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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bailey Farm Windmill  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Route #16 N/A not for publication  
city, town North Anson,  vicinity  
state Maine code ME county Somerset code 025 zip code 04958

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
James L. Felton, S.H.P.O. 5/16/88  
Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrus 6/28/88  
 See continuation sheet. \_\_\_\_\_  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet. \_\_\_\_\_  
 determined not eligible for the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
 removed from the National Register. \_\_\_\_\_  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Industry/Waterworks

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Windmill

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Wood/Shingle

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roof Metal/Copperother Octagonal Shape with OpenObservation Deck

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Bailey Farm Windmill is a tapered octagonal frame structure covered in wood shingles and capped by a domed copper clad roof. It retains a gallery supported by large brackets as well as much of its apparatus. The tower occupies a small rectangular lot and overlooks open fields to the north and east and the Carrabassett River to the south.

Resting on a concrete foundation, the windmill has a flared base that extends to the hip roof of the small entryway. This entrance is located on the west face. Four of the structure's eight sides are punctuated by a single narrow six-pane window, each of which is located at a different height corresponding to the interior stair. The broad eight-sided gallery, whose brackets spring from the tower wall edges, rests below observation openings that are located in each side. A balustrade composed of slat balusters rings the gallery. The octagonal roof has a metal cornice and a short spire that supports the rotating mechanism and carriage. The wheel itself has six metal spokes, but they no longer retain their wooden paddles.

Unlike its more highly embellished exterior, the windmill's interior is very utilitarian in its design. The enclosed stairs are located between the exterior walls and an interior partition, both of which are sheathed in narrow tongue-and-groove boards. These walls sheltered a central rotating shaft which has since been removed. A handrail is attached to the exterior wall with iron brackets. At the base of the central shaft is a shallow dug well; a frame support is located mid-way up the tower; and a platform of narrow boards forms the cap.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Engineering  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

c. 1905  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates

c. 1905  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Believed to have been erected in 1905 by an as yet unknown builder, the Bailey Farm Windmill is an unusual octagonal frame structure that resembles, quite notably, the Portland Observatory (N.R. 4/24/73) of 1807. Constructed on the farm of Benjamin and Chester Bailey, the windmill is a prominent local landmark in the Somerset County town of North Anson. It is being nominated to the National Register under criterion C for its distinctive design.

Windmills are among the most unusual agricultural structure types that survive on Maine's dwindling number of farmsteads. Although their original distribution may never be known, today they are rarely visible. Little has as yet been uncovered in documentary sources to indicate the role of windmills in the state's agricultural development. Discussion as to their use and construction are curiously absent from the annual reports of the Board of Agriculture; reports which at other times addressed topics ranging from barns, machinery and farm layout, to bird houses. On the other hand it is evident that as early as the 1890s the state's leading agricultural periodical, The Maine Farmer, carried illustrated advertisements for mail order windmills. Finally, an examination of dozens of late nineteenth and early twentieth century documentary photographs of rural landscapes from across the state shows, more often than not, the conspicuous absence of such structures. One may conclude that they have never been important components of Maine farms. In any case, most of those which are extant are of open metal frame construction, making the octagonal wooden structure on the Bailey Farm particularly notable.

The farm on which this windmill was built was owned by the brothers Benjamin and Chester Bailey for a number of years up to 1908 when it was sold. An accompanying house and barn burned about 1915. Tradition holds that the Baileys were prominent local farmers, although specific information about the scale and nature of their operation has not been found. However, they may have had some relationship with North Anson's Carrabassett Stock Farms, an enterprise whose superintendant from 1902 until 1915 was one C. V. Bailey. The 1905 date ascribed to the windmill's construction derives from a mark under one of the steps. Unfortunately, the Somerset Reporter's North Anson correspondent did not report on its construction in either 1904 or 1905. It apparently remained in use until the 1920s although the well continued to supply water via a gasoline powered engine.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Bailey Farm Windmill file, Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

Maine Register, State Year-Book and Legislative Manual. Portland: Grenville M. Donham, 1902-1916.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than 1

**UTM References**

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Zone Easting Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property of less than one acre occupies the Town of Anson tax map 23, lot 36B.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the windmill structure and the small rectangular lot on which it has always stood. Because this lot is now separated from the remainder of the farm and since the other buildings have no historic/architectural significance, only this component is included.

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