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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Berwick Academy Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Academy Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

South Berwick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__VICINITY OF

1st Hon. David Emery

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

York

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees of Berwick Academy

STREET & NUMBER

Academy Street

CITY, TOWN

South Berwick

__VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

York County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Alfred

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1823</u> <u>1964</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Berwick Academy Historic District comprises four architecturally or historically significant buildings. Dating from the late 18th century, only one of the district's buildings has undergone alteration (the wooden belfry of the Fogg Memorial is subsequent to original date of construction). Berwick Academy's excellent scholastic standards are reflected by the fine architecture represented, including what is one of the nation's oldest secondary school buildings still in use (1791 House). The District contains no non-conforming intrusions.

1. 1791 House: 1791, Post-Colonial, 2 stories, clapboarded, hip roof.
2. Dunaway (Headmaster's House): 1811, Federal, 2½ stories, clapboarded, gable roof, barn attached to 1-story ell, exceptional pictorial wallpaper of c. 1830.
3. Burleigh - Davidson House: 1890, Colonial Revival, 2½ stories, clapboarded, hip roof, facade porch.
4. Fogg Memorial Building: 1894 Romanesque Revival, 2½ stories, stone, gabled roof with wooden belfry, large stained-glass window.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Berwick Academy historic district derives its importance not only from the history and architectural merits of the individual buildings it includes, but also from the significance of Berwick Academy in the educational history of Maine.

The citizens of Berwick, Wells and York raised ^{in 1790} five hundred pounds in each town to help establish Berwick Academy. Judge Benjamin Chadbourne donated ten acres of land in South Berwick on which to build the school. This land had been purchased by his grandfather Humphrey Chadbourne from the Newichawannock Indians in 1623, and has the oldest recorded deed in Maine. Parson Tompson was sent to Boston with a petition for incorporation in 1791 and on March 11 of that year he returned with the charter for Berwick Academy signed by the Governor of Massachusetts, John Hancock, the first such in Maine.

The 1791 House was then built for housing and classroom space and functioned in those two capacities until outgrown in 1823. Finding the 1500 pounds raised by the citizens insufficient to run the school, Berwick Academy was given a 23,000 acre endowment in 1792. Granted by the Massachusetts Legislature on the condition of immediate sale, this land in the Kennebec Valley (now Athens, Maine) was sold for \$4,400. The expenses for the Academy included 500 pounds to build the 1791 House, and 90 pounds for the salary of the first headmaster, Samuel Moody. He also was given the right to assess each student six pence a week to supplement his income. The finances of the institution were seriously damaged, however, when 142 pounds were lost in a fire at the home of the treasurer, Dr. Ivory Hovey. The 1791 House, the oldest secondary school building in Maine, was sold for \$500 in 1823, and was moved to Main St. to become a private residence.

Originally an all-male school, Berwick trustees voted in 1797 to admit females, as long as the total number of students did not exceed 40. No girl took them up on their offer, and it was rescinded in 1813. The trustees once again voted to admit women in 1828. This time four women availed themselves of the privilege in the first year. Although they were officially attending the Berwick Female Seminary, the buildings and the faculty were the same. In 1854, the women were awarded Berwick Academy diplomas as they have been ever since.

The Academy again hit hard times financially in 1817 and was forced to close until 1819. In 1828, the trustees appropriated \$1600 for a new building, if that figure could be matched by outside contributors. Judge William A. Hayes led the funding effort which succeeded in raising \$1,700, \$500 from Hayes himself. This building burned in the "Rum Rebellion" in 1851. Hon. Francis B. Hayes, son of Judge Hayes, was put in charge of obtaining plans for a new building. These were drawn by noted architect Richard Up-John of New York. The new building was dedicated in December 1853. Between the fire in

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Ercell M. Gordon, Berwick Academy, 150th Anniversary Booklet, 1791-1941.
Portland, 1941

Bangor Daily Whig & Courier, July 20, 1893

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at Academy Street proceed northwesterly on the road running by the northwesterly side of Burleigh-Davidson House to a point 50 feet northeast of the northeasterly side of the same building. From this point proceed southeasterly parallel to the northeasterly sides of Burleigh-Davidson House and the Foss Memorial Building to a point of 50 feet beyond an extension of the southeasterly side of the Foss Memorial Building, thence southwesterly and southeasterly 50 ft. northeast of Dumaway to a point of 50 ft. beyond an extension of the southeast wall of this same building, thence southeasterly to Academy Street and along said

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE October, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 242 State Street TELEPHONE 289-2133

CITY OR TOWN Augusta STATE Maine

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Eula S. Thetford

TITLE S.H.P.O.

DATE October 27, 1977

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST *William C. Cole*

DATE 3.29.78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 3.26.78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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1851, and the completion of the new building in 1853, the Academy held its meetings in the town.

The benevolence of the Hayes family continued to be enjoyed by the Berwick Academy. Various members served not only as fundraisers, but also as presidents and trustees of the Academy. Also remembered for starting the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, donating the funds to build the Minute Man Statue in Lexington, Massachusetts and care for the Lexington Green, and establishing the Fogg Museum at Harvard, Hayes philanthropy was again bestowed on Berwick Academy in 1892. In that year, Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins Fogg left \$50,000 to the Academy in memory of her husband William Hayes Fogg who had been a student at the Academy. Two other members of the family, Hiram H. Fogg and John A. Phipps, contributed also, and Mr. Hiram H. Fogg was put in charge of the trust. The Fogg Memorial building was built in 1894 to replace the 1853 Academy Building and house the library and classrooms. George A. Clough, a Boston architect and native of Blue Hill, Maine, drew the plans for this beautifully sited and grandly conceived Romanesque Revival building. The stained glass windows of the Fogg Memorial were designed by Sarah Whitman, a noted Boston artist and a friend of Berwick's distinguished alumna, Sarah Orne Jewett, the noted Maine author.

