

10029771

Hon. Peter N. Kyros

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Kennebec	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
JUL 24	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Christ Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Christ Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1 Dresden Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Gardiner

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: Kennebec	CODE 011
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Christ Episcopal Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
1 Dresden Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Gardiner

STATE: Maine	CODE 23
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Augusta

STATE Maine	CODE 23
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: _____

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____

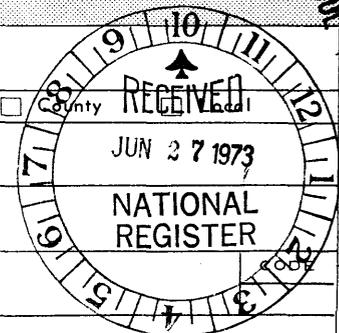
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7 DESCRIPTION

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Christ Church is a small Gothic style church and is located in the City of Gardiner, Maine. It faces the common.

The church is constructed of granite with a single tower capped by a tall spire. There are three sets of double doors on the facade, the main door being in the tower section of the facade. Over the two smaller sets of doors are two small arched windows. Over the central door is a large, arched, elaborately designed window rising quite high in the tower. Above this window and on all sides of the tower are louvered arched openings for the belfry. There are three long arched windows on each side of the church.

The crest of the tower and the church is battlemented. At one time, there were pinnacles on all corners of the tower and the church.

The church grounds and cemetery are entirely enclosed by a wrought iron fence. This church is in excellent condition and is the pride of its congregation.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

Christ Church in Gardiner, Maine is an early specimen of a form of church building that existed in the United States in the first part of the nineteenth century.

The first Episcopal Church in Gardiner was St. Ann's but by 1817 it had become so crowded that a decision was reached to build a new church. Sometime between Dec. 1817 and June 1818, the church plans were completed. The working drawings and elevations were made by the Rev. Samuel Farman Jarvis, an Episcopal clergyman, who was rector of St. Michael's Parish in Bloomingdale, N.Y. How the Rev. Jarvis learned of the needs of St. Ann's Parish for a new church is unknown.

The cornerstone of the church was laid on May 31, 1819 and on Oct. 20, 1820 the completed church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Griswold, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.

This style of church had no precedent in Maine or even the country when it was built. The style should perhaps be termed "Gothick" for it comes from Eighteenth Century English architectural forms of that name which were presented in a work by Batty Langley. The Rev. Jarvis used this style for he recognized the role that "Gothick" could play in the religious experience. Also the Rev. Jarvis became a minister in the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hanson, J. W. A History of Gardiner, Pittston and West Gardiner. Gardiner, Maine: 1852.

Shettleworth, Earle G. The Origin and Analysis of Christ Church, Gardiner, Maine. An unpublished manuscript, 1967.

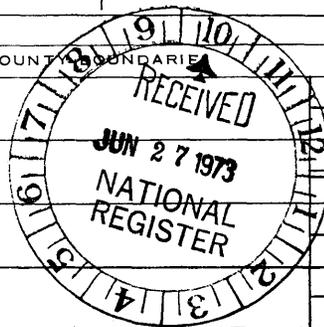
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		44°	13'	39"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		69°	46'	32"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



5 2 6 9 8 4 5
 0 5 0 8 3 4 3
 6 1 1 1 2
 4 1 1 2
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard D. Kelly, Historic Preservationist

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 James H. Munchy

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 22, 1973

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

Robert H. Kelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/24/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7/20/73

