

60-2024-0016  
12/21/82

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only  
received DEC 22 1982  
date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Salome Sellers House

and/or common Salome Sellers Homestead Museum

2. Location

S of Deer Isle on ME 172

street & number Route 172

N/A not for publication

city, town Deer Isle vicinity x vicinity of congressional district

state Maine code 23 county Hancock code 009

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Deer Isle - Stonington Historical Society

street & number

city, town Deer Isle, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04627

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hancock County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Ellsworth, 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

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Salome Sellers House is a one-and-one-half story Cape Cod house with pitched-roofed side ell. The house was constructed c. 1830, but the ell dates from the period c. 1772-1817. Sited approximately one-hundred feet from a secondary road on a shallow slope, the house, grounds, and contemporary out-building are now the headquarters-museum of the Deer Isle - Stonington Historical Society.

The main portion of the house is a 5X2-bayed post-and-beam structure with a shallow fieldstone foundation and cedar-shingled pitched roof. The front and side walls are clapboarded, the rear shingled. The centrally-located, front door is surmounted by a four-paned transom-light extending to the eave. The four facade windows, plus the two first-story windows on the house's north side and one on the south, are 9/6, most panes being of the original glass. Two small windows occupy each gable end on the attic story. Windows and door are enclosed in simple, boarded frames. The roof is punctuated by a moderate-sized brick chimney.

Projecting from the house's south side, one bay in, is an ell roughly four-fifths as long as the main portion and two-thirds as tall. The ell is likewise clapboarded on all save its rear wall, which is shingled, rests on a fieldstone foundation, and is surmounted by a cedar-shingled roof punctuated by a single, centrally-located chimney. A simple door and two windows occupy the ell's face, both windows 6/6, with original glass, and framed in the same manner as those of the main portion.

The floor-plan of the main house includes an entrance-hall, a parlor, a winter kitchen, two bedrooms, and an upstairs bedroom reached via a curving staircase from the entrance hall. All rooms revolve around the central chimney and have simple, wooden fireplace mantels. The kitchen fireplace contains a Dutch oven. All floors are pine-boarded. All walls are simply plastered or papered, and all doorways simply framed except for those of the parlor. The parlor boasts Greek Revival door-frames, the house's only bow to stylistic decoration.

That part of the ell adjoining the house is a simply furnished summer kitchen. The other (south) half is a toolshed with walls and ceiling of exposed beams.

A contemporary one and one-half story, rectangular "exhibition building" of board and batten construction stands away from and to the rear of the main house.

The house and ell, are painted bright red with white trim.

The ell sags slightly due to age, but all portions of the building are otherwise in excellent structural condition.

# 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 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** c. 1772-1817, 1830 **Builder/Architect** Carpenters named Judkins and Joseph Sellers

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

The Salome Sellers House is an excellent example of a preserved Cape Cod farmhouse, and one readily accessible to the public through the Deer Isle-Stonington Historical Society, which operates it as a house-museum. The house is also notable as the home of Salome Sellers, a woman with the rare distinction of having lived one hundred and eight years (1800-1908).

The house's ell was constructed sometime between 1772 and 1817, and the frame of the main house was built adjoining it in 1830 by a carpenter named Judkins. The owner, Joseph Sellers, had cut the timbers some years before, and did the clapboarding, shingling, and flooring after the frame had been raised. The windows, of hand-blown glass, were installed in 1832 and 1834. The house retains virtually all of its original features, including the glass panes, pine board floors, simple mantelpieces, and door moldings (Greek Revival door moldings in parlor), Dutch oven, and curving staircase. Period furniture completes the interior. The house is Maine's only early-nineteenth-century Cape Cod farmhouse operated as a museum by a non-profit organization.

The house is unusual in having remained in the same family for one hundred and forty three years (1817-1961), being inhabited for the bulk of those years by Salome Sellers, the most long-lived of Deer Isle's recorded residents. "Aunt" Salome had become a local folk figure well before her death in 1908, and the exhibition of her house and possessions perpetuates the memory of her longevity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Deer Isle - Stonington Historical Society "Sellers Property and House"  
 Godard, Elizabeth Buckman. "The Salome Sellers House" (pamphlet).  
 Maine History News. "At Deer Isle - Stonington", July, 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Deer Isle

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

A 

1	9	5	2	6	6	9	0	4	8	9	3	8	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 27, Lot 17

### 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 Gregory K. Clancey, Contract Assistant/Frank A. Beard, Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date September, 1982

street & number 55 Capitol Street; Station #65 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 *Eula S. Stewart*

title S. H. P. O. date 12/7/82

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Adrian Byers*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
 National Register

date 1/27/83

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Sellers, Salome, House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, Hancock

