



Samuel Holden House

Moose River, Maine

Preservation Plan

The Samuel Holden House, 1830, located in Moose River, Maine, represents an important aspect of Northern Maine's early settlement history in the decades before, during, and after the construction of the Old Canada Road. The low posted timber frame 1 ½ story cape has sustained tremendous alterations over its 179 year history, yet despite these changes the building retains significant original or early building elements.

The Jackman-Moose River Historical Society retained the services of Sutherland Conservation & Consulting (SCC) to develop a preservation plan for the Holden House. The goals for the plan included assessing the exterior and interior

of the building to make a recommendation of whether or not it would be appropriate to restore the building to its earlier 19th century appearance and providing a plan for preserving and, if appropriate, restoring the Holden House. The historical society secured funding for the plan from the New Century Community Program grant through the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Intervention Funds from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and matching grant funds from Maine Preservation, the statewide, non-profit preservation organization. The completed preservation plan serves as a tool to leverage future funds and educate the community.

