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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MAINE	
COUNTY: YORK	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.23.0004	DATE 7/27/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
FROST GARRISON AND HOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Frost's Hill (1st District,

CITY OR TOWN:
Eliot *vic.* **Zip Code 03903** Hon. Peter N. Kyros)

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23** COUNTY: **York** CODE: **031**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" 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 (Specify) No modern day use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
JOSEPH PARSONS

STREET AND NUMBER:
BRIXHAM ROAD

CITY OR TOWN:
YORK STATE: **MAINE**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Alfred STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

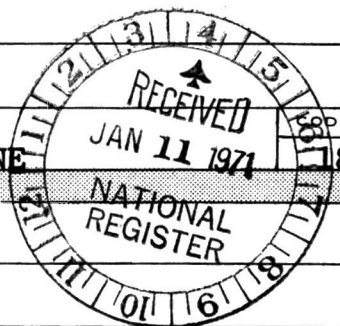
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Frost Garrisons & Home					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE



LOCATION AND SETTING:

The District is located at the end of a gravel drive about two-tenths of a mile in a northwest direction off from the Frost Hill Road in East Eliot about a tenth of a mile west of the York-Eliot town line.

Three buildings are included in the complex. All three of them could be encompassed by a circle with a fifty foot radius.

The surrounding area on top of Frost's Hill is largely open field with some scattered tree growth. Ten acres of land should provide ample protection.

BASIC STRUCTURES AND BUILDING MATERIALS:

The first building encountered when approaching the ground via the gravel drive is the old Frost family home, built in c. 1778. This building replaced an earlier garrison house built in 1733 and which was destroyed in 1760. It is a 40' x 28' two and one-half story wooden frame home with a gable roof, sheathed with cedar shingles. It is painted white. There are two brick chimneys which serve fireplaces in each of the eight rooms. There is a central hall which is entered from both the front and rear (long sides) of the building. This hall holds the stairwell. The original floors were made of wide pine boards; however, these have been replaced by hard wood on the first floor. The second story floor is original. Some of the interior walls are of wainscot panels up to about three and one-half feet from the floor. The walls are then, throughout, primarily plastered and very fine painted stencil work in excellent condition can be readily enjoyed. This building is a joy to the beholder, well preserved and properly restored.

It can perform a useful modern day function as a home. There is an electrical entrance, but water and plumbing are absent at this time. The entrance of these facilities will not adversely affect the architectural or historic significance of this building. This building was provided with a tunnel which led from beneath the stairway out to the second building considered in this district.

The second building directly behind the home is an original garrison used primarily as a powder house which was built in 1735 for protection. It served the original home of 1733. The small garrison measures about 15' x 15'. It was removed from its foundation over 30 years ago and reconstructed at Kittery Point. This Powder House has now been returned to its original location and rests on its original foundation. The tunnel that did connect with the home is not intact. The

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Basic Structures and Building Materials (Con't.)

Powder House is a wooden structure made of hand hewn timbers of pine and oak, dovetailed at the ends. There are special timbers which lock the structure together. It has a loft beneath its low gable roof. Portholes are provided from which defenders could fire. The original blocks or plugs for these portholes are extant and in place.

The third building, the Frost Garrison, is again in back of the home and beyond the Powder House. This is the most outstanding building of this district - a large garrison house erected in 1738 or 1740. It is unique architecturally. Its twelve inch corner outside dovetails of hand hewn pine logs into squared timbers reveal its strength and enduring permanence.

Evidence of Indian attacks is seen around the small 3" x 3" portholes which are riddled with holes made by arrows and bullets. Two such portholes are to be found in each of the garrison's walls. Five of the original porthole plugs are still in place. Such niceties as hot oil scuttles are to be found in the structure.

The first floor has doors large enough to accommodate the cattle which were driven into the dirt floored downstairs area prior to Indian raids.

Forty-foot floorboards two inches thick, apparently made by an up-and-down saw, are used for the second story floor. A medieval style stairway secured on the landing by a planked door leads to the second floor. Found upstairs in all corners, as well as in the overhangs, are trap doors which served as openings to shoot through. The walls are made from huge pine trees and the supporting knees from giant roots. Most of the timbers measure 12" to 18" in width and are generally 8" in thickness. The foundation is of simple field stone construction with a thickness of about one foot. The gabled roof is covered by cedar shingles. Although the large garrison has been periodically repaired through the years, its general appearance cannot differ greatly from the original.



5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1733 Powder House c. 1738**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate) **Frost Garrison and Frost Home**

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning C • 1778
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Architecture?
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

During the earliest years of English settlement in Eliot (North Kittery until 1810), relations with the Indians were usually good. Increasing mistreatment of the Indians by the English settlers as well as encouragement by the French led to a series of Indian wars. These lasted from 1675 when King Philips's War broke out, until the end of the French and Indian War in 1763.

Southern Maine people were involved in a great many blood skirmishes with the local Indians during much of this period. In order to protect themselves from attacks, it was necessary for the local settlers to build many strong garrison houses.

Col. John Frost joined the ranks of citizens who constructed garrisons in the Eliot area. In about 1733 he built a house on the town's most prominent land feature, Frost's Hill. The house was the second to be erected on the Frost Hill land which the Frosts had owned since 1660. Within a few years, he erected a small garrison about 30' behind the house. This small building was later used as a powder house. The large garrison was erected for neighborhood use in 1738.

In any case, garrisons had been erected earlier in the surrounding areas. Many other families had garrison houses. One of John Frost's relatives, a Major Charles Frost, was the owner of a garrison until he was killed after being ambushed by Indians on July 4, 1697. At one time there were 28 garrisons in Eliot.

Although the numerous arrowhead marks found around the large garrison's portholes indicate that Indians had attacked the garrison on at least one occasion, there is no documentary evidence available indicating dates or circumstances surrounding any attacks.

After the Indian menace subsided, both Frost garrisons were used as storehouses for wood.

The large garrison was considered to be "very well preserved"

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clayton, W. W. History of York County, Maine
Philadelphia, 1880, P. 52.

Stackpole, Everett S., Old Kittery and Her Families,
Lewiston, Maine, 1903, pp.

Howells, John Mead, The Architectural Heritage of the
Piscataqua
New York, 1937, plates 162, 163 and 299.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	43° 09' 54"	70° 44' 55"				
SE	43° 09' 41"	70° 44' 55"				
SW	43° 09' 41"	70° 45' 12"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
JOHN BRIGGS, HISTORIAN

ORGANIZATION: **MAINE STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION** DATE: **Nov. 4, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
STATE HOUSE

CITY OR TOWN: **AUGUSTA** STATE: **MAINE** CODE: **18**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lawrence Stuart
Lawrence Stuart

Title Director

Date 1/4/71

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST
William H. H. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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in 1880 and "still structurally sound" in 1903. The small garrison (powder house) still served as a woodhouse as late as 1880, but fell into decay and was eventually removed to Kittery Point. It has now been returned and restored on its original foundation.

The Frost house is well known for its fine stenciled interior walls. It remained in the Frost family until it was sold in 1930. It was slated for removal to nearby York Harbor at that time, but due to the depression plans were changed and removal was never effected. It is interesting to note that it is the ancestral home of the American poet, Robert Frost, who made numerous visits to the Frost Hill area.

The present owner, Joseph Parsons, has done a goodly amount of restorative work on both the large garrison and the Frost house.

This is the only known 18th-century set of buildings in the United States erected strictly as a fortress against Indian attack by a single family.

RECEIVED
STATE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION
AUGUSTA, MAINE

MAY 07 1971

AM

7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6

PM

MAY 24 1971

PLEASE RETURN THIS NOW WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RETURNED. DATE April 29, 1971

NAME OF PROPERTY Frost Garrisons & House

SIGNATURE

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form(s) is(are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments:

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments:

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments:

No Bibliography.

Arrange of nomination not given.

Comments:

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (16-301) required for each photograph, map.

XXXX Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: Since property is ten acres please define boundaries, enclose them in a rectangle and provide coordinates for the four corners of the rectangle. Suggest that map include adjoining quadrant as well.

Description (Item #1).

