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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Franklin
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	AUG 28 1973

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Free Will Baptist Meeting House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Farmington**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**2nd: Hon. William Cohen**

STATE <b>Maine</b>	CODE <b>23</b>	COUNTY: <b>Franklin</b>	CODE <b>007</b>
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <b>Garage</b>

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**C. Robert Tyler**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Main Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Farmington**

STATE:  
**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Franklin County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Main Street**

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**Farmington**

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**Maine**

CODE:  
**23**

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**None**

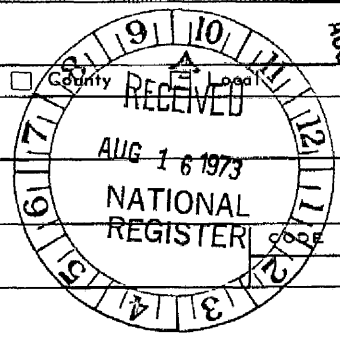
DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This handsome Free Will Baptist Meeting House, done in a late Federal style, was erected in Farmington, Maine in 1835 at a total cost, including site, of \$1,250.00.

The meeting house is constructed of brick and has a gable roof. Entrance is gained through a pair of doors, each decorated with side lights and a decorative fan. Above each door is a shuttered window with 12 over 8 lights. Over the windows, in the pediment of the gable is a single decorative fan.

On one side of the building there is a door now used as garage door. This was put in sometime after 1900 when the building became a cheese factory, then a Keeley Cure Center, a stable and a fur depot. It is now used as a garage by the present owners.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1835

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Adaptive Use</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" 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

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This fine old Meeting House is significant in many ways. First, it is architecturally significant for there are few remaining brick meeting houses in Maine.

Secondly, it is significant as a landmark in the Town of Farmington. It has been part of the environment in Farmington since 1835. Its loss would certainly be a great loss to the citizens of Farmington and anyone interested in Maine meeting houses.

Thirdly, as the home of a religious institution that was the first of its denomination to be founded in Maine east and north of Gorham. It was welcomed as a sister church in the denomination on September 23, 1793. At this time meetings were held alternately in the home of Moses Starling and Joseph Norton's barn.

The fourth point of significance is the fact that this fine meeting house has had a series of adaptive uses in its long history. At present, it is used as a garage by the C. Robert Tyler family.

The exterior of the building is in excellent condition and is kept in wonderful condition by the owners. The inside, over the years, has of course been altered. The inscription "Glory to God in the Highest" can still be seen on the plaster walls of the interior.

(See Continuation Sheet)

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Butler, Benjamin & Natalie. "Early American Meeting Houses in Farmington, Maine." Pioneer America, Vol. I #1, January 1969.

Butler, Francis Gould. A History of Farmington, Franklin County, Maine. Farmington: Knowlton, McLeory & Co., 1885.

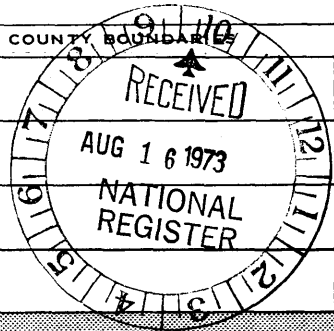
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		44° 40' 08"	70° 09' 03"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Richard D. Kelly

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: July 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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 A. Mundy

Title: State Historic Pres. Officer

Date: August 13, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Robert M. Kelly  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/28/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of the National Register  
Date: 8/23/73

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This building is a perfect example of the term, adaptive use. Instead of tearing, the structure down it has been revitalized and presents a view of a remarkable early 19th century meeting house that is an integral part of the history of the Town of Farmington, Maine.

