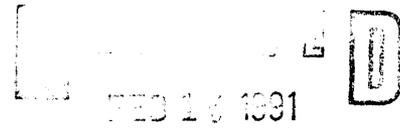


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Jesup Memorial Library
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 34 Mt. Desert Street not for publication
city, town Bar Harbor vicinity
state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04609

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Maine Public Libraries

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Evan S. Threlkeld 2/8/91
Signature of certifying official Date
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Robert Savage 4/1/91
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Brick

roof Stone/Slate

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Jesup Memorial Library is a refined Colonial Revival brick building which is one-story in height and five bays in width. It has a slate covered hip roof and a T-shaped footprint. The library faces north onto Mt. Desert Street in downtown Bar Harbor.

The principal elevation is symmetrically composed of a recessed central entry flanked by six-over-six windows. An elaborately detailed Palladian style entranceway executed in limestone enframes the door. Its classical detailing includes pilasters, a full entablature, urns, and a coffered ceiling. A central medallion over the door displays an open book. The windows lie below round-arched stone panels with inset bulls-eyes. The Flemish bond brick walls rise from a granite foundation to a limestone cornice featuring a dentil string and scroll modillion blocks. A pair of chimneys rise through the ridge of the hip roof.

Both the east and west side elevations are identical in their composition. Each has two windows (similar to those on the facade) in the walls of the front block along with five rectangular openings in the wing. The elaborate cornice extends only to the wing, but a large stone water table extends around the entire building, with the exception of the facade. There are additional windows on the rear of the front block (one on each side of the wing), as well as basement windows located below those on the principal story. In addition, a tall round-arched window and two smaller rectangular units occupy the wing's rear elevation. A secondary entrance to the basement is located below the central window, and a fire escape is located on the east side of the wing.

In plan, the building is organized into four principal spaces on the first floor. A central rotunda is reached through a passageway that separates a coat room from the stairs leading to the basement. To the west of the rotunda is a reading room which, in the original design, was planned to accommodate a collection of horticultural materials. The counterpart room to the east was designed to be the children's reading room. Both rooms feature Colonial Revival paneling and fireplaces. Behind and to the side of the rotunda is the librarian's office and a second set of basement stairs. Projecting to the rear is the reading room. This space is noteworthy for the vaulted ceiling with its skylight and darkly stained woodwork used on the

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walls and square posts that support the gallery. Book stacks are located both in the gallery and in the alcoves below. The careful attention paid to the classical detailing which is evident on the exterior is also apparent on the interior. This is especially true in the rotunda where pilasters rise to a stylized Doric entablature above which is the coffered ceiling. The basement contains a children's room, the boiler room, a store room, and lavatory in the front block. The stack room is located in the wing.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Education

Period of Significance

1911-1941

Significant Dates

1910-11

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Delano & Aldrich, Architects

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Constructed in 1910-11 from plans drawn by the New York architectural firm of Delano and Albrich, the Jesup Memorial Library is a handsome brick building in the Colonial Revival style. It was given to the town of Bar Harbor by Mrs. Morris K. Jesup in memory of her husband. The library meets the requirements for registration under criteria A and C for its educational and architectural significance as more fully described in the multiple property submission "Maine Public Libraries."

Bar Harbor's first library is believed to have been organized in 1875 by a group of summer residents. This collection of 176 volumes was assembled for the use of Mt. Desert's permanent residents and made available to them for two nights per week. A small frame library was built in 1877. In 1883 the growing collection was turned into a subscription library with borrowing privileges charged at the rate of \$1.00 per family, but the fee was dropped three years later. The library moved into a new building in 1890. By the early 1900s the collection consisted of more than 8,000 volumes.

The present building was given to the town by the widow of Morris K. Jesup, a New York financier and long-time summer resident of Bar Harbor. It was erected at a cost of \$70,000 by local contractor Chester A. Hodgkins. Mrs. Jesup also established a \$50,000 endowment fund during the dedication held on August 30, 1911. The library was originally surrounded by a herbaceous garden developed by another summer resident, George B. Dorr. An avocational horticulturist, Dorr was one of the leading activists behind the creation of Acadia National Park.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bar Harbor Village Library: 1875-1905. Bar Harbor, ME. Publisher
Unspecified. 1905?

The Jesup Memorial Library. Bar Harbor, ME. Publisher and Date Unspecified.
c. 1911?

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 1

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Bar Harbor tax map 4, block 7, lot 30.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire village parcel historically associated with this building.

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