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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MAINE	
COUNTY: Lincoln	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.5.18.0026	DATE 3/19/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chapman-Hall House

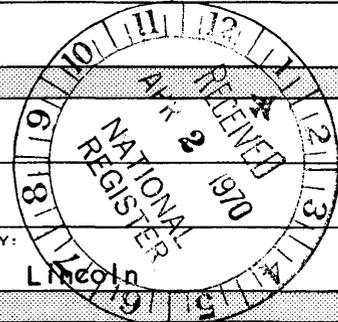
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main and Vine Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Damariscotta

STATE Maine	CODE 18	COUNTY: Lincoln	CODE 015
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Chapman-Hall House Preservation Society, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Damariscotta

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lincoln County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Wiscasset

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
18

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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COUNTY: **Lincoln**

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chapman-Hall House occupies a lot of 1/3 of an acre in area. It is a fine example of a Maine pre-Revolutionary house, interesting for its construction, much of which is visible, including ceiling beams which extend the full width of the building; central chimney with four fireplaces; double thickness vertical planking, original floors, plaster and paneling and countless other details. Too, visitors admire the handsome proportion of the rooms--emphasizing the skill of the skilled house-wright, a master builder who constructed Chapman-Hall House on the crest of this hill above Damariscotta River, and about which the town of Damariscotta has developed.

From the kitchen which has been returned to its 1754 appearance, mostly through the removal of the improvements or changes of later years, the "pumpkin pine" room with its paneling, fireplace, subboard and plate-rail of the 1790 period, the "blue room," with its 1810 plaster, corner cupboard and mantel one can see change in living conditions, through three generations. The "blue room," simple, and not a little austere, nevertheless offers a contrast to the all but primitive kitchen area, serving originally for not much more than shelter.

It is the oldest building now remaining in the town of Damariscotta. This building has been restored by the Chapman-Hall Preservation Society, Inc.

The lines of the house are original. The exterior cover of clapboard and wooden shingle is recent and has been given a protective coating of light blue-gray colored preservative.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

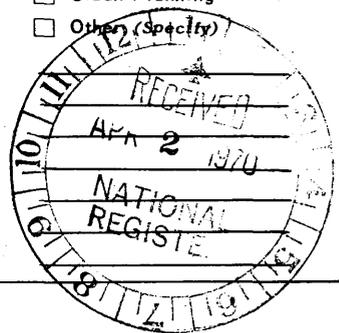
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1754

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Damariscotta is situated near the centre of Lincoln County, on the eastern side of a river of the same name. Nobleboro bounds it on the north, Bristol on the south, Bremen on the east, and Newcastle on the west. The Damariscotta River separates it from the last, and Biscay and Pemaquid Ponds, lying on the eastern line, divide the town from Bremen. This town formed a part of the Pemaquid Patent, and was first settled about 1640 by some persons who left Pemaquid in search of new and easy fields for their enterprise. The land titles in this town shared in those controversies with which the Pemaquid Patent was harassed. During the Indian wars the settlers were frequently driven off by the savages, and sometimes massacred. Damariscotta was a part of Nobleboro from the incorporation of that town until 1847, when it was set off and incorporated. A part also was included in Bristol. It was named for Damarine, the Indian sachem of Sagadahoc (called Robin Hood by the English). The Damariscotta Oyster Shell Heaps lie one mile north of this town. This was an important gathering place for the Indians. It took more than 140 years for the colonists to finally subdue the Indians in Maine, and it was not until 1748 that safe and permanent settlement could be made in Damariscotta.

The first permanent settler was Anthony Chapman of Ipswich, Massachusetts. The builder of the Chapman-Hall House now under consideration was Nathaniel Chapman. He was the half-brother of Anthony, and a house builder in Ipswich, Massachusetts. He was persuaded to come to Damariscotta to build homes for the handful of settlers who had set up crude dwellings. He is the builder of the now-preserved Chapman-Hall House Museum on Main Street at the corner of King Street. This house, Nathaniel's home, was completed in 1754. Nathaniel once owned nearly all of what is now Damariscotta's Main Street and is therefore rightfully referred to as the "father of Main Street, Damariscotta." It would not appear that Nathaniel Chapman earned historic significance beyond the environs of Damariscotta.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

For Chapman-Hall House:
 Town Records of Damariscotta and Nobleboro
 Register of Deeds--Lincoln County Court House, Wiscasset, Maine
 Lewiston Evening Journal (Magazine Section) August 9, 1969
 Young, Arthur-- Maine History Buff Says "Tell the Truth"
 (Newspaper Article)

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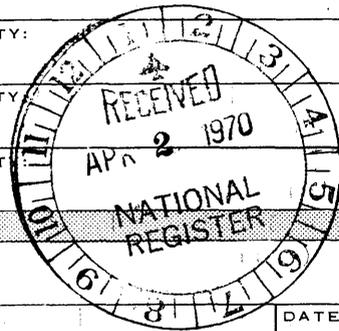
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1/3 acre**

