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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 The Lady Pepperrell House

AND/OR COMMON The Lady Pepperrell House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER State Route 103

CITY, TOWN Kittery Point

STATE Maine

VICINITY OF

CODE 23

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 001

COUNTY York

CODE 031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (S.P.N.E.A.)

STREET & NUMBER 141 Cambridge Street

CITY, TOWN Boston

STATE Massachusetts

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Registrar of Deeds, York County

STREET & NUMBER Highway 111 at Court House

CITY, TOWN Alfred

STATE Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 architecture of the Piscataqua by 1760 was decidedly imitative of the high-Georgian style which prevailed in the home country at the time. In houses such as the Lady Pepperrell House at Kittery, the Wentworth-Gardner House and the Moffatt-Ladd House at Portsmouth, one can see repeatedly the characteristics of the High-Georgian Piscataqua style. They are, typically, two story buildings with center hall plans and end chimneys through their hipped roofs. Classical detailing includes modillioned cornices, pavilioned and pedimented entrances, sometimes engaged pilasters and sometimes quoined corners. The interiors are also distinguished by fine woodworking in the classical vein.

The Lady Pepperrell House is a two story clapboarded house with center hall (four room) plan, hipped roof, and a pair of end chimneys at the north and south ends. Side porches were added to the north and south sides of the house in 1922, the latter one still being in place. The uncluttered, steeply-pitched hipped roofline of the house has the flavor of a Virginia-Georgian building, according to historian Hugh Morrison.

The center entrance of the house is accentuated by a projecting, gabled, two story pavilion, at either side of which is a giant Ionic pilaster, raised on a pedestal. The cornice above the doorway is carried on curved brackets, and the date "1760", in the pediment, was incised by Mr. Wood, the owner in 1922, long after the house was built.

The interiors feature finely-carved woodwork and handsome chimneypieces.

The carriage house immediately west of the house does not contribute to the national significance of this national historic Landmark.

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	
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<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 1760

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lady Pepperrell House at Kittery Point, Maine is a distinguished example of a High-Georgian New England frame house. Its floor plan (center hall type), its elevation (two stories plus hipped roof, with two pairs of end chimneys), and its use of classical detailing, make it absolutely typical. Through the achievement of a splendid simplicity of both symmetry and detailing, and an association with America's only designated Baronet, Sir William Pepperrell, the Lady Pepperrell House commands a level of true distinction. Built 1760-65 by Sir William's widow, it is today owned and maintained as a house museum by the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston.

History

In all of the history of, first the American colonies, and then of the United States of America, only one man has ever enjoyed the honor of having bestowed upon him the title of "Baronet", in the British hierarchy of nobility. He was Sir William Pepperrell, who, as the first and only American-born to achieve this status, became a very successful merchant and one of the wealthiest men in the colonies before his death in 1759.

It was because of his service to the crown in 1745 that Pepperrell was so singularly honored. As the commanding officer, in that year, of the American land forces at the siege and capture of Louisburg, off Nova Scotia, he was instrumental in this major victory over the forces of New France. He was therefore subsequently endowed with the title, commissioned a colonel, and given authority to raise and command a regiment of regulars in the British line.

In the year following his death in 1759, Lady Pepperrell built, at Kittery Point, Maine, that house in which she would live for her remaining thirty years. Built as a monument to the man, his fortune, and his title, it is unquestionably a reflection of the anglo-philosophy of this lady who insisted upon being recognized as Lady Pepperrell even after the success of the revolution made the title null and void, and who imported the workmen from England itself to actually erect the house.

Built here at the northern limit of that area around the Piscataqua River which bisects the nearby city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, it is another fine example of the regional architecture classified by that River's name.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the landmark is co-extensive with the property holding at this site, of the owner, The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, 141 Cambridge Street, Boston. The three-quarter acre plot is recorded in book 707, page 266, in the York County Registry, as the same land conveyed 16th September 1922 by Chester and Carolina Cutts, and consisting of land bounded on the "...North by land of Edith G. Cook; East by the Highways known as Pepperrell Road and Ferry Road; South by land now or formerly of heirs of Mercy Follett and West by land of said Follett heirs and land of Edith G. Cook..." No other...

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James Dillon, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

National Historic Landmarks OAHP

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street N.W.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington,

STATE

D.C.

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

Landmark Designated: Oct 9, 1960

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.

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

Boundary Certified: JUNE 10, 1977
George T. Emery

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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

James M. [Signature]

DATE

6/24/77

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

(NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS)

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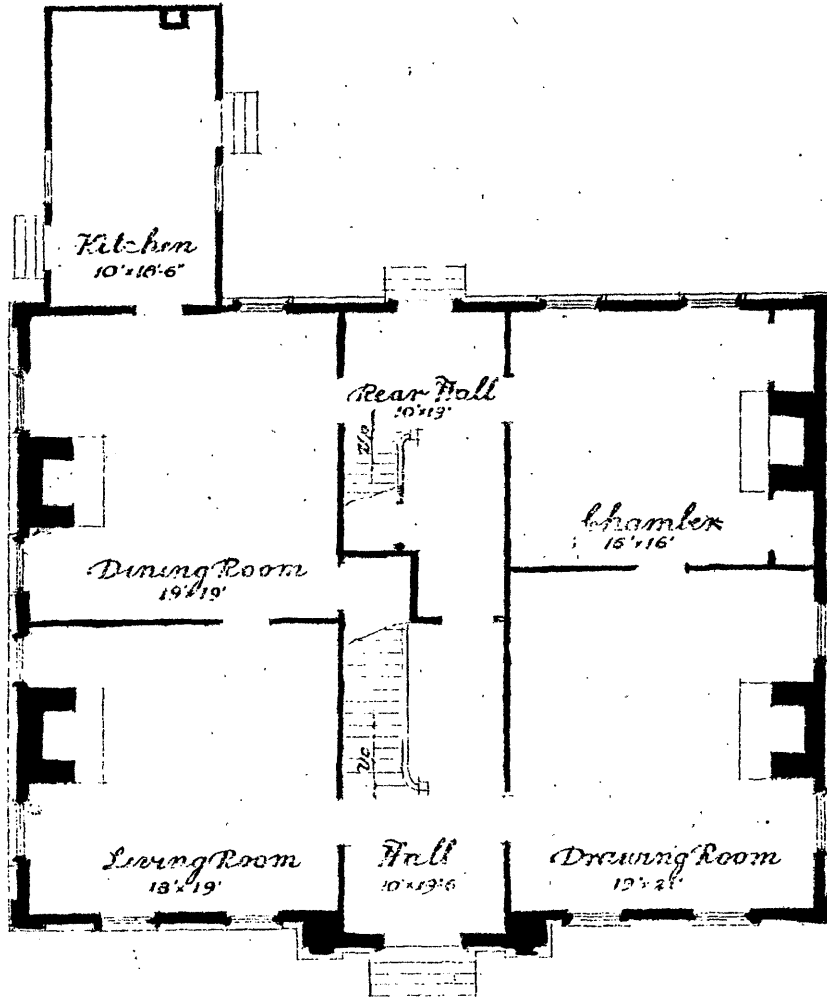
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buildings contribute to the national significance of this site other than the Lady Pepperrell House itself.



GROUND FLOOR — PEPPERRELL HOUSE

UPPER FLOOR — PEPPERELL HOUSE

