

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Main Street Historic District (Additional Documentation)  
Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of related multiple property listing:  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & number: Main Street and Bristol Road  
City or town: Damariscotta State: Maine County: Lincoln  
Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A \_\_\_\_\_ B  C \_\_\_\_\_ D

[Signature] 10/7/13  
Signature of certifying official/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Title \_\_\_\_\_ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain: Additional Documentation Approved)

*John Elson W. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

*12-11-13*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

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

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

**Summary Paragraph**

The following descriptions for the buildings discussed in Section 8 are provided to supplement the original inventory of properties in the 1979 nomination.

**Narrative Description**

**Professional Building, 1943-1948.**  
159 Main Street

**Contributing Building**

Labeled as #1 in the original inventory, this large, two-story, Colonial Revival style building is wood framed with brick veneer on the first floor, and clapboards above. The building has a flat roof edged with a heavy, moulded cornice and frieze board. A similar moulding acts as a belt course, dividing the brick siding from the clapboards. The front of the building is separated from the road by a sidewalk and granite curb and to the

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west a small alley separates the building from the neighboring brick block. A party wall is shared with the commercial structure to the east. A large, two story commercial addition extends from the south elevation. Behind the building (and indeed, behind the entire south side of Main Street) is a large parking lot reclaimed from former shipyards. This parking lot is lower in elevation than Main Street and as such the back doors into the building enter at basement level.

Currently the building contains three store fronts. At the east end is a four bay unit with three large plate glass windows with applied muntins and a recessed entrance with an aluminum and glass door. (The easternmost bay is only one-story high). This unit is occupied by the United States Post Office. The next storefront to the west contains one large plate glass window and recessed glass and aluminum door. Until recently this was a pharmacy and a blue and orange neon sign above the door advertises "Waltz Rexall Drugs".<sup>1</sup> The next bay, which is located at the center of the block, contains the main door and stairs to the second floor offices. The glass and aluminum door is recessed from the façade, but flanking the entrance are a pair of pilasters supporting a denticulated entablature. The next three bays contain a central, recessed bay with angled side doors set between sets of large plate glass windows. The final bay contains a glass and wood door set into a recessed, compass-headed opening in the brick wall. On the second floor are seven sets of paired six-over-six windows; each pair share a set of louvered wooden shutters.

**Damariscotta Bank and Trust Company, 1973**  
100 Main Street

**Non-contributing Building**

Labeled as #2 in the original inventory this relatively recent building was erected to house the offices, vault and service areas of the Damariscotta Bank and Trust. It is located on the north side of Main Street and faces south. The building is set back from the sidewalk and two rectangular garden plots flank a paved walk leading to the front door. On the east the building is adjacent to a narrow driveway that fits tightly between the bank and the brick block to the south. This driveway leads both to a parking lot behind the building and the rear entrance. This drive then turns west then south before it splits into two lanes to access the drive-up teller window and then returns to Main Street. The teller window and ATM are located under a side-gable asphalt roof supported on wooden columns.

The Colonial Revival Style building is two stories high with a gable-front roof. The exterior is clad in brick (running bond) with decorative quoins on the front corners. The first floor is two bays wide: to the west is a copper-roofed, multi-paned bay window. Beside this is a gable-roof entry porch which leads to a glass and aluminum main door. This door is flanked by plate-glass side-lights and set in a somewhat truncated entablature featuring dentils and narrow, fluted pilasters. On the second floor are four window bays with eight-over-eight double hung sash. The windows have a simple lintel of soldier course bricks and brick sills. Directly under the peak of the roof is a small octagonal window. Wooden rake trim, soffit, eaves and cornice returns complete the exterior features.

<sup>1</sup> In 2013 the adjacent department store expanded into the former Waltz Pharmacy Space. While the majority of the interior space was integrated into their store, a small room at the front continues to host the soda counter erected in 1948.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions.)

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**Period of Significance**

1800-1948

1754

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**Significant Dates**

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**Significant Person** (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

(Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.) (Refer to photographs)

This National Register of Historic Places nomination is to present additional information clarifying the period of significance for the Main Street Historic District in the Lincoln County town of Damariscotta, Maine, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 10, 1979. This linear district focused on twenty-five commercial or commercial/residential buildings that line Main Street, many constructed after a fire in 1845, often in brick. The period of significance for this district was given as 1800-1899, and an inventory list was included with the nomination. This inventory list included as "contributing to the character of the district" two buildings erected in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. On January 22, 2001 a boundary expansion for the district was entered into the Register. This expansion, which moved eastward on Main Street, captured three, already listed individual buildings as well as six new contributing and one non-contributing buildings. As a part of that documentation the period of significance was amended to include 1754, the date of construction of an early house. At that time Politics/Government was added to Architecture and Commerce as an area of significance. In order to clarify the status of the two twentieth-century buildings, this documentation amends the period of significance to run from 1800 – 1948, as well as to include the 1754 date previously mentioned.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

