

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY**

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**IDENTIFICATION**

1. Common name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Historic name: Maine Supply Company Building
3. Street or rural address: 415-417 Lisbon Street  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 County Androscoggin
4. Parcel number: Map 18D Lot 415-17
5. Present Owner: Franklin Property Trust Address: P.O. Box 7  
City Lewiston Zip 04240 Ownership is: Public \_\_\_\_\_ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Commercial

**DESCRIPTION**

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

Four story brick structure with brick and wood trim. The principal (east) facade is based on a massive Palladian motif in the form of a tripartite round arched center bay flanked by two story bays. The building features square headed windows with double hung sash. The two over-head garage doors and the flanking pedestrian entrance are not original. Distinctive ornamentation includes large projecting wood cornices supported on consoles and, for the roof cornice, dentils. Pressed brick is used for this elevation.

Attach Photo(s) Here

8. Construction date:  
Estimated \_\_\_\_\_ Factual 1911
9. Architect Miller & Mayo  
Portland
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

13. Condition: Excellent \_\_\_ Good  Fair \_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_ No longer in existence \_\_\_
14. Alterations: Garage doors and pedestrian entry replaced
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**

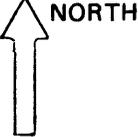
19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This building is architecturally important as an unusual design by the important firm of Miller and Mayo. William R. Miller, who began his career in Lewiston before moving to Portland, was known for his bold and distinctive interpretations of the prevailing architectural fashions. This building is the firm's only surviving unaltered commercial structure in the city's central business district.

Historically the building is important as the earliest known automobile garage in Maine. Constructed by the Maine Supply Company, retailers of agricultural implements, the building featured a garage on the first story and a repair shop on the second story. From 1919 to 1928 it was occupied by Levasseur Pontiac Sales and Service. Beginning in 1929 Morency Motors, an automobile repair and storage business, occupied the structure.

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).  
Lewiston Evening Journal Jan 5, 1911, p. 2  
Record of Deeds, Androscogging County  
Courthouse  
Industrial Journal (Bangor) Sept. 1910
22. Date form prepared 12/85  
 By (name) R. 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

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- 1. Building Name(s): Historic Maine Supply Company Building
- 2. Principal Street Address: 415-417 Lisbon Street
- 3. Other Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Present Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Ownership: public \_\_\_ private x
- 6. Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Original Owner: unknown
- 8. Use: original commercial 9. Accessibility to public:  
     present commercial exterior visible from public road x  
     interior accessible: (explain) no  
     wholesale business \_\_\_\_\_
- Surveyor's Name: Leslie Chatterton Date: September 1984
- Address: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Position: volunteer \_\_\_ professional consultant \_\_\_ intern xx  
     other, (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION

- 10. Number of Stories 4 Bays 3 Attic \_\_\_ Basement x
- 11. Structural wood frame, interlocking joints: \_\_\_ wood frame, light members: \_\_\_  
     System: masonry load bearing: \_\_\_ metal, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Photo \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Map \_\_\_\_\_

*Acreage - 1/2*

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DESCRIPTION

14. Building Roof: asphalt shingle \_\_\_ wood shingle \_\_\_ slate \_\_\_ concrete \_\_\_  
Material: composition \_\_\_ \* metal \_\_\_ tile \_\_\_ other \_\_\_  
Walls: wood \_\_\_ stone \_\_\_ cast iron \_\_\_ brick \* stucco \_\_\_  
other wood trim, decorative details and cornice \_\_\_  
Foundation: brick \_\_\_

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

16. Integrity: original site: yes \* no \_\_\_ if moved, when \_\_\_  
list major alterations, dates and designers (if known):

At street level, alteration of the north garage bay includes installation of glazed, aluminum frame entrance doors to accommodate the structure's present use as a warehouse.

Two, long, one story additions were added, occupying lots south of the structure. Original garage doors on the main facade of the first addition have been filled with wood and glazing. The main facade of the second addition has eight small rectangular door openings and a large loading dock at the southern most end.

17. Threats to none \* 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 \* commercial \* scattered buildings \_\_\_  
residential \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

20. Interrelationship of Buildings and Surroundings:

This structure is the southern-most, prominent building on the west side of Lisbon Street. The visual continuity between Cedar and Maple Streets becomes increasingly diffused with smaller wood-frame structures and a vacant lot. The building dominates this section of the street, set apart by its large scale, masonry exterior and massive visual prominence.

DESCRIPTION

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

This massive, flat roofed, brick structure exhibits oversized decorative detailing characteristic of the Classical Revival style. At the lower level, four two-story, square, brick strip piers with projecting brick banding and granite bases, divide the facade into three equal sections. A shallow cornice projects over the first story of the flanking bays supported on wood brackets. Second story windows are grouped in triplets at the side bays with four narrow windows in the center.

Above the second story windows a deep wood cornice delineates floor levels projecting over a wide frieze. It is supported on large wood consoles embellished with oversized guttae and pendants. The cornice is recessed over the center bay, where a large round arch rises the full third story height. The arched opening has a banded brick voussior and an oversized scrolled keystone. The opening contains arched glazing divided by thick wood glazing bars. Rectangular window openings in third story side bays feature riticulated, flared brick lintels with slightly projecting keystones.

A pronounced wood belt-course delineates the third and fourth stories. Seven rectangular window openings are equally spaced at the fourth story. Above these openings a substantial, projecting, dentiled, wood, roof cornice is supported on massive scrolled consoles enriched with foliated carving.

SIGNIFICANCE

22. Date of Initial Construction: 1911

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

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

25. Historical and Architectural Importance:

This building was constructed by the Maine Supply Co., retailers of agricultural implements. On the ground floor was an automobile garage while in the rear of the second floor was a repair shop. The remainder of the upper floors were used for offices and to display products sold by the Maine Supply Co. Abundant decorative treatment imparted an aura of prestige and commercial success.

From 1919 to 1928 the building was occupied by Levasseur Pontiac Sales and Service. On June 20, 1929, John E. Carrigan Jr. conveyed a bond for the deed to Morency Motors, (392/429). Morency advertised general repair work and automobile storage, with ground floor space for 200 vehicles. The building's historical significance centers on its design of an early automobile garage.

26. Sources:

Sanborn maps, Special Collections, Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono.

Tax assessment records, Assessor's Office, City Building, Lewiston

Deed Research, Registry Office, Androscoggin County Building, Auburn

City directories, Lewiston Public Library.

Lewiston Evening Journal, January 5, 1911, p. 2.