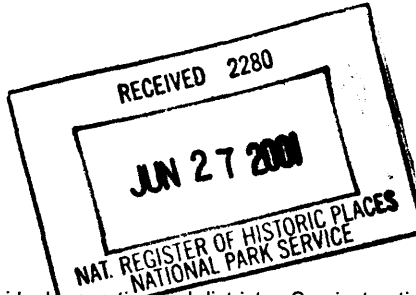


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name First Baptist Church

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 362 Lamoine Beach Road N/A not for publication

city or town East Lamoine N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04605

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 6/19/01
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): _____

[Signature] 8-2-01
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

First Baptist Church
Name of Property

Hancock, Maine
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Religious Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion/Religious Facility

Recreation & Culture/Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Late Victorian

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Front Tower and Flanking Porettes

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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The First Baptist Church is a rectangular wooden frame building that features a pedimented gable roof and a facade tower flanked by hip roofed porches. It is sheathed in clapboards, and it stands on a concrete foundation that was installed in the 1980s when the building was moved back one length from the road. The church is located in a relatively undeveloped part of East Lamoine.

Facing south, the symmetrically composed front elevation is dominated by the projecting central tower which, along with the porches, was added in 1879. A large six-over-six double hung window occupies the lower part of the tower, whereas, a four pane oculus is located in the middle section. The tower's upper stage contains an open belfry with stick ornamentation, and a tall octagonal spire crowns the structure. Scroll brackets decorate the cornices at both stages. The Italianate style porches feature chamfered posts and sawn brackets. They shelter the original six-panel doors and their wide Greek Revival style surrounds. Above the porches at the gallery level are single two-over-two windows.

The three-bay side elevations contain eight-over-eight double hung windows, and two more are symmetrically placed on the rear elevation.

Inside, the front doors open into entrance vestibules that are separated from each other by a semi-circular recess beneath the gallery. A door in the middle of the curved wall provides access to the tower stairs, whereas the stairs to the gallery are located in the vestibule. The gallery's parapet is articulated by four panels that are framed by diamond shaped bands. Three groups of pews (added in 1852 to replace the original stalls) occupy the main portion of the nave, and two smaller sets are located on either side of the dais at the north end. Horizontal board wainscot extends around the nave interior, which has a coved ceiling. Several pieces of original furniture survive, as do wall sconces and a chandelier dating from the late nineteenth century.

An historic photograph of the church made before the present tower was added, reveals that the original building had a short tower with corner spirelets mounted on the roof ridge. A lunette was located in the tympanum of the front pediment.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1832

1879

Significant Dates

1832

1879

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Tisdale, Seth J., Architect

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

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Erected in 1832 and remodeled in 1879, the First Baptist Church is a wooden frame building that was designed and built by the Ellsworth architect/builder Seth J. Tisdale. It is eligible for nomination to the National Register under Criterion C for its local architectural significance. Criteria Consideration A and B also apply, respectively, because of the property's historic religious use, and due to its slight relocation back from the road in the 1980s.

The First Baptist Church in Lamoine traces its origins to the first decade of the nineteenth century when eight congregants were gathered by Elder Jason Livermore (Douglas, p.11). Subsequent revivals augmented the membership such that by April of 1832 sufficient means existed to erect the present church building. The new church was dedicated in August of that year, although the pew doors were not hung until 1833.

It appears that a split developed in the congregation by the early 1840s, and in 1853 a new church building was constructed by the Baptists in Lamoine. Sometime thereafter the two congregations reunited, but the subsequent use of the original church building is not entirely clear. Nonetheless, it seems to have continued to be an important part of the community's religious life since considerable effort was made to update the building in 1879. The publication of a brief history of the church on the occasion of its centennial in 1832 was done with the object of developing a fund to guarantee its future upkeep. Eventually, the building was deeded to the Cemetery Association (which was responsible for the cemetery located behind the church), and in the 1970s the Association deed it to the Lamoine Historical Society which presently maintains it.

As originally built, the First Baptist Church was a decidedly Greek Revival style building with its pedimented gable roof and wide door surrounds. However, an early photograph of the church reveals that it had a squat tower that featured Gothic Revival style spirelets at its four corners. In its basic form, this original building was not unlike other churches of the period including St. John's Episcopal Church in Dresden (NR 6/14/1991), and its near twin, the Pittston Congregational Church (NR 1/31/78).

In 1879, the congregation engaged another noted Ellsworth builder, Asa Hodgkins, to design and build a new tower. The construction of this new structure and its flanking entrance porches updated the building's appearance in the latest architectural fashion. Thus, the present configuration relates the church to a group of Italianate style buildings erected between the 1850s and 1870s, all of which are characterized by the attached frontal tower.

The original architect/builder of the church, Seth J. Tisdale (1803-1875), was born in Taunton, Massachusetts. He moved to Ellsworth in 1823 with his former master Mr. Lincoln where they were engaged to build a farmhouse for John D. Gilmore. After a brief return to Taunton, Tisdale came back to Ellsworth and was employed in the construction of the brick house of Col. John Black (NR 12/23/69). The column-long notice of his death that appeared in the March 18, 1875 edition of the *Ellsworth American* listed several other buildings he designed and built, and referred to his work in adjoining towns, although it did not name his clients.

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"Death of Mr. Tisdale," *The Ellsworth American*, March 18, 1875.

Douglas, John Sherman. *The First Baptist Church, Lamoine, Maine*. Lamoine, ME: Privately Printed, 1932.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Lamoine tax map 12, lot 1.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire rural lot that is historically associated with the First Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church
Name of Property

Hancock, Maine
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less Than 1

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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 See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 2001

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city or town Augusta, state Maine zip code 04333-0065

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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View from SW

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View of interior looking NE