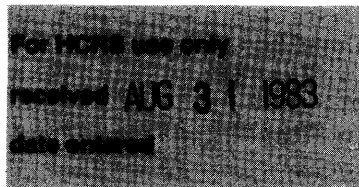


United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Mosquito Island House

and/or common

2. Location

S of St. George

street & number 1 1/2 miles off shore from Martinsville on Mosquito Island not for publication

city, town St. George Me. vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Doan Trevor

street & number 7170 Rosewood Circle

city, town North Syracuse vicinity of state New York 13212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Knox County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Rockland state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Mosquito Island House on Mosquito Island in the Town of St. George is a rare example of a granite dwelling of Cape Cod form. The facade faces north and is three bays wide with central entrance and 12/8 fenestration. The doorway is fitted with an overlight.

The house is one and one-half stories tall with a nearly central brick chimney. The west end of the building has a fully exposed basement wall with side doorway and windows, creating a two and one-half story wall. The ends of the house are two bays wide.

The rear (south side) of the house contains two windows, one 9/6 and one 12/8. In the half-story are two gabled dormers which date from the 1930's. Except for this element, the building is remarkably well preserved in its original state.

# 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 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** c. 1780

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Mosquito Island House is an unusual example of what is clearly a very early Cape Cod house constructed of granite. The stone was cut with a tonguing iron and dry pine or spruce wedges hammered into the slot thus cut. Boiling water poured on the wedges caused expansion which split the granite, a very laborious process said not to have been used commonly after 1750. The foundation which remains of another house on the island, built in 1830, was cut using the more modern star drill and pin and feathers. All granite was cut from ledges on the island.

The early history of the island has been lost although it is known that it was used by Indians for many summer seasons and contains sizeable middens which are being investigated. It is known that the house existed as early as 1820 and there is every reason to suspect it may be considerably older since the first recorded conveyance of the property is in 1785. Other architectural evidence also suggests a late 18th-century building date.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

McLane, William, Mosquito Island, typescript, copyright 1975.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Tenants Harbor

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	1 9	4 8 2 1 1 5	4 8 6 1 3 0 8 1 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 5, Lot 9

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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 October, 1982

street & number 55 Capitol Street 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Carole B. Platt*

title *S.H.P.O.* date 8/23/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u><i>Janet Melores Byers</i></u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>9/29/83</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	