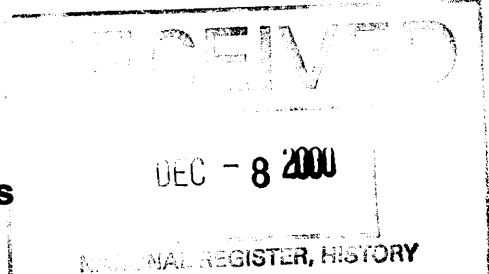


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National Park Service

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 15A). 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 Gallison Memorial Library

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number North side of Route 1, .05 miles west of Junction with Route 1A not for publication

city or town Harrington vicinity

state Maine code ME county Washington code 029 zip code 04643

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 Peterson 11/30/00
Signature of certifying official/Title 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): _____

Edson H. Beall 1.11.01
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Gallison Memorial Library
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	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Maine Public Libraries

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/Library

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other _____

Narrative Description

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

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The Gallison Memorial Library is a Colonial Revival style, one-story, three-bay brick building which features interior end chimneys. It stands along the north side of U.S. Route 1 in Harrington village adjacent to the Harrington United Methodist Church. The building is supported by a concrete foundation and has an asphalt shingle roof.

Facing south, the symmetrically composed front elevation is comprised of a central entrance flanked by eight-over-eight double hung sash windows that are surmounted by round arched fanlights. The recessed six-panel door is framed by a paneled reveal and capped by a fanlight. This entrance is, in turn, defined by paired fluted columns set in antis which support a short, denticulated entablature. The frieze of this entablature bears the words GALLISON MEMORIAL. Five granite steps with wrought iron hand rails rise to the entrance landing. The flanking windows rest on rectangular panels, and the impost blocks and keystones of their brick arched fanlights are made of cast concrete. The overhanging cornice terminates in short returns on the end walls.

There are two six-pane, fixed sash windows on the library's east gable end, and a single window centered on the west gable end that matches those on the facade. Three round arched double hung windows are symmetrically located on the rear elevation. A small shed roofed dormer with three four-pane windows is centered on the rear slope of the roof.

Inside, the library has a single room that retains its plaster over lath walls and ceiling, Colonial Revival style trim, and its original pale yellow paint scheme. A fireplace framed by a paneled mantel is located at the east end of the room. A framed photograph of Forrest Gallison, in whose name the library was originally built, hangs above the mantel. Wooden bookcases are located along the room's outer walls and in the center of the west end.

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.)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
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.
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:

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education
Architecture

Period of Significance

1922-1950

Significant Dates

1922-23

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Crowell & Lancaster, Architects

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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 1922-23 from plans drawn by the Bangor architectural firm of Crowell & Lancaster, the Gallison Memorial Library is a modest Colonial Revival style building constructed of brick. It was a gift to the Town of Harrington by Alice (Strout) Gallison in memory of her husband Forrest Gallison. The library is eligible for nomination to the National Register under Criteria A and C as more fully explained in the Multiple Property Documentation form entitled "Maine Public Libraries."

The Town of Harrington was initially settled by Anglo-Americans in the late 1760s, and it was incorporated on June 17, 1797. According to the description of the town that appeared in George Varney's *Gazetteer of The State of Maine* (1881), the community at that time had three shipbuilding firms, a boat-builder, sail-maker, a boot and shoe manufacturer, and a steam-mill for meal, flour and lumber. In 1880, its population stood at 1,290 persons, a figure that had declined to 1,020 by 1910.

In the 1881 *Gazetteer*, reference is made to a library in the village of Harrington comprised of 300 volumes. The existence of a town library is first confirmed in the 1883 edition of the *Maine Register*, at which time it is listed as the Village Library Association with a collection of about 2,000 volumes. Mrs. U.N. Merritt was the librarian, a position she appears to have held for several years thereafter. Further information about the library's early history is contained in the *Addison and Harrington Register, 1905*. According to this source, the library was the outgrowth of the Martha Washington Society, established "some sixty years since." The Society's book collection was subsequently donated to the Harrington Village Library Association when the latter was organized in 1896 (*Register*, p.94). Although the documentary sources do not establish the precise lineage of Harrington's library, by 1910-11 its collection had reached 2,800 volumes (*Maine Register*). The following year, the Association purchased a small building of undetermined age and prior use on Main Street adjacent to the Methodist Church and moved the library into it.

According to local tradition, in 1921 Mrs. Gallison approached the Library Association with the offer of donating a new library building to the community if the existing building were removed. Mrs. Gallison was a descendent of one of the earliest settlers of Harrington, and she and her husband had moved to Oak Point in Harrington after his retirement from a business career in New York City (Dickson, p.93). After his death, she conceived the idea to build a library in his memory.

It is not been ascertained how Mrs. Gallison selected the architectural firm of Crowell & Lancaster to design the Gallison Memorial Library, although at the time it was among the most prolific design teams in eastern and central Maine. Comprised of the partners C. Parker Crowell and Walter S. Lancaster, the firm had been established in 1919. The Gallison Memorial Library project was the first of the firm's three commissions for public libraries, the others being the Shaw Library in Greenville (1925), and the Lyndon Oak Memorial Library in Garland (1937).

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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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2															

3															
3	Zone	Easting						Northing							
4															

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 October, 2000

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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 Harrington tax map 1, lot 124.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire village lot that is historically associated with the Gallison Memorial Library.

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View of interior looking east