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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 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 Islesboro Free Library
other names/site number Alice L. Pendleton Memorial Library

2. Location

street & number Main Road not for publication
city, town Islesboro vicinity
state Maine code ME county Waldo code 027 zip code 04848

3. Classification

| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
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| | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <u>1</u> | <u> </u> buildings |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | <u> </u> | <u> </u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | <u> </u> | <u> </u> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <u> </u> | <u>1</u> objects |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> Total |

Name of related multiple property listing: Maine Public Libraries
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.
E. L. Field 11/16/88
Signature of certifying official 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.
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.
 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:)
Alvord Byers Entered in the National Register 1/5/89
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: Library

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: Library

7. DescriptionArchitectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Granite

walls Stone: Granite

Brick

roof Stone: Slate

other Wooden Entrance Porch

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Islesboro Free Library is a one-story five-bay, rectangular building of random ashlar quarry faced granite with brick trim. Its Colonial Revival style features include a pedimented entrance porch and exterior end chimneys. The library rests on a granite foundation in an ample rural lot surrounded by trees and open fields.

Facing west, the building has a symmetrically composed facade centered on the entrance. A short flight of granite and concrete steps leads to the porch whose pediment is supported by trios of thin Tuscan columns. The tympanum is faced with stucco between imitation half timbering. Behind the porch is a paneled and glazed door framed by sidelights and a flat elliptical fanlight. Bronze plaques bearing the names of Civil War and World War I veterans rest on either side of the door. The flanking nine-over-nine windows have brick surrounds. Similar material is used at the corners and in the low water table.

The north and south gable ends are identical in composition with single nine-over-nine windows located on either side of the shouldered chimneys. Two small basement windows are set in the north end whereas a single unit and a bulkhead occupy the south end. The rear elevation contains three standard windows, one large square foundation level window and a centrally located basement door. Red tinted mortar joints are utilized with the granite.

The front door opens into a narrow vestibule that introduces the hall. In front is the circulation desk and to the left and right are the reading rooms (although only the one to the right contains chairs for reading) with book shelves. Boxed beams spanning the width of the room delineate the hall from the adjoining rooms and a wooden molding carries around the interior linking the window lintels. A modest mantelpiece and a stair leading to the basement are located in the south reading room. The basement contains additional book shelves, storage and the furnace. Much of the Mission oak furniture, including tables and chairs, are original.

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Located to the northwest of the building is a bronze and granite monument erected in 1922 to the memory of the island's World War I veterans. A flagstaff rises from a richly adorned bronze base designed by Charles Dana Gibson. Although conceivably an eligible object within the context of Maine's war memorials, it is considered a non-contributing feature of the property pending future evaluation of this theme.

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

Architecture

Period of Significance

1917-1938

Significant Dates

1917

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

Constructed in 1917, the Colonial Revival style Islesboro Free Library marks the culmination of this island community's efforts to secure a permanent architecturally distinct place for its public library. The building retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and association. It meets the requirements for registration under criteria A and C for its educational and architectural significance as more fully described in the multiple property submission "Maine Public Libraries".

The history of Islesboro's free public library traces its beginnings to a 1902 town vote approving a fund to establish such an institution. Space for the collection was provided on the second floor of the District #4 schoolhouse. It opened on September 12, 1902. By 1905 interest was being generated for the purposes of securing a more permanent facility for the library, but it was not until 1912 that a finance and building committee was established for this purpose. Five years later sufficient money had been raised and plans secured to commence construction. It was opened to the public on January 14, 1918.

It is not clear whether the library was initially intended to serve in the additional role of a veteran's memorial, but it assumed this place in 1921 when the town erected a monument to its World War I veterans. At this time the bronze plaques were affixed to the entryway and the free-standing flag pole and base designed by Charles Dana Gibson were added to the lot. (An evaluation of their significance awaits the theme study of Maine's war memorials.) Finally, in 1956, the building's name was changed to the Alice L. Pendleton Library in honor of her life-long efforts on behalf of the library.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

History of Islesboro, Maine 1893 - 1983. Islesboro, Islesboro Historical Society, 1984.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Islesboro tax map 19, lot 16.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property embraces the building, the non-contributing war memorial and the lot historically associated with the library.

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