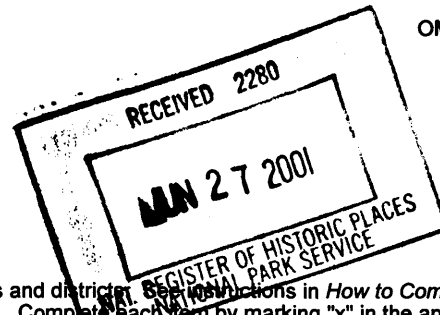


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Grace Episcopal Church
other names/site number _____

2. Location

East Side of U. S. Route 1, .1 mile Northwest of
street & number Junction with third Road N/A not for publication
city or town Robbinston N/A vicinity
state Maine code ME county Washington code 011 zip code 04671

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant
 nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Carol J. [Signature] 6/19/01
Signature of certifying official/Title SRPO 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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper
[Signature]

Date of Action
8/7/01

Grace Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Washington, Maine
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
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| 1 | | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
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| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Religious Facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Recreation & Culture/Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Porte-Cochere

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WASHINGTON, MAINE

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The Grace Episcopal Church is a modest gable roofed, wooden frame building that is sheathed in clapboards and board-and-batten siding. Its features include a broad gable roofed entrance porch and porte-cochere, as well as a bell-cote rising above the west nave endwall.

The picturesque asymmetry of the front (west) elevation of the church is achieved by the informal juxtaposition of a number of details. At the center of the nave endwall is a tripartite composition of round arched windows framed by a pointed arch with bargeboard. The sill of this window rests on the upper edge of a band of board-and-batten sheathing that carries around the building. Truss shaped ornamentation decorates the gable peak. To the south of the window is the entrance, which is sheltered by the gable of the porte-cochere. Two chamfered posts flank the entrance and a row of seven posts resting on a low frame wall and linked by an ornate screen support the porte-cochere. Triangular parapet walls punctuate both planes of the church's gable roof. Their forward facing surfaces feature a pair of unequally sized lancet arched panels; a narrow arched panel occupies the ends. The south wall supports an open belfry containing one bell. A pair of chamfered posts frame two thin bell supports, and they also carry the narrow gable. The latter contains a round decorative molding in its pediment a cross finial. A brick flue rises through the north parapet.

The symmetrically composed four-bay side elevations contain Queen Anne style round arched, double hung sash windows. There is another tripartite window on the east gable end, as well as a small shed roofed addition that served as a vestry.

Inside, the interior is distinguished by its unfinished exposed framing, roof decking that forms a chevron pattern, chamfered king post side braces, and the ornate original chandeliers.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1882

Significant Dates

1882

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

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Erected in 1882, Grace Episcopal Church is a vernacular Gothic Revival wooden frame building that is virtually unaltered on both the exterior and interior. At present, it is the home of the Robbinston Historical Society. The church is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion C for its local architectural significance. Criteria Consideration A also applies by virtue of its historic religious use.

According to a brief article that appeared in the October 24, 1882 edition of the *Machias Union*, Grace Episcopal Church was erected largely through the efforts of Prof. Steenstra of Harvard, who was a summer resident of Robbinston. Further information about the history of the church's origin appeared in the January, 1883 edition of *The North East*, the monthly newsletter of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine:

We understand that during the past year a chapel has been built at this pretty village on the banks of the St. Croix. Services have been held here for several summers by the Rev. Dr. Steenstra of Cambridge; but owing to the fact that no building but the "Union meeting-house" could be secured it had been found difficult to give them any distinctive Church character. We trust than now it will be possible to instruct the people in the methods and doctrines of the Church as well as to interest them in her form of service.

An article that appeared in a local newspaper on the occasion of the church's 100th anniversary stated that the original founders included members of the Hunt, Brooks and Nash families, as well as summer resident John Lambert of Philadelphia. A dedicatory service was held in the new building on the first Sunday of October, 1882. The church was deconsecrated on June 7, 2000, and it was deeded to the Robbinston Historical Society on July 28 of that year.

Grace Episcopal Church is part of a distinctive group of religious buildings erected in Maine during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that were built in large part by summer residents. Oftentimes these chapels were substantial architect designed buildings, such as those at the summer colonies at Hancock Point, Northeast Harbor and Seal Harbor which were designed, respectively, by John Calvin Stevens, Peabody & Stearns and Grosvenor Atterbury. Although it is much more modest than many of its contemporaries, Grace Episcopal Church is an important local example of religious architectural expression in late nineteenth century Maine. Its Gothic Revival features also reflect the popularity of this style of architecture in mid nineteenth century Robbinston and the adjoining town of Calais. No fewer than five noteworthy Gothic Revival style houses and one other church still exist in these two communities, and all of them are listed in the National Register.

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Machias Union, October 24, 1882, p.2.

The North East (Portland, Maine), January, 1883.

Grace Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Washington, Maine
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less Than 1

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 2001

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Robbinston tax map 6, lot 88.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the 0.33 acre lot that is historically associated with Grace Episcopal Church.

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Robert Henkel

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View from W

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View from SE

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View of interior looking W