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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 Squire Tarbox House

and or common Squire Tarbox Inn

2. Location

street & number Route 144 N/A not for publication

city, town Westport vicinity of Wiscasset

state Maine code 23 county Lincoln code 015

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William and Karen Mitman

street & number Route 144, Box 2160

city, town Wiscasset vicinity of Wiscasset state Maine 04578

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Wiscasset, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date 1806

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The main section of the Squire Tarbox House is two stories high with a low pitched hipped roof. Constructed with a timber frame, the house is sheathed with clapboard siding and has windows consisting of nine-over-six or six-over-six double-hung sash. In the center of the principal (east) elevation is the main entrance, which consists of a single door and transom enframed by pilasters supporting a full entablature.

Extending perpendicularly from the rear (west) of the main section is a one-and-one-half story wing with a gable roof. A two story barn flanked by one story wings extend from the south side of this ell. All of these wings have clapboard siding, gable roofs and small-paned lights.

Original interior woodwork exists throughout the house. Especially noteworthy are the cornice and mantelpiece of the former parlor, which employ classical triglyphs. The remaining mantelpieces and the moldings for the wainscot and around the doors and windows have simple Federal style moldings.

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

Specific dates 1763, 1820 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In addition to being a finely preserved Federal house with an exceptional interior and an 18th century ell, the Squire Tarbox House was built for the leading citizen of the community and probably its wealthiest, who was instrumental in achieving the separation of Westport from Edgecomb as an independent town.

The oldest part of the house was built in 1763 and originally stood on the hill north of its present location. It was purchased from John Parsons by Samuel Tarbox of Litchfield, Maine in 1806. In 1819 the Squire, as he was called because of his position in the town, moved the house to its present location using it as an ell and summer kitchen for the large house he built the following year. In 1950 the house was carefully and correctly restored by its then owner, Eleanor Harriman Smith.

The separation of Westport from Edgecomb was desired because of the journey necessary to attend town meetings since the town hall was in the latter community. In 1828, Tarbox submitted a petition to the Maine State Legislature signed by 73 of the town's residents - all the male voters - asking that Jeremysquam, as that part of the town was then called become a separate town. The request was granted and a clerk in Augusta wrote in the name Westport on the town charter for reasons unknown. At the first town meeting, Samuel Tarbox was elected First Selectman.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Harriman, Beatrice E., Westport, Maine, 1828-1978.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name Westport

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 3, Lot 14

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 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 *Eric S. Felt* date 2/8/85
title J.H.P.O.

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register. Entered in the
J. Helene Byers National Register date 2/11/85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration