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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Lincoln	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.5.18.0030	DATE 5/19/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
~~Old~~ German Church and Cemetery

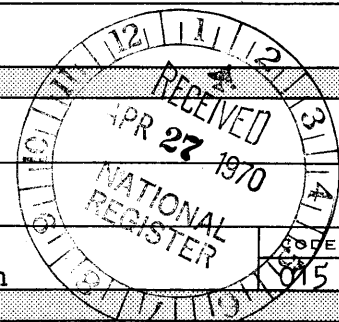
AND/OR HISTORIC:
German Protestant Society (Lutheran)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 32 one mile south of Waldoboro Village

CITY OR TOWN:
Waldoboro *vicinity*

STATE: Maine CODE: 18 COUNTY: Lincoln



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
German Protestant Society (Incorporated 1810)

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 32

CITY OR TOWN: Waldoboro STATE: Maine CODE: 18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lincoln County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Wiscasset STATE: Maine CODE: 18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1933-1966 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 08

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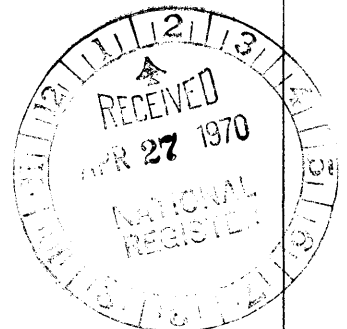
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		1794	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Present structure located on hillside, west side of the Medomak River. Plain, unadorned two story structure of wood on stone underpinning, without cellar. Painted yellow. Interior-lower floor with box pews made of pine wood. Second story gallery on three sides of church held up by pillars supported on the first floor foundations front and east end of church. This church contains a beautiful pulpit reached by a short stairway and the pulpit is backed by a fine sounding board. The building is about 30 feet by 45 feet on the base and 30 feet high. There is an entrance and stair well addition which is about 10 feet square on the base and 22 feet high. The frame is sound as are the original clapboards on three sides. The fourth side has been sheathed with new clapboards in recent years. The fourth side is the east side. It is reputed that there was a porch at one time. It has been removed. The bottom windows on three sides have 24 lights each. All the other windows have 20 lights each. There is no chimney. This church is located on a plot of land consisting of 24 acres in area. Within this area is the church and a cemetery. A lane extending west from State Route 32, up a sharp rise leads by the church and into and through the cemetery. The lane starts beyond the highway right of way, at an iron arch supported by two granite block uprights. This building was moved from private property on the east side of the Medomak River to the original ministerial lot on the west side of the river, hence the check mark in the Moved and Original Site boxes. The present physical appearance of the building is good. This building was moved across the river in the year of 1794-1795 in the winter, on the ice. The church was set up for services in the spring of 1795. The grounds are well cared for and all the monuments in the cemetery are upright and in place.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) built in 1772

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Town of Waldoboro received its name from Samuel Waldo, born in England in 1696, brought to Boston as a boy and eventually appointed to command a brigade of Maine troops. He showed his enterprise by offering inducements for European immigration into Maine and in 1752 got Germans to found the settlement of Waldoborough.

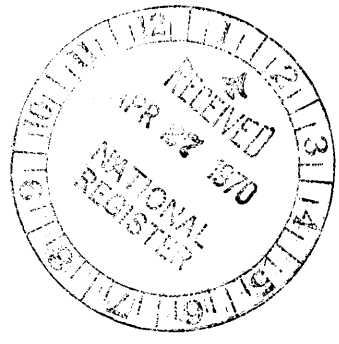
This church was built in 1772, moved over ice to its present location in 1794 and is now maintained as a local memorial by the German Protestant Society.

At the time of the move the church was an austere frame house, hardly constructed, and owned by 32 German Lutherans. There were no box-like pews, no galleries, no hanging pulpit back in the 1790's.

The pulpit of the church was served for more than 20 years by a series of unlettered pastors. After the building was moved, Rev. Friedrich Augustus Rodolphus Benedictus Ritz of Germany became the parish's first ordained minister. He was greatly respected and his sermons, of course, were always in the German of the town's forefathers in the Old Country.

The next minister for the congregation came in 1811 after the death of Rev. Ritz. This was Rev. Johannes Wilhelm Starman, an able and devoted pastor. Despite his efforts his ministry was one of slow decline in the history of the church. This was due to the fact that the older inhabitants insisted the Word be preached only in the German language which was unintelligible to the third generation which spoke English almost exclusively. The language factor sealed the fate of the old parish and eventually the church was abandoned and stands today as a memorial to the past.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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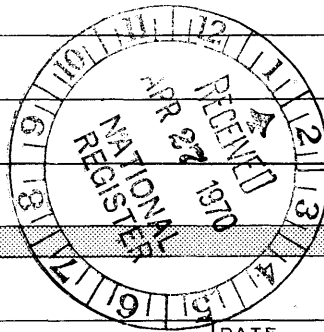
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44°	6'	27"	69°	25'	41"			
NE	44°	6'	1"	69°	24'	41"			
SE	44°	5'	49"	69°	24'	52"			
SW	44°	6'	14"	69°	25'	53"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **24 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION
State Park & Recreation Commission

DATE
Feb. 10, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN:
Augusta

STATE
Maine

CODE
18

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lawrence Stuart
Lawrence Stuart
 Title Director

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 19 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

MAY 7 1970

Date _____

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WALDOBORO WEST QUADRANGLE

MAINE—LINCOLN CO.

