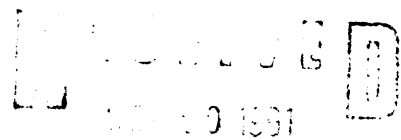


United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Greer's Corner School other names/site number

2. Location

street & number SE Corner of Back Belmont and Greer's Corner Road city, town Belmont Corner state Maine code ME county Waldo code 027 zip code 04915

3. Classification

Table with 3 columns: Ownership of Property, Category of Property, and Number of Resources within Property. Includes checkboxes for private/public ownership and building/site/structure/object categories.

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

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: [Signature] Date: 9/3/91 State or Federal agency and bureau: Maine Historic Preservation Commission

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] Date of Action: 10/16/91

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Work in Progress

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Bracketed Stoop over Entrance

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Located at a rural crossroads and set some 100 feet back from Belmont Road, the Greer's Corner School is a modest one-room frame building with a wing containing privies. It is sheathed in weatherboards and wood shingles and rests on a granite foundation.

The building's front (north) elevation contains a side entry whose paneled door is sheltered by a bracketed hood, and a pair of centrally-placed six-over-six windows, one above the other. A steeply pitched gable roof frames the facade. In addition, a wooden flag pole is mounted below and rises above the gable peak. The east side features two symmetrically-placed six-over-six windows, as does the rear elevation. A brick stove pipe flue punctuates the ridge of the roof just forward of the back wall. The west elevation has a pair of closely-spaced windows between the front corner and the gabled privy wing, and a third on the other side. This remarkably intact shingled element features windows on three sides as well as trellis ventilation panels at the junction with the main building and a wooden ventilation stack.

Inside, the school room features vertical board wainscot and plaster over lath walls and ceiling. The privies are finished in narrow tongue-and-groove sheathing placed horizontally. Blackboards are located on the front end and part of the east wall, and a small entrance vestibule exists at the northwest corner.

**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)

Education

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Significant Person

N/A

Period of Significance

1908-1941

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Cultural Affiliation

N/A

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Architect/Builder

Brewster, Edmund, Builder

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Significant Dates

1908

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

Constructed in 1908 by local builder Edmund Brewster, the Greer's Corner School is a modest but virtually intact one-room frame building. It is the only extant structure of its type in the Town of Belmont. By virtue of its association with the community's educational history, the school is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion A.

The Town of Belmont was first settled about 1790 and was incorporated on February 5, 1814. At that time it embraced the area of the Town of Morrill from which the latter was created in 1855. In 1850 the town held a population of 1,486 persons whose livelihoods were principally derived from agriculture. A decade later, after the division, there were 686 residents. This number had dropped to nearly one-half by 1900, a pattern not uncommon in Maine's rural areas following the Civil War. (A telling aside to the effects of the conflict rests in the fact that 11 of the 42 volunteers who served from Belmont were killed.)

The rural, sparsely settled pattern of Belmont's historic development resulted in the construction of small school houses located at strategic areas throughout the community. In 1827 there were 8 school districts, but by mid-century the figure had grown to 13 with some 626 scholars. By 1882 the five public schools and the associated school property were valued at a mere \$2,600, clearly indicating the modest facilities in use. Greer's Corner School is the only extant building in Belmont which illustrates this historic pattern of education.

A 1907 historical sketch about Belmont reported that the school house located at Belmont Corner (Greer's Corner) was perhaps the oldest extant building of its type in town. It is widely believed that the present school was the replacement of that early structure, although whether it occupies the same site is uncertain. As reported in the August 27, 1908, edition of the Waldo County Herald, the new school house was "up and boarded." It was presumably completed soon thereafter for use in the fall term. The 1909 town report shows that a total of \$555.86 was spent on the building, a figure that

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Annual Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor ar  
the Town of Belmont For Year Ending March 1, 1909.

Mitchell, Lawton and Bryant. The Town Register: Lincolnville, Nor  
Morrill, Searsmont and Waldo. Brunswick, ME: H. E. Mitchell Co

Waldo County Herald (Belfast). August 27, 1908.

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**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 information:**
- State historic preservation
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The Greer's Corner School occupies the Town of Belmont tax map

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the entire rural lot historically associated with the school house.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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was \$55.86 over budget. Of this amount, carpenter Edmund Brewster was paid \$478.85 and Edward E. Babb & Company received \$63.31 for the seating.

In 1953 the Greer's Corner School ceased to function as an educational facility when the town built a consolidated school diagonally across the road from this one. From that time until the early 1980s the former school served as the town office. Ownership subsequently reverted to the descendants of the original land holder. However, they have recently turned the building over to a newly formed historical society whose goal is to restore the school.