Comments:

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments:

Serial forms unacceptable.

Comments:

Other

Comments:

The irregularities above listed may be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional study. Rectification of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.

NEW MAP Enclosed.
John N. Briggs

Many thanks.

(House of Garrison), Frost Garrison and House

York

PROPERTY STATE REGISTER NUMBER

DATE OF RECEIPT 1/11/71 YES NO NUMBER 2

DATA PAGE _____

PHOTO (S) _____

PHOTO DESCRIP (S) _____

MAP (S) _____

MAP DESCRIPTION (S) _____ 1

LOGGED _____

ACKNOWLEDGE _____

RESUBMIT 5/27/71 12/71

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8/4/71

REVIEW This shouldn't be classified "district"; they say 10 acres but give only point coordinates. But figure is loose --- bldgs would fit on one acre --- 10 acres is ~~minimum~~ *protection? ~~What is it?~~

OK March 31/9/71

HISTORIAN District nomination okay. Is this a case where ~~more~~ a map should be required? This should not be regarded as a district

57 Marston 3/22/71 Terry 4/16/71

ARCHITECT Inadequate map - needs other section attached. Chambers 4/16/71

OK Chambers 5-27-71

ASST. KEEPER

KEEPER

OK Wm 5/27/71

ENTRY

CHIEF, OABP

EMC 1-28

EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR

New map should be required. 10 acres does not seem overly much when Va. and S.C. submit Date 100's or even 1,000's

OK CD 4/21/71

Federal Register Entry 9/7/71

Annual Edition Entry

Logged Card

WORKING NUMBER 1.11.71.5



Return for map Note: acceptable map on resubmission. Rft 5/27/71

Cong Dist #1 Peter N. Kyros



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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1. NAME

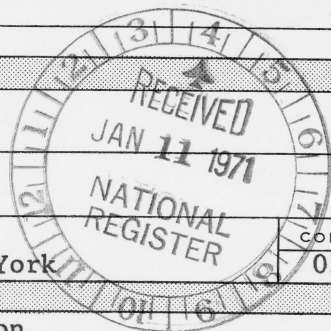
COMMON: Frost Garrisons
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Frost Hill Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Eliot

STATE: Maine	CODE 23 48	COUNTY: York	CODE 031
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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Maine State Park and Recreation Commission

DATE OF PHOTO: July 1970

NEGATIVE FILED AT:
Maine State Park and Recreation Commission

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Large Frost Garrison with the foundation of the Powder House in the foreground. (The Powder House was recently returned to this foundation)

Photographer facing Northwest.

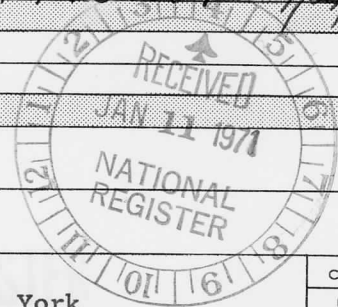


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1. NAME			
COMMON: Frost House and Garrison			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Frost Hill Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Eliot			
STATE: Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: York	CODE 031
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Maine State Park and Recreation Commission			
DATE OF PHOTO: July 1970			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maine State Park and Recreation Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Old Frost House: Photographer facing North.			

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Frost Hill Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Eliot

STATE:

Maine

CODE

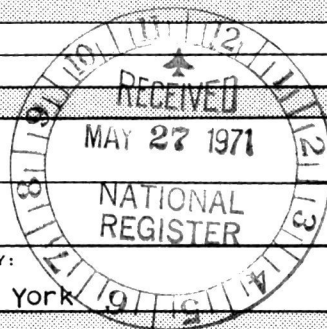
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COUNTY:

York

CODE

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

York Harbor Quadrangle

Dover East, Maine - N. H.

SCALE: 1:24,000

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DATE: 1956

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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

DOVER EAST, ME.—N. H.

