

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Jordan School

and or common

2. Location

street & number 35 Wood Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lewiston, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Androscoggin code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property

name City of Lewiston

street & number City Hall

city, town Lewiston, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04240

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Auburn, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes ___ no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This three-story rectangular building is constructed of brick. Granite is used for details such as belt courses and window trim, while the roofs and cornices are made of metal. The southwest facade of this Italian Renaissance style building forms the principal elevation and is fourteen bays long. Twin stair towers with round arched entrances and hipped roofs capped by ornate finials are the main decorative features. An over-hanging cornice, a frieze embossed with swags and three panels with floral designs ornament the upper section of each tower.

In the center of this elevation are six bays delineated at the second and third story levels by round arched arcading. A cornice, with the name of the school in the frieze, provides a strong visual link between the flanking towers. For the three bays at either end of this facade, and for the two sides of the building, more restrained Renaissance details are employed. Included are brick quoins and a smaller cornice. In addition, above each entrance on the two ends of the school is a large Florentine 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1902 **Builder/Architect** William R. Miller

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jordan School of 1902 by the well-known Maine architect, William R. Miller is a distinguished design statement in Italian Renaissance style and is also important in the educational history of the City of Lewiston.

William R. Miller of Auburn and later Portland executed a number of extremely important commissions in Maine. Among these are the L. C. Bates Museum at the Hinckley School and the Lawrence Free Library in Fairfield, both listed on the National Register. He also designed the famous Casco Castle resort hotel in Freeport, now gone.

The building, when built, served as Lewiston's first consolidated high school, replacing the outdated district school system, and remained so until it was replaced in 1931 by a new facility. It then became the junior high school and remained as such until 1983. The building facilitated the secondary education of most of the City of Lewiston's population including its mayors, councilmen, and such other prominent people as the former Governor of Maine, James B. Longley. The building is clearly an important landmark in the city.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Lewiston Sun and Journal", various issues.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property $\frac{1}{2}$

Quadrangle name Lewiston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

119	4013	11610	418	813	51710
Zone	Easting			Easting	

B

Zone	Easting			Easting	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 21, Block 7, Parcel 34

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1984

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city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

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 *Edward J. Feltzworth*

title J.H.P.O. date 2/14/84

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Melvyn Byers Entered in the National Register date 3/22/84
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration