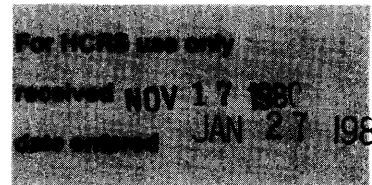


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Andover Public Library

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Church Street ^{St.} ___ not for publication

city, town Andover ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maine code 23 county Oxford code 017

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Andover

street & number

city, town Andover ___ vicinity of state Maine 04216

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oxford Cty. Registry of Deeds, So. Paris, Maine

street & number

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? 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

The Andover Public Library is a unique building of octagonal plan, built in 1899.

The library is of frame construction with hipped roof, clapboard siding, a single brick chimney internally placed at the rear of the building, and granite foundation.

The facade faces south and consists of a single doorway below an ornate hood, all enclosed in a gabled projection. The front and rear sides of the library are longer than the other six sides, each of the latter of which contains a pair of 1/1 windows.

On the side immediately to the right of the facade is a small gabled projection with a door for access to the building's basement.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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 1899

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Andover Public Library building is significant as a very late manifestation of the octagon mode and was originally one of only two churches in Maine built in this form. As an organization it traces its roots to what must be one of the earliest impulses toward library formation in the state in terms of the date of original settlement.

Built in 1899 as a Universalist Church, this structure is joined only by the 1881 Temple at Ocean Park (N.R. 4/28/75) as an example of octagonal ecclesiastical architecture in Maine. It is also the last 19th-century building constructed in this mode in the state which can be traced to the tradition begun by Orson Squire Fowler and not to modern trends.

The Town of Andover was first settled in 1789 and incorporated in 1804. As early as 1795 the settlers formed a society called the Social Library, allotted 12 shillings for the purchase of books and acquired 75 volumes. This informal arrangement continued until 1891 when money was donated for a free library and the Andover Public Library Association was formed. In 1943, the Universalist Conference in Portland donated the former Universalist Church building to the Library Association which has heretofore occupied a room in the town hall.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Andover Service Circle, Glimpses of Old Andover, 1978

Andover Bicentennial Committee, Andover Heritage Day, 1976

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Old Speck Mtn.

Quadrangle scale 1:65000

UMT References

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessors Map 15, Lot 25

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/ Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1980

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2133

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Euse B. Stewart

title S.H.P.O.

date 10/30/80

For HCERS use only

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

John Sally Good
Keeper of the National Register

date 1/27/81

Attest: *Patrick Adams*
Chief of Administration

date 1/9/81