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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

Richard Hunniwell House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Maine

W of Scarborough

Black Point, Winnock's Neck and Old County Roads

Scarborough

VICINITY OF

23

POST OFFICE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st Hon. David Emery

COUNTY

Cumberland

CODE

005

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Town of Scarborough

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Scarborough

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cumberland County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Portland,

STATE

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1973</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Because Maine's first communities were leveled by Indian retaliations, almost no documented seventeenth century dwellings have survived. The earliest homes in the state are those Southern Maine examples such as the Richard Hunniwell House, which was built during the early eighteenth century.

The Hunniwell House of circa 1702 is a low posted Cape Cod style dwelling. The house is rectangular and stands one and a half stories high. The structure has a field stone foundation (duplicating the original), is of frame construction and originally displayed a square brick central chimney protruding from the roof.

The facade of Hunniwell's Cape features a three bay composition. At the center is a door with a four paned overlight. These windows, as well as the others in the house, have retained their original small size but are now hung with six-over-six paned nineteenth century sash.

The two side walls of the Hunniwell House each contain two first story windows, while the right wall also features a half story window. The rear wall has three windows.

The interior plan of Hunniwell's home is a simple one. The doorway opens into a small hallway with a staircase in front of the central chimney area leading to the impetitioned half story. At the first story level, the stairhall is flanked on either side by a room. On both the exterior and the interior, eighteenth century finish is extremely plain.

The Hunniwell House was originally located in a field off Scarborough's Old County Road. Unoccupied for many years of this century, it was threatened by vandalism and destruction when it was rediscovered by the local Rotary Club in 1971. That year the organization arranged for the house to be given to the town by its owner, Charles J. Nye. Nye's gift was made with the understanding that the Club would move the structure to a safer, more exposed location and restore it. In 1973 the Club accomplished the move to a site near the intersection of the Black Point, Winnock's Neck and Old County Roads, only a few hundred feet from the original location. At the same time, an initial effort to stabilize the house was undertaken. Such major items as structural repair to the roof and the restoration of the central chimney remain. However, even in its present state, the Richard Hunniwell House provides a revealing essay in the simplicity of design which characterized Maine architecture during its formative years.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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	1702-1703	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Richard Hunniwell
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Richard Hunniwell house, though small in size and primitive in construction, stands as a landmark representing the earliest antecedents of the Town of Scarborough and, for that matter, Cumberland County. Although its exact age cannot be ascertained, it is one of the oldest buildings remaining from the period of resettlement after the depopulation of most of southern Maine as a result of Indian depredations at the end of the 17th century.

Lieutenant Richard Hunniwell, who earned the gruesome soubriquet of "Indian Killer", began his military career in 1675 during King Philip's War. Although his date of birth is not known it can logically be placed between 1650 and 1655. Following the war he came to Scarborough and, although the exact year is in doubt, he was one of a number of trustees to whom the township was conveyed in 1684.

During an Indian raid in the 1680's both his first wife and daughter were killed and scalped which led to his implacable hatred of the aborigines. He was the generally acknowledged military leader of the community and through his efforts Scarborough was able to defend itself from increasingly fierce Indian raids until 1690. In that year, the inhabitants finally were forced to abandon the town as were those of almost all other Maine settlements.

The town was reestablished in 1702, Richard Hunniwell being among those who returned. There is no reason to believe that any building was left standing during the intervening decade.

Hunniwell, himself, and 19 others were killed in a massive and surprise Indian attack in 1703, but his second wife survived and continued to live in Scarborough until her death in 1732. It seems logical to conclude, therefore, that the house was built in either 1702 or 1703.

Despite its humble appearance, the Hunniwell House, now owned by the Town of Scarborough and maintained as an historic site by the Scarborough Rotary Club, is an almost unique reminder of the stringencies and simplicity of life in early colonial Maine.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., Architectural Historian  
 Frank A. Beard, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: 4/2/76

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: *Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr.*

TITLE: *State Historic Preservation Officer* DATE: *April 8, 1976*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Jan Rogers</i>	DATE: <i>5/12/78</i>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <i>Chapman</i>	DATE: <i>5-11-76</i>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	