

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

received JUN 19 1984  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Boynton Street Historic District

and/or common Boynton Street Historic District

2. Location

street & number 13-26 Boynton Street N/A not for publication

city, town Eastport, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Washington code 029

3. Classification

| Category                                     | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                  |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 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 See Continuation Sheet

street & number

city, town N/A vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Machias, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Sunrise County Architecture has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Sunrise Research Institute

city, town Machiasport, state Maine

## 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 Boynton Street Historic District consists of a group of three Federal style residential buildings dating from 1810-1822. All three houses are similar in materials, plan and styling. Each is two stories high with a low pitched hipped roof and clapboard siding. The principal facades are five bays wide with a central entrance.

The distinctive feature of each house is the doorway. The Stetson House has leaded glass sidelights and fanlight enframed by fluted pilasters and a segmental arched transom with incised geometrical designs. The leaded glass fanlight over the Kilby House door is round arched. It is enframed by large fluted pilasters supporting a full entablature. Similarly, the Weston House has a round arched fanlight and smaller pilasters supporting a cornice. All three houses contain extensive original interior woodwork dating from the Federal period.

The boundaries of the district are delineated to include all structures connected by time and scale to the historical development of the area.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district:

1. Jonathan Weston House, 1810.  
Federal, 2 stores, frame with clapboard exterior
2. Daniel Kilby House, 1820.  
Federal, 2 stories, frame with clapboard exterior.
3. Stetson-Starboard House, 1822.  
Federal with Italianate Portico, 2 stories, frame with clapboard exterior.

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

**Specific dates** 1810, 1820, 1822      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The three houses which comprise this district represent the largest and highest style Federal residences in Eastport, where this style is not prevalent, and the finest concentration of its type east of Machias. These structures also represent the accumulation of wealth that came to the town in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century as a result of both fishing and shipping.

Jonathan Delesdernier Weston had his hipped roof house built in 1810. Mr. Weston was a prominent attorney who drew up the papers for the United States repossession of Eastport after the British occupation in 1814-1818. John James Audubon stayed in this house while waiting for the vessel which took him on his famous trip to Labrador.

Daniel Kilby, a ship owner of considerable substance, built his house at the corner of Boynton and Kilby Street in 1820.

Gideon Stetson was a blacksmith and land speculator. He purchased the land for his house in 1821 and sold it the next day to Ebenezer Starboard with the promise of building a house on the property. The house was completed in 1822. In 1823 a stable was attached to the house but was removed in the late 1800s when the ell was added.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Kilby, William Henry, Eastport and Passamaquoddy. Eastport, 1888

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2

Quadrangle name Eastport

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at the SW corner of the Weston House property the district boundary runs north along Middle Street, east on Boynton Street and north on Kilby Street to the NW corner of the Kilby House property where it turns east along the rear property lines of the Kilby and Statson-Starboard Houses, south along the east property line of that and

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

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date May, 1984

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 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 *E. S. Patterson*

title S.H.P.O. date 6/8/84

### For NPS use only

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

Entered in the National Register date 7/19/84

*J. Allens Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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1. Mrs. Ralph S. Ray  
26 Boynton Street  
Eastport, Maine 04631
  
2. Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Walsh  
15 Boynton Street  
Eastport, Maine 04631
  
3. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Pilaro  
182 Skitchewaug Trail  
Springfield, Vermont 05156

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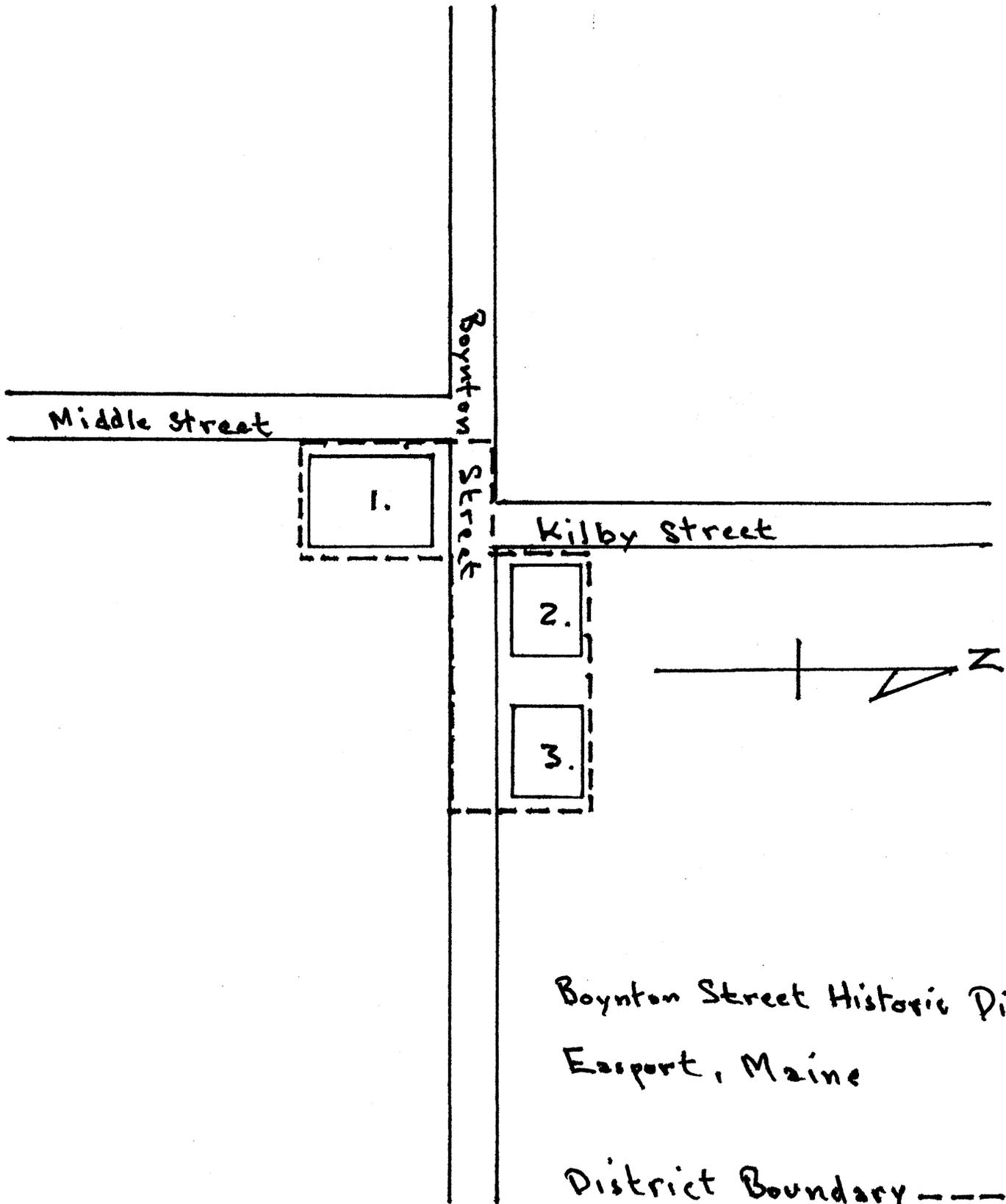
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west along Boynton Street to the northeast corner of the Weston House property. Here it turns south along the east property line of the Weston House and west along its south property line to the point of beginning.



Middle street

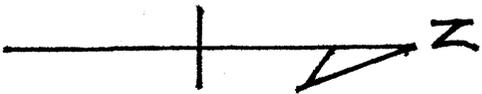
Boynton Street

Kilby Street

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Eastport, Maine

District Boundary ----