

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

RECEIVED MAR 07 1990

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

DIVISION OF NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAMS NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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 East Blue Hill Library other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Miliken Road city, town East Blue Hill state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04629

not for publication vicinity

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private public-local public-State public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s) district site structure object

Number of Resources within Property

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing:

Maine Public Libraries

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

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.

Signature of certifying official

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

2/27/90

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. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)

Entered in the National Register:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Shingle

roof Asphalt

other Front Entrance Porch &

Side Stone Chimney

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated on a narrow rectangular lot in this small coastal village, the East Blue Hill Library is a diminutive wooden frame building exhibiting bungalow style characteristics. The square structure is sheathed in wood shingles and is covered by a hipped roof. Additional features include a front entrance porch, dormer, and exterior stone chimney.

The library's front (north) elevation is comprised of the narrow entrance porch and vestibule to the left and a tri-partite double-hung sash window on the right. A pair of shingled posts support an elaborate framework of shaped beams which in turn uphold the eyelid porch roof and its exposed rafter ends. Behind the porch is a paneled and glazed door that opens into the small vestibule. The window employs a central twelve-over-one unit flanked by smaller six-over-one sash. Projecting from the middle of the roof on this elevation is a hipped roof dormer with two small six-pane windows.

A trio of symmetrically placed six-over-one double-hung windows are located on the east side above a bulkhead and cellar window. The shouldered chimney of random ashlar granite rises on the middle of the west side between two nine-pane windows. A second large window identical to the one on the front punctuates the rear wall on axis with its counterpart. The building rests on a granite slab foundation.

In plan, the library has three rooms: the vestibule, reading room, and stacks. The reading room occupies the west side and contains the fireplace and large windows at either end. Low book cases are located on either side of the fireplace and on the opposite wall. Floor to ceiling height shelves occupy the walls of the stack room. Access to the attic storage area is achieved from the vestibule. All interior wood trim, with the exception of the doors, is painted.

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

1920 - 1939

Significant Dates

1920

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Merrow, John W.; Architect

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

Constructed in 1919-20 from sketch plans drawn by New York architect John W. Merrow, the East Blue Hill Library is an unusual adaptation of the bungalow style to the specialized library building type. The diminutive wood frame structure continues to serve the community in its original capacity. It 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."

The early history of East Blue Hill's library is not entirely certain. According to tradition a local organization known as the "Willing Workers" had assembled a collection of books which were housed in a small village building. The East Blue Hill Library had been organized as early as 1914 when trustees Addie Grindle, Cora Long and Mildred G. Long obtained the existing lot of land from Alfred E. Webber. The following year this organization was replaced by the East Blue Hill Library Association under whose direction the present building was erected. Subscriptions were raised beginning in 1917. The exact manner by which the architect became involved is not known, although it has been suggested that one of the community's summer residents may have been responsible for supplying the design. Merrow's sketch plans were recently discovered in the attic of the library. As constructed, the library differs from the proposed design primarily in the substitution of shingled posts for stone supports and the absence of an originally planned post office space. Local builders A. B. Herrick, Charles L. Bacon and stonemason W. B. Wescott are credited with the actual construction.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Primary source material on file at the East Blue Hill Public Library including architect's plans, records of the Library Association, and copies of deeds.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1

UTM References

A

1	9
---	---

5	3	8	0	2	5
---	---	---	---	---	---

4	9	1	8	0	9	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Zone Easting Northing

B

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

C

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--

--	--	--	--	--	--	--

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The East Blue Hill Library occupies the Town of Blue Hill tax map 25, lot 51.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the building and entire village lot historically associated with the library.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk F. Mohny, Architectural Historian
 organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date December, 1989
 street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone (207) 289-2132
 city or town Augusta, state Maine zip code 04333