



Colonial Inn

Ogunquit, Maine

*National Register Nomination**

Sutherland Conservation & Consulting researched and wrote the National Register nomination for the Colonial Inn complex in Ogunquit, Maine, in 2012. The Colonial Inn is comprised of three contributing buildings representing the growth and progression of resort architecture in Maine. The Colonial Inn is significant in the area of architecture. The primary building began as a Greek Revival residence, and expanded with Second Empire and Queen Anne additions after becoming a hotel. Later, the building developed into the “blockular” design common to seaside resort hotels of the period.

The complex is also significant in the area of entertainment and recreation. Beginning in the Victorian-era, resort

vacations became popular as an escape from an increasingly chaotic urban existence. After WWII, it became increasingly popular for working class citizens to indulge in resort vacations as well. The Colonial Inn complex grew to accommodate the growth of the tourism industry, adding a Shingle Style cottage and 1961 motel (one of the newest buildings on the National Register in Maine.)

The Colonial Inn retains a high degree of integrity as a collection of resort buildings demonstrating changes in accommodations between 1880 and 1961.

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