In the twentieth century, Berwick Academy enlarged its program to include the curriculum of a comprehensive high school of its own and the Academy served the area. In the middle 1950's a serious attempt was made to strengthen the college preparatory course, and the school facilities. As part of this expansion, the Burleigh-Davidson House became part of the Academy. This had been the home of the Honorable John Burleigh, a prominent Maine manufacturer, a representative to Congress, and a trustee of the Academy. His grandson, Thomas Davidson, is a well-known York Attorney and presently a trustee of Berwick Academy. This impressive Colonial Revival house had been designed by the Boston architectural firm of Kendall and Stevens. In 1964, the original 1791 House was brought back to the campus of the Academy to be the "oldest original frame schoolhouse in active use for school purposes in the United States." The Dunaway House, now the Headmaster's residence, was acquired by the Academy in 1968. This handsome Federal house of 1811 contains exceptionally fine French pictorial wallpaper of the 1830's.

Berwick Academy is an example of the importance Maine settlers placed on education. Very early the citizens of the area worked together to raise the money for the Academy. Again in 1828 they contributed to the Academy to improve its facilities. Berwick Academy has reciprocated their generosity with its long service to the town of South Berwick as a school for its children. After 1894, the Fogg Memorial library was also open for public use. Berwick Academy stands as a living monument to the heritage of education, and to the citizens who served their community by supporting it.

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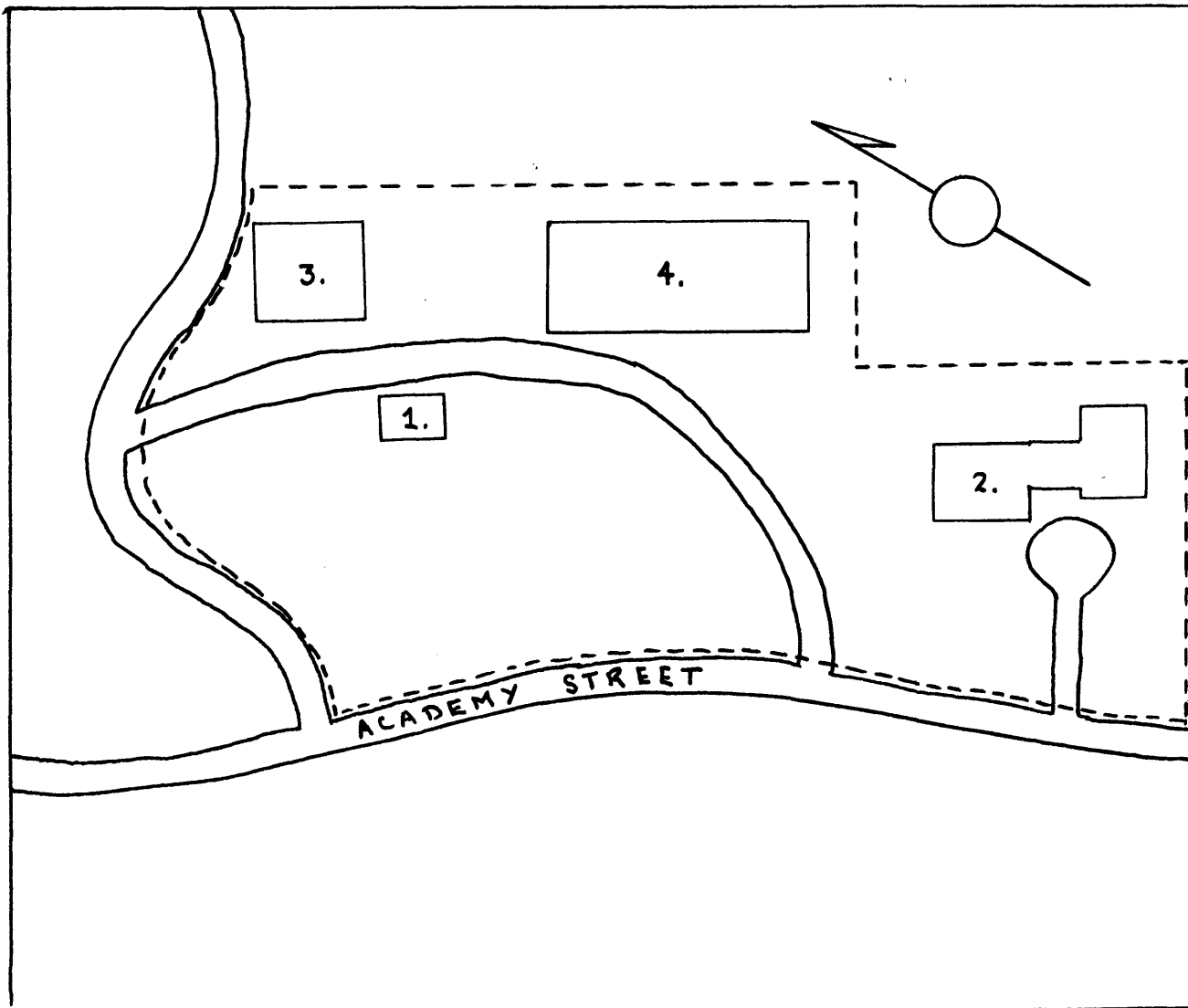
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Berwick Academy Historic District
South Berwick, Maine

District Boundary - - - -



**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED

Gay M. Pease 3/22/96

Additional Documentation Accepted