



Samuel P. Grindle House

Castine, Maine

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Established in 1817, the Castine Town Common has been recognized by the Maine Olmsted Alliance as one of the best surviving examples of a town green in New England. The Common is surrounded by ten historic buildings, including the 1790 First Parish (Unitarian) Church, 1814 Whitney House, 1859 Abbott School, 1850 Samuel P. Grindle House, and 1913 Witherle Library. Together, the Common and surrounding buildings form the cultural and architectural context for the entire village of Castine.

The Castine Historical Society purchased the Grindle House, adjacent to their headquarters in the Abbott School, in 2008 to ensure its preservation. Like many Greek Revival

buildings in Castine, the Grindle House has interesting later alterations, such as a bay window and some interior trim in the Italianate style, as well as a rich history. The Castine Historical Society retained the services of Sutherland Conservation & Consulting to complete documentation of the building for submission to the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) program of the National Park Service.

The HABS program is charged with recording historic American buildings of all styles and types, the collections document achievements in architecture, engineering, and design in the United States and its territories.

