opening. The south doors are composed of wooden boards; the north doors are panelled.

The windows are six-over-six wood sash where sash survives. There are interior shutters, one per opening, which slide horizontally into the wall.

The gable roof is covered with woodshingles and has no cornice or eaves.

The ground floor is accessible from the double door at the south end. The upper floors are gained by means of ladder stairs between levels. All flooring consists of wooden floor boards. Walls and ceilings are unfinished plaster and exposed structure.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c.1710

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The early 18th century Gerrish Warehouse is a rare survival from this period in Maine particularly as a commercial structure. Of added significance is the fact that it was part of the very large shipping operation carried on by Sir. William Pepperrell, a wealthy fish and lumber merchant of Kittery.

Born in 1696, Pepperrell was appointed chief justice of the Massachusetts court of common pleas in 1730. During King George's War (1744) Governor William Shirley placed him in command of 4,000 men to lay seige to the supposedly impregnable French fortress at Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island. In spite of this he conducted an audacious and lucky attack which reduced the stronghold and for which he was made a baronet by King George II, the first native American so honored. Later, as president of the Council, he served briefly as Governor of Massachusetts.

Sir William Pepperrell's grandson, William, inherited his vast estate and in 1774 was also created baronet. At the outbreak of the Revolution he remained loyal to the King and, as a Tory, his estate was confiscated by the State of Massachusetts in 1778. The warehouse was bought at auction by Capt. Samuel Smallcorn who, in 1797, sold it to Robert Follett whose daughter married William Thompson Gerrish. The Gerrish's for many years used the building as a store and ship chandlery and it remained in the family until 1976 when it was sold by Charles S. Gerrish, Jr., and Marion Gerrish Craig to the Maine Maritime Museum of Bath, Maine.

Plans are now under consideration to restore the structure and possibly to remove it to a new location more accessible to the museum public, its present site being difficult of access and also exposed to tidal erosion.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A. History of Maine, Louis C. Hatch, (1919)

Gerrish Family Genealogy, 1617-1917, Ralph F. Gerrish, (1919)

Historic American Buildings Survey (ME-131) (1965)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 360120 47171035
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Frank A. Beard, Historian

Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

January 1977

STREET & NUMBER

31 Western Avenue

TELEPHONE

207-289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

Augusta

STATE

Maine

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Carle S. Shattuckworth, Jr.

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

January 17, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Charles A. Harris

DATE

5-26-77

ATTEST:

[Signature]

DATE

5/26/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Property

Gerish Warehouse

State

Maine

Working Number

*2.16.77.283**York*

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

1

CONTROL

*pl**OK 2.16.77*

HISTORIAN

*accept**B. Grover**1/25/77*

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

*To be restored + possibly moved to
more publicly accessible location,
also subject to tidal erosion)**Accept
Lelovich
4.25.77*

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory

Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

*Accept
Cele
4-26-77*

BRANCH CHIEF

*Accept
Hugan
5/20/77*

KEEPER

*Hugan
4.26.77*

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

MAY 26 1977

Federal Register Entry

7.5.77

Re-submit

INT:2106-74



ROBERT F. GERRISH

Gerrish Warehouse
Kittery, Maine
Bath Marine Museum
Bath Marine Museum

York Co.

1975

FEB 16 1977

View from the north

DoE MAY 26 1977

No. 1 of 2

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Gerrish Warehouse
Kitter, Maine

York Co.
FEB 16 1977

Bath Marine Museum 1975

Bath Marine Museum

Doc MAY 26 1977

View from the southeast

No. 2 of 2

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

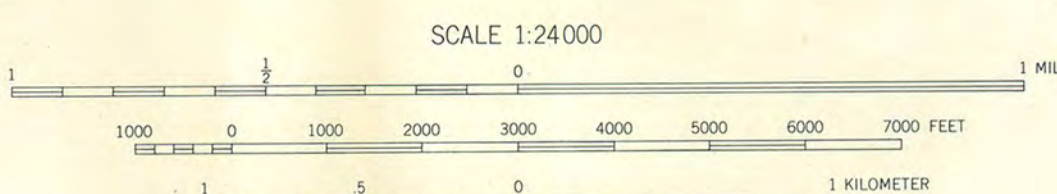
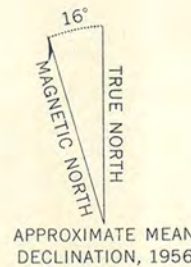