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 WALDOBORO 15' QUADRANGLE

7172 III NE
(UNION)

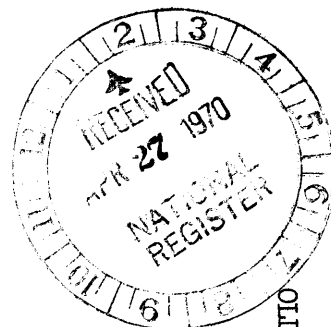
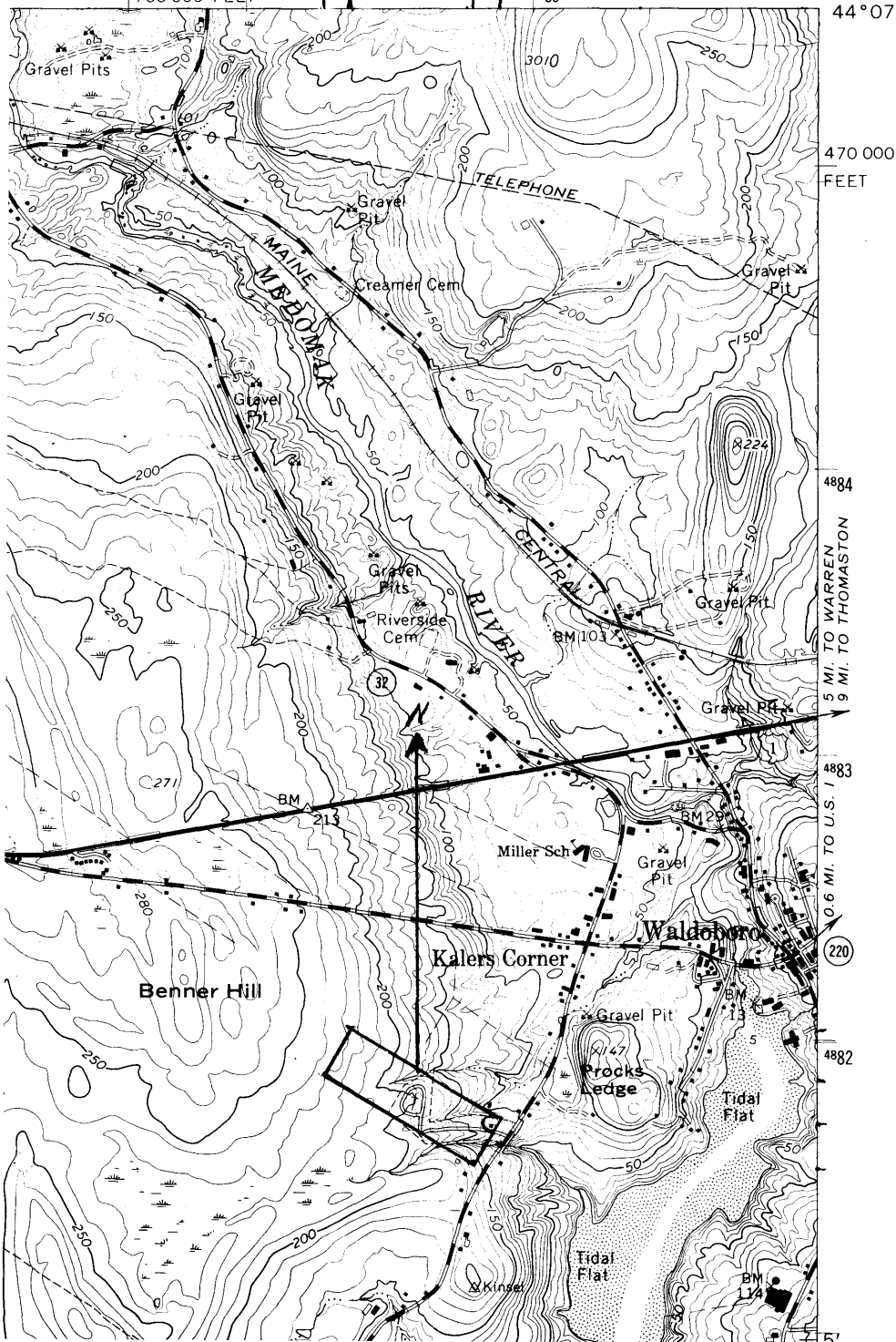
STA (VIA MAINE 17) 26 MI.
S CORNER 2.7 MI.

700 000 FEET

469

69°22'30"

44°07'30"



OLD GERMAN CHURCH

Latitude	NW	NE	SE	SW
484	61° 27"	61° 1"	51° 49"	61° 14"

Longitude	69° 25'	69° 24'	69° 24'	69° 25'
483	41"	41"	52"	53"

470 000 FEET
484
5 MI. TO WARREN
9 MI. TO THOMASTON
483
0.6 MI. TO U.S. 1
482