



Gerald Hotel

Fairfield, Maine

*National Register Nomination**

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register nomination for the Gerald Hotel in Fairfield, Maine. Constructed in 1899-1900, the Gerald is an example of High-Style Victorian architecture. Although the building has lost exterior ornament, it is eligible for the National Register because of its association with Amos F. Gerald, important role in Fairfield's commercial history, and elaborate surviving interior spaces.

Originally containing a furniture store on the first floor and hotel above, the Gerald eventually became a four-story commercial building housing a single furniture store. The hotel contains some of the most elaborate decorated

spaces in Central Maine. Many areas of the hotel retain integrity, such as the elaborate dining room on the second floor with decorative plaster work and paintings on the ceilings. The grand stair includes much detail in the woodwork. An annex in the rear of the hotel building was originally a meetinghouse dating back to the early 19th century, and was connected to the Gerald at the time of construction for use by the furniture store.

Original drawings by William R. Miller of Portland are in the collections of the Maine Historical Society.

*SCC prepared the National Register Nomination of this property in conjunction with a certified historic tax credit rehabilitation project.

