



Lamb Block

Livermore Falls, Maine

*National Register Nomination**

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register nomination for the Lamb Block in Livermore Falls, Maine. Located on Depot Street, the Lamb Block is significant for its architecture as an example of a late 19th century commercial style building.

The three-story building was designed by Lewiston architect George M. Coombs and built for John F. Lamb in 1895 to house Lamb's hardware business. The commercial building includes the storefronts on the first floor, offices on the second, and a meeting hall on the third floor. The building retains integrity with much of the original floor plan intact. The design is typical of a type seen in most Maine

downtowns. Specifically, the Lamb Block is an example of a double-front building with two retail spaces on the first floor and a separate entrance to the upper stories.

The use of brick, cast iron, and terra cotta on the exterior are characteristic of this style. In Livermore Falls, the Lamb Block was the first masonry commercial block and served as the prototype for further development in the commercial center after devastating fires in 1898 and 1899 destroyed much of the town. Many of the new buildings were also designed by Coombs.

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