Maped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USC&GS

Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial
photographs taken 1943. Topography by planetable
surveys 1944. Culture revised by the Geological
Survey 1956

Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 1205 (1954),
329 (1955), and 1206 (1955)

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Maine coordinate system,
west zone, and New Hampshire coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 19, shown in blue



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 8.7 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

KITTERY, ME.-N.H.
SW 1/4 YORK 15' QUADRANGLE
N4300-W7037.5/7.5

1956



National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Correspondence associated with 1977 documentation



MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM, BATH, MAINE 04530

963 Washington Street 207•443•6311

*Received
March 23 1977*

March 18, 1977

Dr. William Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
18th and C Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

In reference to the Gerrish Warehouse and Ship Chandlery located at Kittery Point, Maine, and owned by the Maine Maritime Museum, the museum is aware of the implications of the Tax Reform Act of 1976, and we choose to waive further comment.

We do urge that the Keeper of the Register expedite consideration of the building's nomination due to deteriorated condition of the structure and the need we have to institute corrective action as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ralph L. Snow
Ralph L. Snow
Executive Director

RLS:kes

cc: Earle G. Shettleworth, Director
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
Augusta, Maine

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MAINE

Date Entered MAY 26 1977

Name

Location

St. Cyril and St. Methodius Church

Lisbon Falls
Androscoggin County

Gerrish Warehouse

Kittery
York County

Also Notified

Hon. Edmund S. Muskie

Hon. William D. Hathaway

Hon. William S. Cohen

Hon. David F. Emery

Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
Director, Maine Historic Preservation
Commission
31 Western Avenue
Augusta, Maine 04330

880 Mott 6/2/77

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 25 April 77
Reviewer: INITIALS: Lelovich
DOE MAY 26 1977
NR

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Gerrish Warehouse

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Pepperrel Cove, off ME 103

CITY, TOWN Kittery

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Maine 23

VICINITY OF

COUNTY code

York 31

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

- Substantially intact-1
- unknown - 4
- not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- Substantially intact-2
- unknown - 5
- not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 6
- Not applicable-9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED
- Unexcavated

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED
- Reconstructed
- Excavated

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- Unknown

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted

No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then-

now-

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

- AGRICULTURE

- ARCHITECTURE

- ART

- COMMERCE

- COMMUNICATIONS

- CONSERVATION

- ECONOMICS

- EDUCATION

- ENGINEERING

- EXPLORATION

- INDUSTRY

- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

- LAW/Gov't/politics

- LITERATURE

- MILITARY

- MUSIC

- PHILOSOPHY

- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION

- SCIENCE

- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

- TRANSPORTATION

- OTHER (SPECIFY)

- entertainment

- health

- recreation

- settlement

- socio/cultural

- urban & commun

- planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role
&
appropriate date)

personal

(b. 1696)
William Pepperell - owner - wealthy ~~fishery~~ lumber
merchant, gov. of Mass.
merchant

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *C 1710*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

11 ABS - 1965 - ME-131

FRAME, RECTANGULAR, GABLE, WEATHERBOARDING

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Rare survival, associated with shipping empire of
Sir William Pepperell

National Register of Historic Places

Archivist note to the record

Correspondence associated with Gerrish Warehouse, York County, Maine, National Register Reference Number #77000140 Requesting Removal of Gerrish Warehouse from National Register of Historic Places

Dated August 8, 1990

MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

55 Capitol Street
State House Station 65
Augusta, Maine 04333

77000140



August 8, 1990

Ms. Carol Schull, Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
P. O. Box 37127
Washington, D. C. 20013-7127

Dear Carol:

On May 26, 1977, the Gerrish Warehouse, located at Pepperrell Cove, Kittery, Maine, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Its significance was related to the fact that it was a rare example of eighteenth century commercial architecture and was associated with Sir William Pepperrell's extensive shipping operations.

At the time of its listing, plans were being made to restore the building. Consideration was also being given to relocating it to a more publicly accessible site. However, after a subsequent evaluation of the structure and an assessment of the restoration costs, the owners, the Maine Maritime Museum, abandoned its plans. At some point thereafter the Museum salvaged from the building what it felt was worthy of preservation, and even had the hope of erecting a replica at their compound in Bath. The remainder of the building was then destroyed.

In view of these facts, I request that the Gerrish Warehouse be removed from the Register.

Sincerely,

Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer