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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

*^{**} Gerrish Warehouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pepperrell Cove

CITY, TOWN

Kittery

STATE

Maine

VICINITY OF

CODE
23

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

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.

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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

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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. Whittelevorth, Jr.

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

January 17, 1977

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

ATTEST:

Charles A. Allen
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-26-77

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