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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Eastport's Central Congregational Church of 1829 displays a Federal style desîgn which reflects the clean detailing associated with the period.

The building is of wood frame construction on a stone foundation with all wood trim. Clapboard sheathing is used throughout the exterior. The body of the church is a simple rectangle with a gable roof above the balcony level which runs the length of the church. A square tower is located flush with the front of the building, set off by a projecting moulding running along

The facade is marked most noticeably by a horizontal projecting moulding and wide entablature above the balcony level, forming a pediment which contains a semi-elliptical? The glazing of the window consists of several pieces of petal-shaped glass, leaded in place. Entrance to the church is gained by means of three doors in the facade, with the central door slightly higher than the others. Each is crowned by semi-circular arches resting on prominent impost blocks at either side of the tops of the doors. All three arches are glazed with large-paned fan lights. At the balcony level of the facade, there is a large window directly over each door. The three door/window combinations are separated by two full height pilasters, with another to each side of the group. In addition, each corner of the facade displays a framing pilaster which faces forward. All the pilasters have distinctly large bases which project dramatically forward.

The side elevation of the church is simple with no mouldings or decoration. The only feature here is a row of four equally spaced windows, exactly like those of the facade balcony, at each level.

The substantial square tower at the front of the church is rusticated with the use of unbeveled quoins. Set prominently in the front and side faces of the tower are clock faces with Roman numerals. An octagonal steeple base sits atop the square tower. Each face of this element displays an arch with impost moulding and key. Each arch contains a flat panel and is flanked by pilasters. The arches support a wide entablature crowned by a pediment containing a deeply recessed panel. An octagonal spire rises from behind the pediment units. The crest of the spire supports an intricate wrought iron weathervane.

The Central Congregational Church contains an impressive interior space. Its side and rear walls are lined with second story galleries. At the center of the remaining wall is a large arch which is ornamented by an elaborate drapery. In front of this arch is the pulpit area. The main floor is comprised of numerous pews. The entire room is covered by a broadly arched ceiling.

The Central Congregational Church at Eastport has stood as a northeastern Maine landmark for nearly a century and a half. The engagingly simple design of its architect-builder, Daniel Low, has resulted in its being one of the finer provincial Federal style churches in the state.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Moose Island, on which the Town of Eastport is located, was first settled in 1780. However, boundary disputes between the United States and Great Britain and the resultant uncertainty tended to slow development of the area. This was in spite of its strategic location and several good harbors. In 1798, the Moose Island settlement was incorporated as Eastport and growth became more rapid.

During the War of 1812, Eastport, defended by only a few troops at Fort Sullivan, capitulated to a British fleet of greatly superior force and was occupied. The occupation was not finally abandoned until 1818, a mere ten years before the organization of the First Evangelical Congregational Church and Society of Eastport which built the Central Church.

This society was an outgrowth of an earlier religious group formed as a result of a visit in 1819 by Rev. Mighill Blood of Bucksport in the employ of a Massachusetts missionary society. The church thus instituted consisted of but five members. Although another Congregational group existed and was in the process of constructing a meeting house, the two groups never merged since the former chose the Unitarian way while the latter clung to orthodox Congregational tenets.

The formation of the society referred to above led in 1829 to the construction of the beautifully proportioned Federal style church which stands today virtually unchanged. The one exception is the steeple which was blown down in the great gale of 1869 and replaced by one of slightly different form. The clock was also added at this time.

One member of the building committee chosen to oversee the erection of the church was Daniel Low, who became the architect and builder. Nothing is known about Low, but it seems clear that he must have been a man of considerable taste and experience.

The Central Congregational Church is a very early one for the remote area in which it is located and displays a refinement and sophistication not expected in what was then a frontier coastal community.

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