DATE RECEIVED: 12/08/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/23/11  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83004189

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ACCEPT \_\_\_RETURN \_\_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_\_DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 1-24-11

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

DEC 30 1981

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property SALOME SELLERS HOUSE

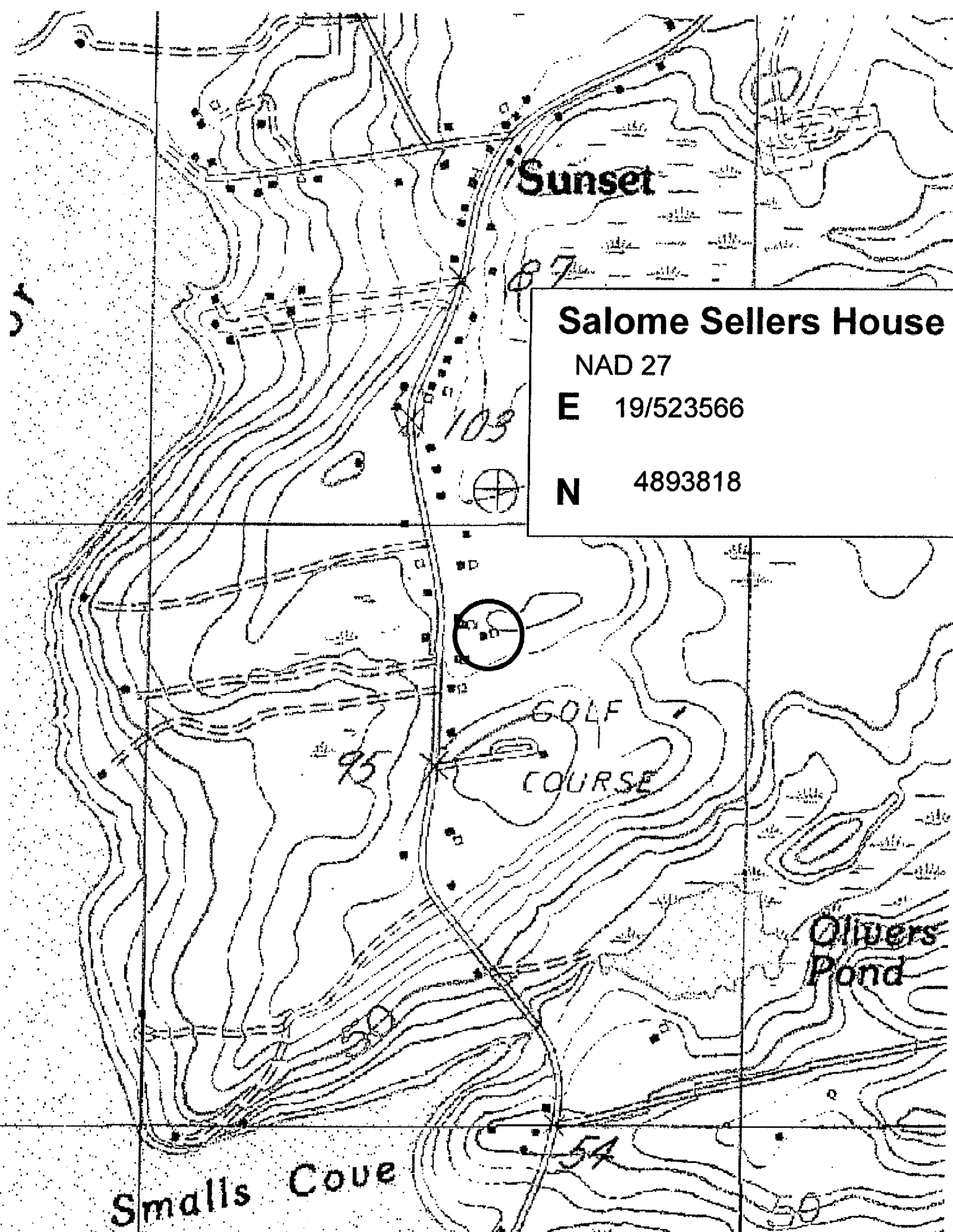
County and State HANCOCK CO., MAINE

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section number 10 Page 1

COUNTY, Town	NAME	NR ID #	Correct UTM's
Hancock, Deer Isle	Salome Sellers House	83004189	19/523566/4893818

The above UTM coordinates replace the incorrect coordinates provided in the original nomination/registration form for this property.



Sunset

**Salome Sellers House**

NAD 27

**E** 19/523566

**N** 4893818



GOLF COURSE

Olivers Pond

Smalls Cove

54

95

103

87