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: **John W. Briggs, Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **State Park and Recreation Commission** DATE: **February 5, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **State House**

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**

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 March 26, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

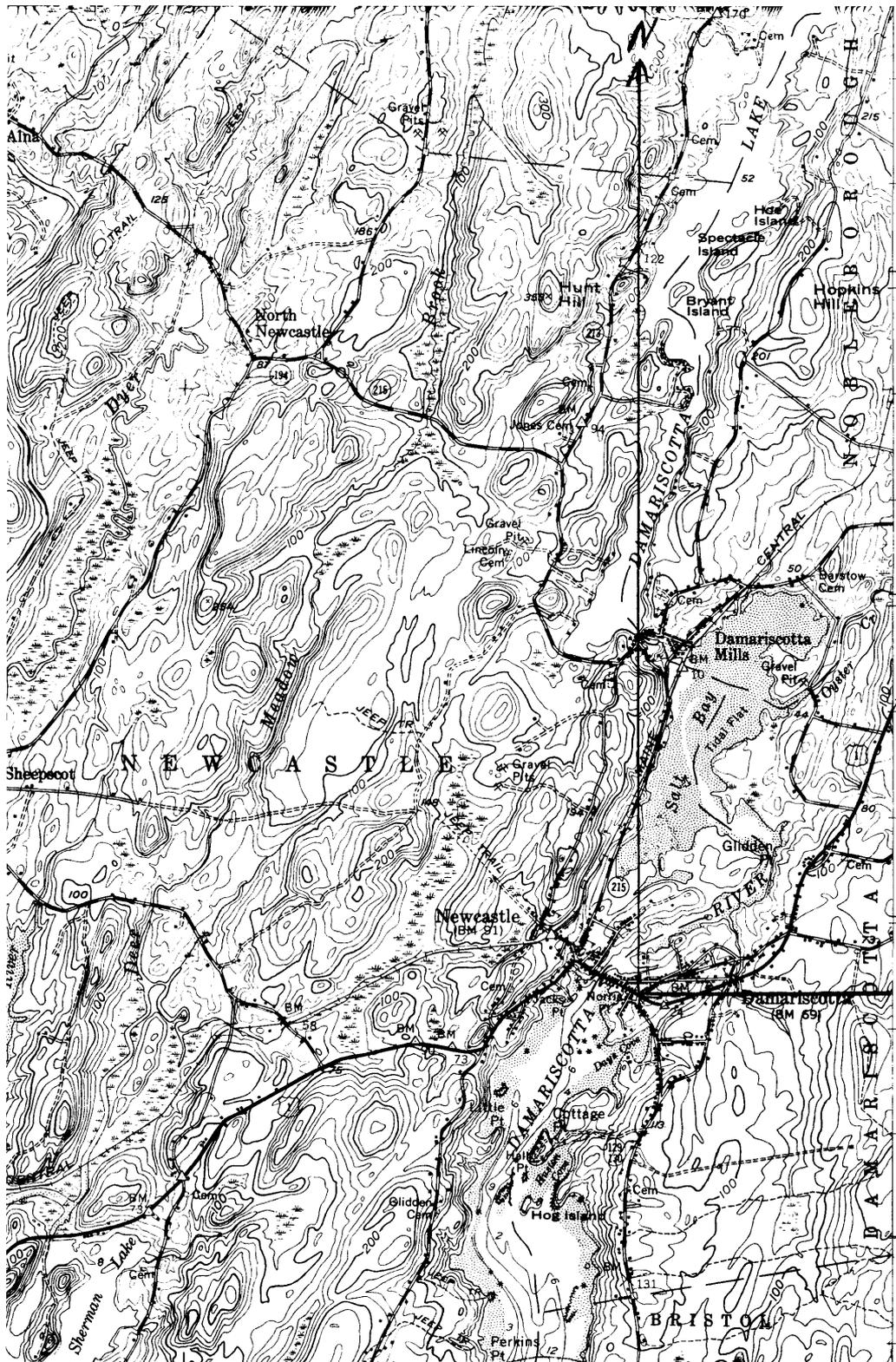
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Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Stewart
 Keeper of The National Register

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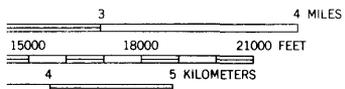
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Chapman-Hall House

Latitude
44° 1' 56"

Longitude
69° 31' 48"



LOW WATER
HIGH WATER

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RECEIVED
Heavy-duty
2 APR 1970
Med. duty
NATIONAL REGISTER
U.S. Route

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty _____
Unimproved dirt - - - - -
○ State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION
WISCASSET, MAINE
N4400—W6930/15

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