When the original Main Street Historic District was prepared in 1979 a somewhat conflicting period of significance was established. In Section 8 the period indicated was 1800-1899. However, in Section 7 two of the twenty-four inventoried resources as "contributing to the character of the district" were built in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The first building is the 1948 Professional Building. This large, two-story Colonial Revival style structure has three commercial storefronts on the first floor and several professional offices on the second floor. The second building is the 1973 Damariscotta Bank & Trust Company. This free-standing structure was also designed in the Colonial Revival style and constructed of brick. The building houses the bank and the bank's offices. Their inclusion in the district was justified by stating "20<sup>th</sup> – century construction has been very careful to seek compatibility in scale and materials with the older buildings. (A circa 1934 gas station was identified as non-contributing, in part because it was not positioned in line with the other buildings at the edge of the street, and in part due to its rather industrial appearance.) At the time of listing, the bank was only six years old and the Professional Building was just thirty years old. Although included within the boundary of the historic district, it is unclear whether either or both of these buildings were intended to be considered as contributing to the historic district, and thus are listed in the National Register.

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Thirty-four years have passed since the original nomination and the Professional Building is now in its sixth decade. With the passage of time it is has become clear that the Professional Building has significance within the area of commerce, and is a contributing resource within the district. Indeed, it is the only mid-century commercial block within the historic district.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1943, a serious fire occurred on Water Street, eventually spreading north to Main Street and destroying six buildings and seriously damaging seven others. Four of the destroyed buildings were residential structures, one was a commercial garage and the last was a brick block on Main Street that housed the local newspaper. The fire essentially cleared the north end of Main Street adjacent to Water Street; nearly all of the buildings in this vicinity post-date the fire. The Professional Building was built after the fire on the land formerly associated with the Howard Hall house. This nineteenth century frame residence was located approximately 100 feet east of the 1857 W. M. Hilton Block. The availability of this open space, combined with the former house site offered the opportunity to construct a large commercial structure on Main Street.

Among the first tenants were Waltz Pharmacy and the First National Store (Finast Grocery) which both opened on August 19, 1948. That day the newspaper ran a two page spread covering the opening of the new grocery store, with the headline "First Super-Market in Town, with the Latest in Food Shopping Facilities, Will Attract Shoppers from Near and Far". The large store, which occupied over 3,900 square feet on the bottom floor included a refrigerated dairy, fish and meat department and frozen food section. This represents a significant modernization of Damariscotta's down town – the local A&P closed within the year-but the location, curbside on Main Street, was a continuation of the traditional siting of the town's commercial markets and businesses.

Historic postcards from the second decade of the twentieth century in the collection of the Penobscot Marine Museum, Searsport, Maine indicate that a large, three story, six bay commercial block (Austin Block), once occupied the site of the Damariscotta Bank and Trust building. This block burned in December of 1959. At this time it is not known whether the bank, which was built in 1973 was the next building to occupy the site. The bank has not yet hit the 50 year mark, and while it has some of the characteristics of the other downtown commercial structures its siting and side-drive through mark it as a more modern building. In order to avoid confusion in the future, the end of the period of significance for the Main Street Historic District is set at 1948, in order to include the Professional Building. This additional documentation does not preclude further amendment after the bank reaches the 50 year mark in 2023. Until that time, and subsequent evaluation of its significance, the Damariscotta Bank and Trust building is non-contributing resource in the historic district.

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**Developmental history/additional historic context information (If appropriate.)**

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Company. "Damariscotta." Copy on microfilm, Maine State Library, Augusta, Maine, 1925.
- Oyster Shells and Sailing Ships*. Newcastle, Maine: Lincoln County Publishing Company, 1998.
- Past & Present in the Twin Villages Damariscotta and Newcastle*. Newcastle: Lincoln County Publishing Company, 2000.
- The Lincoln County News*. "Damariscotta Hails "FINAST" Food Mart Opening Today." August 19, 1948: 6-7.
- The Lincoln County News*. "New Pharmacy Opens Today." August 19, 1948:1.
- The Lincoln County News*. "Worst Fire in Damariscotta's History." July 22, 1943: 1.
- Various photographs of Damariscotta. *Penobscot Marine Museum, Searsport, Maine*. Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Company, n.d.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property: **MAIN STRET HISTORIC DISTRICT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**  
City or Vicinity: **DAMARISCOTTA**  
County: **LINCOLN** State: **Maine**  
Photographer: **C. MITCHELL**  
Date Photographed: **SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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- 1 of 2. MAINE\_LINCOLN COUNTY\_MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
A.D.\_0001.TIF  
*Professional Building, 159 Main Street, facing southeast.*
- 2 of 2. MAINE\_LINCOLN COUNTY\_MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT  
A.D.\_0002.TIF  
*Damariscotta Bank and Trust, 100 Main Street, facing north.*

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