

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Jewett-Eastman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 37 Portland Street N/A not for publication

city, town South Berwick, N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input 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:

4. Owner of Property

name Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities

street & number 141 Cambridge Street

city, town Boston, _____ vicinity of state Mass. 02114

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Alfred, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Jewett-Eastman House is a two-and-one-half story rectangular structure which is constructed of wood with clapboard siding and a gable roof. Extending from the east and west sides are one-and-one-half story wings. The main section of this Greek Revival style building is oriented with the narrow gable end facing the street. This three-bay facade contains the main entrance which consists of a six-panel door flanked by sidelights and enframed by Doric pilasters supporting an entablature. The Doric motif is repeated in the corner pilasters which support a full pediment in the gable end, as well as the entablature on each wing.

On the west side of the house is a veranda whose Doric posts are scalloped in a manner that shows the influence of the picturesque styles of the mid-nineteenth century. This porch, and the bay window on the north side of the west wing, are the only aspects of the exterior which departs from the pure classical simplicity of the design. The house also retains original six-over-six double-hung sash.

Although some alteration has taken place, the interior retains most of what are fairly high style period features. The Jewett-Eastman House is an exceptional small-scale example of Greek Revival design as interpreted by local craftsmen.

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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1850 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

In addition to its merits as a well-proportioned and finely executed Greek Revival house with high style interior appointments, the Jewett-Eastman House is important as the home of a distinguished practicing and teaching physician and as the residence of his daughter, the internationally famous local colorist author and poet, Sarah Orne Jewett during the formative years of her life.

The Jewett-Eastman House was built some time between 1849 and 1855 for Theodore Herman Jewett, M.D., son of Captain Theodore Furber Jewett, who had bought the present Sarah Orne Jewett Memorial next door from Jamor John Haggens in 1819 (N.R. 6/ 4/73).

Theodore H. Jewett was a graduate of Bowdoin and of a Philadelphia medical school. He served as a professor of obstetrics at Bowdoin, contributed numerous articles to medical journals, and was president of the Maine Medical Society for many years. Some years after his death his daughter Sarah donated a stained glass window in his memory to the Bowdoin College chapel. She dedicated Country By-Ways to her father, wrote two poems about him after his death, and made him the protagonist of her Country Doctor, which will be observing its 100th birthday next year.

Dr. Jewett and his family lived in this house for some twenty years. When his youngest daughter, Caroline, married Edwin Eastman, it became their home. Their only son, Theodore Jewett Eastman, M.D., a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Medical School, grew up in this house, as did his famous Aunt Sarah. On two of the window panes Sarah etched her name with a diamond.

Upon Dr. Eastman's death in 1931, both Jewett houses became the property of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

The Jewett-Eastman House is of inestimable value to South Berwick and to Maine, not only because its current life as a library is a most fitting use for an author's home but also because it is an inseparable partner of the Sarah Jewett Memorial. Together on the village square they set the atmosphere for the entire town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Frost, John Eldridge, Sarah Orne Jewett. Kittery Point, 1960

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Dover East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 28, Lot 78

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/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Me. Historic Preservation Comm. date October, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2132

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 *Eric S. Fretwell*

title S.H.P.O. date 11/18/83

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Delores Byers</i></u> Keeper of the National Register	Entered in the National Register date <u>12/29/83</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	