

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 Charles M. Bailey Library

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Bowdoin Street not for publication

city, town Winthrop, vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Winthrop

street & number Municipal Building

city, town Winthrop, vicinity of state Maine 04364

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Augusta, 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

Located on a residential street in the Village of Winthrop, the C. M. Bailey Library is a one-and-one-half story building constructed of granite blocks with a hipped roof sheathed in slate shingles. A denticulated cornice extends around the entire structure, broken only by a decorative front piece over the main entrance. The latter feature, also of stone construction, has a circular attic window and heavy stepped coping.

Although a rectangular building, the library includes an octagonal reading room projecting out next to the main entrance, which is recessed beneath a heavy lancet arch with drip moldings. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sash, including a small oriel window on the north side. A large brick chimney is located on the east slope of the roof.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1916 **Builder/Architect** John Calvin Stevens, John Howard Stevens

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This substantial little structure marks the culmination of the philanthropic career of the oilcloth magnate Charles M. Bailey of Winthrop. It is also an interesting revisiting two decades later by John Calvin Stevens, Maine's most famous architect, of his noteworthy Brown Memorial Library in Clinton (N.R. 4/28/75), executed in the Romanesque Revival Style in 1899–1900.

Charles M. Bailey was a maker of history in Winthrop. Born in 1820 he took over the oilcloth business founded by his father and, greatly expanding it with plans in various Maine manufacturing towns, he amassed a considerable fortune which he shared throughout his life with various worthwhile institutions including the Hinckley School for needy boys, the Oak Grove School (Maine's only Friends preparatory school) and various colleges. During the later years of his life he spoke frequently of a Memorial, something worthwhile and enduring which he might leave to the town he had loved so well. It thus came about that in the ninety-sixth and last year of his life he presented this library building to the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Stackpole, E. S., History of Winthrop, Auburn, 1925.

10. Geographical Data

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

Quadrangle name Winthrop

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 31, Lot 43

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1985

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

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 *Euler S. Fretwell*
title S.H.P.O. date 5/10/85

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 6-20-85

John Alvarado Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration