

**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 Cherryfield Academy

and/or common Cherryfield Town Office

**2. Location**

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Cherryfield, N/A vicinity of congressional district Second

state Maine code 23 county Washington code 029

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" 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 Cherryfield

street & number

city, town Cherryfield, N/A vicinity of state Maine

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Machias, state Maine

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes  no

date N/A N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A N/A state N/A

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Built in 1850, Cherryfield Academy is a large and well-preserved example of the Greek Revival style in a rural institutional context.

The building is of frame construction with 2½ stories, gable roof, two internal end chimneys, clapboard and match-board siding, and granite foundation. Fenestration is 12/12 throughout, save for the half-story, where it is 12/8.

The facade, which faces south, is five bays wide, dominated by the projecting three central bays. In the first story are two panelled doors with pedimented lintels; in the sides of the facade projection are two sets of double doors covered by simple hoods. Crowning the projection is a belfry, square in plan.

The east and west ends of the building are three bays wide and are fitted with match-boards, rather than the clapboards used elsewhere.

Typical of the period and style, the building features heavy pediments in the gable-ends, as well as strongly projecting cornices, a wide frieze, and prominent but simple pilasters at each corner.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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**            1850                            **Builder/Architect**    *unknown*

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Although numerous academies were built throughout Maine in the mid-nineteenth century, Cherryfield Academy was an unusually ambitious structure. The large Greek Revival style institutional building, erected in 1850 in a fairly remote area of the State, is a well-preserved local landmark.

Cherryfield Academy was incorporated in 1829. For the first ten years classes were held in an old, restored meeting house; then, for ten years, the school languished. Finally, in 1850, the Union School District was formed to provide the Academy a permanent home. The first floor of the new building was used as a town hall and for public entertainments, the second for school purposes.

Between 1875 and 1895, Cherryfield Academy operated as a free high school, but in 1895 it returned to its former Academy status. Monetary aid from the Legislature was given in hopes of advancing the interests of higher education as well as those of common schools. Until December of 1964, Cherryfield Academy conducted classes, but at that time a new regional high school was constructed. The old Academy building now houses the town office, the Public Library, and a recreation center.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Mitchell & Campbell, Cherryfield Town Register, 1905.

Manuscript information supplied by Narraguagus Historical Society, on file at  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Cherryfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References Latitude: 44°36'6"N

Longitude: 67°55'29"W

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map U12, Lot 1

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1981

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city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

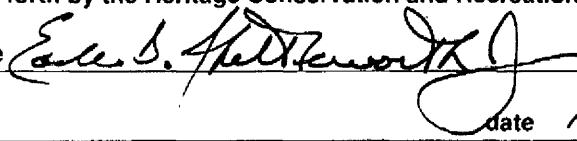
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

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



title S.H.P.O.

date 12/18/81

For HCRS use only

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date

2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration