

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 The Clock Farm

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number ME and Route 9 + Goose Rocks Road N/A not for publication

city, town Kennebunkport, Me. vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> 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 Alice Tyndale

street & number Clock Farm

city, town Kennebunkport, N/A vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Maine 04046

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Alfred, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A  yes  no

date N/A  federal N/A  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Clock Farm of Kennebunkport, Maine, built from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century on, is a remarkable complex of attached buildings, the most distinctive of which lends its name to the complex.

The 1½-story main house is of frame construction in the Greek Revival style with gabled roof, central brick chimney, large gabled dormers, clapboard siding, corner pilasters, and a central entrance in its southwest-facing facade. This entrance is typical of its period with sidelights, flanking pilasters, and entablatured lintel. Fenestration in the five-bay facade, as elsewhere, is 2/2, but in all likelihood would originally have been 6/6.

A 2-story ell extends from the rear of the house, while a one-story ell extends from the northeast end of the house; this ell has a rear extension attached to its northeast wall, and another extension running from its northwest end. The last is attached to a 1½-story barn with a louvered ventilator atop its gabled roof in the form of a square cupola. Between the front end of the barn and its ventilator is a tall clock tower, square in section, astride the ridge. This tower contains a large, circular clock face with Roman numerals on each of its four sides, below a segmented hipped roof fitted with semicircular louvered vents.

Attached to the rear of this barn is an even larger barn of 1½ stories with sheds attached to its northeast and southeast walls. A square cupola with a pair of 2/2 windows in each of its four sides is sited at the northeast end of the ridge; above the windows is a balustraded roof.

## 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 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** 1773?, c.1850      **Builder/Architect** N / A

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Somewhere hidden in the midst of this happy collection of Greek Revival extended architecture (probably the ell immediately to the left of the main house) is the original dwelling built on this site by Peter Johnson in 1773. The important feature of this landmark farmstead, however, is of course the large four faced clock in the cupola on the front section of the barn.

At some point in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the farm was purchased by Thomas Emmons, a Lawrence, Massachusetts, manufacturer for a summer residence. Founder of the Emmons Loom Harness Company, he had installed the clock on his factory in 1870. It is said that over the years the clock kept such bad time that it caused strained relations between management and labor as to actual working hours. Whatever the reason, Mr. Emmons in the early years of this century caused the clock to be transported to his summer residence where it was installed in a specially built tower and became an important architectural curiosity and local landmark.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

The Wave, July 16, 1889. Kennebunkport.

Tourist News, Summer, 1980. Kennebunk.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property  $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Biddeford

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 

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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 37, Block 3, Lot 8

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1981

street & number 55 Capitol Street 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Earle S. Felt*

title S.H.P.O. date 12/18/81

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

*Allison Byers* Entered in the National Register date 2/19/82  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

Name Clock Farm  
 State, County NY York  
 Working Number 120-82-188

Fed Nom or Request-Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Register Date 2-7-83

- Nomination
- Determination of Eligibility
- On Nomination Form

- Bldg(s)
- Site
- Object
- Structure
- District

- Within:
- Multiple Resource Area
  - Thematic Group

Maps 1  
 Photos 2

- Nomination prepared by:
- State Staff
  - Local
  - Other

Entered in the  
 Action: National Register  
 ACCEPT 2/19/83  
 RETURN \_\_\_\_\_  
 REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

- Check if Appropriate:
- State Request for Review
  - Keeper's Decision to Review
  - 2nd Return

**I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)**

**II. Evaluation of Nomination**

	Good			Comments
	Adequate	Poor		
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
3. Concepts/Integrity				
4. Concepts/Criteria				
5. Concepts/Boundaries				
6. Contextual Evaluation				

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Reviewer/Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 National Park Service



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The Clock Farm

Route 9, Kennebunkport

York, Maine

Frank A. Beard 10/80

ME Historic Preservation Comm

View from S (1 of 2)

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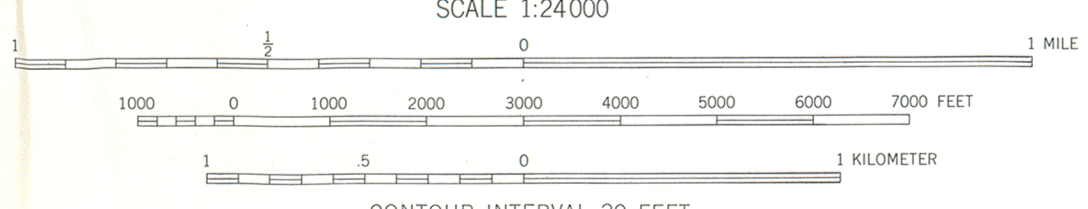
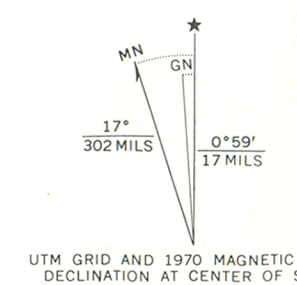
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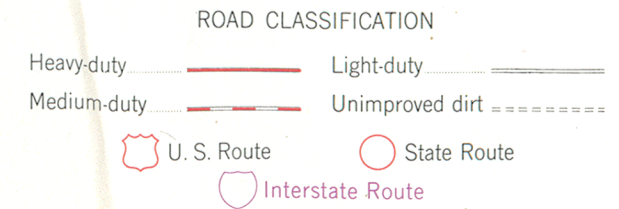


Clock Farm  
UTM Reference:  
19/384410/4806620

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Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Culture and drainage in part compiled by Corps of Engineers,  
U. S. Army, from aerial photographs taken 1943. Revised 1956  
Topography by planetable surveys by the Geological Survey 1941  
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 231 (1954) and  
1205 (1954)  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maine coordinate system,  
west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 19, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 8.7 FEET  
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



BIDDEFORD, ME.  
NW 1/4 BIDDEFORD 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4322.5-W7022.5/7.5  
1956  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 6970 IV NW—SERIES V811



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

STATE MAINE

Date Entered FEB. 19, 1982

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
American Boathouse	Camden Knox County
Mallett, E. B., Office Building	Freeport Cumberland County
↙ Clock Farm	Kennebunkport vicinity York County
Norumbega Carriage House	Camden Knox County

Notified

Honorable George J. Mitchell  
Honorable William S. Cohen  
Honorable David F. Emery  
  
North Atlantic Regional Office, NPS  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, NPS

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