NE/4 DOVER 15' QUADRANGLE
N4307.5—W7045/7.5

1956

Frost Garrisons
and Home - 16 Acres

Latitude

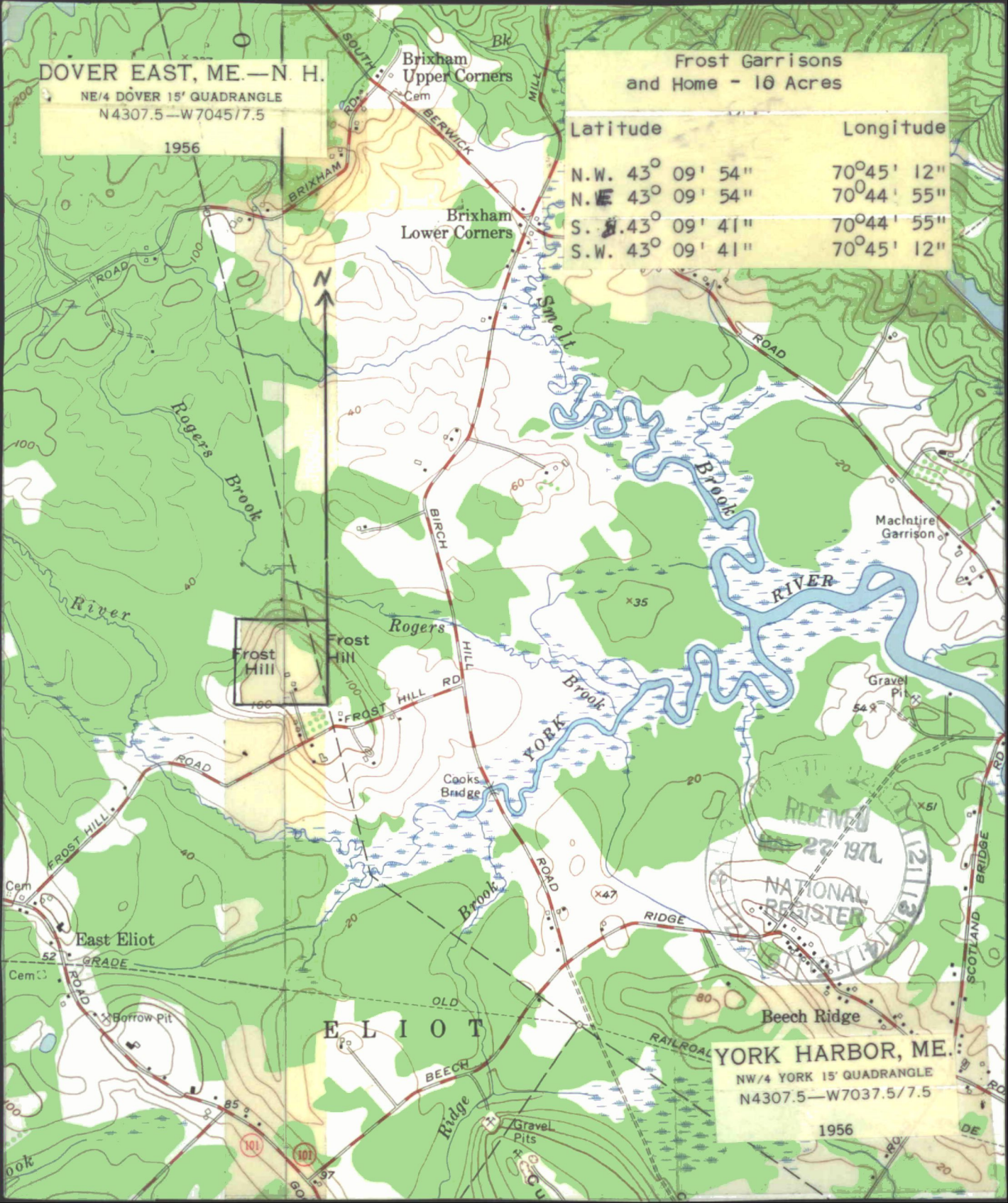
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1956

JUL 27 1971

MEMO-UR

Mr. Lawrence Stuart
Director
State Park & Recreation Commission
State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04320

Dear Mr. Stuart:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Margaret Chase Smith and Edmund S. Muskie and Representative Peter W. Kyros are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for each of the property owners. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register

JUL 27 1971

cc:

HR

PDHerrick:mmm

7/15/71

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

MAINE

Massachusetts Hall (Bowdoin College)

Cumberland County
Brunswick, Maine

Frost Garrisons and House

York County
Eliot, Maine

Percy and Small Shipyard

Sagadahoc County
Bath, Maine

JUL 27 1971

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

H30-HR

Hon. Margaret Chase Smith
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Smith:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Maine and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Edmund S. Muskie and Representative Peter N. Kyros have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park & Recreation Commission, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed)

Director

Enclosures

Entered in the National Register JUL 27 1971

cc: Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park & Recreation Commission, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Also notified: Hon. Edmund S. Muskie Hon. Peter N. Kyros
United States Senate House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. Washington, D. C.

cc: Director, Northeast Region

7/15/71

HR
PDHerrick:mm

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Eliot, Maine

Percy and Small Shipyard

Sagadahoc County
Bath, Maine

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OCT 15 1971

Hon. Margaret Chase Smith
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Smith:

In response to your letter on behalf of Mrs. Raymond E. Wells, we are pleased to provide information concerning the Frost Garrison and House and Ambush Rock in Maine.

It is quite likely that Mrs. Wells' statement of a recent declaration of historical sites has its basis in the entrance into the National Register of Historic Places on July 27, 1971, of three properties in Maine: Massachusetts Hall (Bowdoin College) in Brunswick, Percy and Small Shipyards in Bath, and the Frost Garrison and House in Eliot. You, together with Senator Muskie and Representative Kyros, were advised of these registrations on July 27, 1971.

The Frost Garrison and House is privately owned. According to information supplied by the State Liaison Officer, the present owner Joseph Parsons, is engaged in restoration work. Presumably this would account for the "No Trespassing" signs. According to our information the buildings are accessible to the public on a restricted basis. However, unless restoration work is accomplished with Federal assistance, which does not appear to be the case here, the private owner of a property cited in the National Register of Historic Places is not required to make it open to the public. Should Mrs. Wells desire more information on the Frost Garrison and House, we suggest she consult the State Liaison Officer in Maine. He is Mr. Lawrence Stuart, Director, State Park and Recreation Commission, State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with any information on Ambush Rock. The latter is not identified as an historic property by agreement of the National Park Service; nor do we have a nomination for its inclusion in the National Register.

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(BASIC RETAINED IN HR)

We are most appreciative of your continuing interest in the historic preservation activities of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Ernest Allen Connally

ACTING ASSOCIATE **Director**

cc:

Mr. Lawrence Stuart
Director, State Park and Recreation
Commission
State Office Building
Augusta, Maine 04330) w/c of inc.

CL *du NE)*
LS - Mr. Melvin)
I)
HR)

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Action Office **FMP**
For info only

September 17, 1971

The Secretary
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C.


My dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed is copy of correspondence concerning:

Mrs. Raymond E. Wells
Hellertown, Pennsylvania

Your consideration and attention, along with any
information I may be furnished in this regard will be
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Margaret Chase Smith
United States Senator

44-23896

1-7-71
Polk Valley Rd. R. D. #1
Hellertown, Pa. 18055
September 15, 1971

Dear Senator Smith,

Since Major Charles Frost was an ancestor of my mother's side of the family, it was of great interest and a sincere pleasure when I read recently that you have declared as historical sites both Ambush Rock and the Frost Garrison House. Though I have lived in Pennsylvania the past twenty years, Maine will always be "home" to me, and last week while "at home" visiting my father, we searched for and finally found the two sites. (My parents had visited them previously, but areas change so over the years!)

The Frost Garrison House was roped off, and " No Trespassing" signs kept us quite a distance away. Is that ultimately to be restored and opened to the public?

Also are both sites to be publicized more? When we asked local people for directions to them, very few had any knowledge of them whatever.

I am interested in further information on both sites, and hope that you have some source material available.

Thank you for any help you may be able to give me--and especially, thank you for acknowledging the significant history represented by Ambush Rock and

the Frost Garrison House.

Respectfully yours,

Shirley G. Hells
(*Mrs. Raymond E. Hells*)