

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Common name: The Professional Building
2. Historic name: Manufacturer's National Bank
3. Street or rural address: 145 Lisbon Street  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 23B Lot 145
5. Present Owner: Antonion Michaud Address: 47 Pond Road  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

**DESCRIPTION**

- 7a. Architectural style: Neo-Classical
- 7b. Briefly describe the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

Standing seven stories high, this brick and limestone building occupies a narrow corner lot. The principal facade (fronting Lisbon Street) is only three bays wide, while the Ash Street elevation is eight bays long. Constructed of yellow brick, the building has square headed windows with double hung sash except for three large round arched windows on the Ash Street elevation. Only the first two floors retain the original metal windows. The upper floors have aluminum combination sash. Limestone trim includes Doric pilasters supporting an entablature and the window sills. The roof cornice is terra cotta. Marble sheathing is employed in the lobby, the only surviving original interior space.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1914
9. Architect unknown
10. Builder \_\_\_\_\_
11. Approx. property size (in feet)  
Frontage \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_  
or approx. acreage  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)  
4/85

3/17/86

13. Condition: Excellent  Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_\_\_
14. Alterations: Original upper story windows replaced with aluminum combination sash
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land \_\_\_\_\_ Scattered buildings \_\_\_\_\_ Densely built-up   
Residential \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Threats to site: None known  Private development \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_\_\_ Vandalism \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Works project \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is the structure: On its original site?  Moved? \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Related features: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNIFICANCE**

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

The building is architecturally significant as the last major large commercial structure constructed in Lewiston prior to World War I. As such, this former bank symbolizes the high water mark of the city's fortunes as an industrial center. It is also the tallest office building in Lewiston erected before 1950, and the only one to exhibit the then-fashionable neo-classical design using yellow brick and limestone trim.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)  
 Architecture  Arts & Leisure \_\_\_\_\_  
 Economic/Industrial  Exploration/Settlement \_\_\_\_\_  
 Government \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_  
 Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Education \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Industrial Journal (Bangor) May 13, 1914

22. Date form prepared 12/85  
 By (name) Roger Reed  
 Organization MHPC  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Locational sketch map (draw and label site and surrounding streets, roads, and prominent landmarks):

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

Lewiston Historical Commission - Dingley Building  
36 Oak Street, Lewiston, Maine 04240

IDENTIFICATION

1. Building Name(s): The Professional Building Historic Manufacturer's National Bank  
2. Principal Street Address: 145 Lisbon Street (145-147)  
3. Other Street Address: Ash Street  
4. Present Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Ownership: public \_\_\_ private X  
6. Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Original Owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Use: original bank/offices 9. Accessibility to public:  
present commercial/offices exterior visible from public road X  
interior accessible: (explain) yes,  
public access to lobby & limited access to offices at the upper stories.  
Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: August 1984  
Address: Cornell University, Ithica, NY 14350 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: volunteer \_\_\_ professional consultant \_\_\_ intern XX  
other, (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Number of Stories 7 Bays \_\_\_ Attic \_\_\_ Basement X  
11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: \_\_\_ wood frame, light members: \_\_\_  
System: masonry load bearing: \_\_\_ metal, (explain): steel frame, brick curtain wall  
12. Photo \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Map \_\_\_\_\_

*Average 1/4*

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14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle \_\_\_ wood shingle \_\_\_ slate \_\_\_ concrete \_\_\_  
Material: composition X metal \_\_\_ tile \_\_\_ other \_\_\_  
Walls: wood \_\_\_ stone \_\_\_ cast iron \_\_\_ brick X stucco \_\_\_  
other limestone cladding at lower level  
Foundation: brick

15. Present excellent \_\_\_ good X fair \_\_\_ poor \_\_\_ deteriorated \_\_\_  
Condition: explain fair or poor condition \_\_\_\_\_

16. Integrity: original site: yes Xno \_\_\_ if moved, when \_\_\_\_\_

list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):  
The interior of this former bank underwent extensive alteration in the 1960's when structure was renovated.  
Exterior work consequent to remodeling has been sensitive to the structure's historic character.

17. Threats to none X zoning \_\_\_ roads \_\_\_ developers \_\_\_ deterioration \_\_\_  
Building: other \_\_\_\_\_

18. Related none  
barn \_\_\_ carriage house \_\_\_ garage \_\_\_ privy \_\_\_ shed \_\_\_ shop \_\_\_  
Outbuildings: landscape features \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

19. Surroundings: can check more than one, open land \_\_\_ woodland \_\_\_ industrial \_\_\_  
densely built-up X commercial X scattered buildings \_\_\_\_\_  
residential \_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

The locally unique design and large scale of this structure are well suited to its prominent corner location at the busy downtown intersection at Lisbon and Ash Streets. The Professional Building contributes to the diversity of structures depicting the evolving commercial character of Lisbon Street. A strong and interesting contrast is drawn with the McGillicuddy Building across Ash Street.

The steep grade between Lisbon and Lincoln Streets reveals a lower level of the building on the Ash Street facade.

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21. Other Notable Features of Building and Site, include Interior Features if known:

This tall, narrow, flat roofed, Commercial Style structure features a Neo-classical facade at the first two stories, repetitive stacking of office levels and a deep crowning cornice.

The first two stories are clad with smooth, ashlar, coursed limestone and includes four, two story Doric pilasters on a deep plinth that rests on a granite basecourse. A full entablature above the second story, includes a frieze embellished with plain rondels and a projecting cornice. The interior of the entry is richly clad with marble sheathing. The main entrance includes an architrave surround, surmounted by a full entablature.

The five upper stories are brick with string courses of vertically laid brick spanning the facade between dressed limestone sills. A corbeled, brick belt course projects above the fifth story and a limestone beltcourse above the sixth. The structure terminates with a wide limestone cornice.

The lower level, revealed at the Ash Street facade, has large "Chicago style windows and one street level shop entrance. Above this level, five, large, round arch openings rise a one and a half story height with projecting brick surrounds, and limestone, triple key stones. The frieze of the second story entablature on this (over

SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1914

23. Architect: unknown Address: \_\_\_\_\_

24. Builder: unknown Address: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

This structure is Lisbon Streets pre-eminent example of Commercial Style architecture as developed in New York and Chicago around the turn of the century. Early modern influence is indicated by the steel frame - curtain wall structural system, the visual balance between pier and spandrel components and the Neo-classical ornamentation on the first story.

The Manufacturer's National Bank was chartured in 1875 by Governor Nelson Dinglay and was originally located in the Pilsbury Block.

26. Sources: Sanborn map, 1914, Lewiston Public Library.  
Industrial Journal, Bangor, May 13, 1912

facade is incised with "Manufacturer's National Bank".