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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

Hannibal Hamlin House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15 Fifth Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bangor

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Maine

CODE

023

COUNTY

Penobscot

CODE

019

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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bangor Theological Seminary

STREET & NUMBER

300 Union Street

CITY, TOWN

Bangor,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine 04401

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Penobscot County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bangor,

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Bangor Historic Resources Inventory,

DATE

1975

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

CITY, TOWN

Augusta,

STATE

Maine

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hannibal Hamlin House of Bangor, built between 1848 and 1851, with a Mansard style roof dating from the 1870's, is a delightful Italianate style dwelling which is in a fine and unaltered condition.

The building faces south-east and is of frame construction with ornate slated Mansard roof, two internal brick chimneys, bracketed cornice, and granite foundation. 2½ stories are present, each side of the half-story containing two gabled dormers. Fenestration throughout the house is 6/6, and the second-story windows are flanked by external louvered shutters.

Across the south-east side of the house the first story is covered by a porch with cornice fitted with paired brackets and supported by fluted posts. The entrance, while on the north-east side, faces south-east and is likewise covered by a porch.

To the rear of the building is a 2½-story ell equivalent in scale and detail to the house proper. Beyond the ell is an attached carriage-house with gambrel roof covering 2½ stories and bracketed cornice.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1848-51

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though the birthplace of Hannibal Hamlin in the Paris Hill Historic District (N.R. 6/19/73) survives, this is the house which he purchased in 1862 while Vice President of the United States and which remained his home in Maine until his death almost thirty years later. Originally a flat roofed two story Italianate dwelling built in 1851 by William T. Hilliard, Clerk of Courts and later Deputy Collector of Customs, it was altered in 1870 by Hamlin with addition of a Mansard roof, effectively adding a third story.

Born in Paris Hill, Maine, on August 27, 1809, Hamlin was educated in a local school and a nearby academy and after brief periods as a surveyor, newspaper printer, and schoolteacher, took up the study of law in a Portland office. On winning admission to the bar in 1833 he began practice in Hampden, Maine, and soon became active in politics, serving in the legislature from 1836 to 1841. In 1842 he was elected as a Democrat to the House of Representatives, where he remained until 1847; after another term in the legislature in that year he was elevated to complete an unexpired term in the Senate in 1848, returning to the seat for a full term in 1851. He became gradually more and more outspoken in his dislike of slavery and he opposed in particular the Kansas-Nebraska Bill of 1854; finally, two years later, he broke with the Democrats and joined the Republican party. In that year he was elected governor of Maine, the first Republican to hold the office; early in 1857 he left the Senate to assume the governorship, but a few weeks later he resigned to return to the Senate. His position as an Easterner and a former Democrat made Hamlin a strategic choice for the Republican vice-presidential nomination in 1860 on the ticket headed by Abraham Lincoln. Although he sided more often than not with the Radical wing of the party, he remained throughout his term in office on close terms with President Lincoln. Failing of renomination in 1864, in 1865 he was appointed collector of the port of Boston, but he gave up the post a year later in protest against President Andrew Johnson's Reconstruction policies. After two years as president of a small Maine railroad he ran successfully for the Senate in 1868 and remained there for two terms, supporting Radical Reconstruction and serving for a time as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. On leaving the Senate he was for a year, 1881-1882, U.S. minister to Spain. Hamlin then retired to Bangor, where he lived, still an influential figure in state Republican affairs, until his death on July 4, 1891.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hunt, H. Draper, Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. Syracuse University Press, 1969.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4

QUADRANGLE NAME Bangor

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 517350 4960600
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

City Sheet 34, Lot 32

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

July, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

242 State Street

TELEPHONE

207/289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

Augusta,

STATE

Maine 04333

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Earle S. Feltrewood

TITLE

S.H.P.O.

DATE

8/10/79

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

Carol Skell
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10-9-79

ATTEST:

Ann M. Boyer
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

10/6/79

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In 1933, Hannibal E. Hamlin, son of the Vice-President, donated the house to Bangor Theological Seminary as a residence for the president.