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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Penobscot
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ENTRY DATE	NOV 26 1973

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1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Anne's Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Indian Island off me. 43

CITY OR TOWN:
Old Town

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
2nd: Hon. William Cohen

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: Penobscot	CODE 019
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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 type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland

STREET AND NUMBER:
510 Ocean Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Portland

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Penobscot County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hammond Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bangor

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

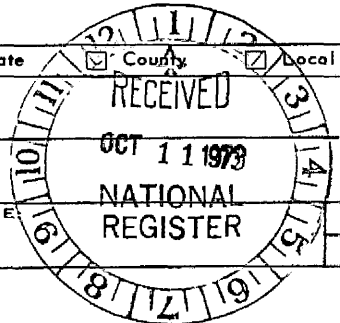
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

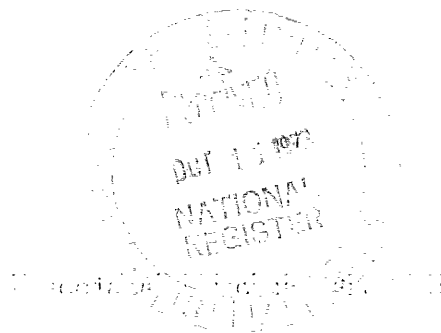
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Anne's Church on Indian Island is a simple vernacular structure built in 1828-30 and altered at subsequent periods. Originally, the church was a one and a half story gable roofed structure with one of its gable ends used as a facade. The facade had a first story central doorway with a window on either side. Under the peak of the gable was a Federal style fanlight. On the peak of the roof near the front of the gable stood a square tower with a belfrey. The left and right side walls each had a series of three windows.

In the late nineteenth or early twentieth century, St. Anne's Church was somewhat altered. The tower and belfrey were removed from the roof, and a tall square tower and belfrey were erected on the front of the building, thus eliminating the original facade entrance and windows. The fanlight was probably taken from the gable peak and installed on the front of the new tower just above the entrance. Above the fanlight was placed a rectangular window. On either side of the tower were three rectangular windows, one above another. The final stages of the tower was a belfrey with a Palladian window on each side and a square pinnacle at each corner. From the center rose a four sided spire, a larger version of the pinnacle caps. Atop both caps and the spire were placed crosses. During the turn of the century alteration, the series of three pointed arch stained glass windows were installed on each of the two side walls. Most of these features remain on the building.

In recent years the exterior of St. Anne's has been covered with aluminum siding. This has resulted in the elimination of three tower windows as well as the Palladian windows in the belfrey. Despite changes with time, this chapel remains an important landmark which has endured for almost one hundred and fifty years.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1828-1830

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The history of St. Anne's begins in 1688 with the establishment of this mission to the Penobscot Indians. Sometime between this date and 1700, a church was erected on the site of the present church. Local legend says that an architect came from France to build the first church, but this has no documentation. The mission was established by Father Louis Pierre Thury who was ordained in Quebec in 1667 and who died on June 3, 1699 at Chibouctou in present day New Brunswick.

In 1705, the mission to the Penobscot tribe was transferred to the Jesuits and was served by Father Antoine Gaulen from 1705 to 1732. From 1732 to 1792, there was no priest at Indian Island except for the occasional missionary who stopped to say Mass on route from Quebec to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

From 1792 to 1818, the following missionaries ministered to the Penobscots; Francis R. Ciquard from 1792 to 1794, John Cheverus from 1794 to 1798, and James R. Romagne from 1799 to 1818. These missionaries ministered to the Indians during the summer months and spent the winters with the Kavanaughs at Damariscotta Mills. This was the earliest Irish Catholic settlement in Maine. It was during the visits of John Cheverus that the second church was built on Indian Island occupying the same site as the first.

During the late 1820's and early 1830's Father Virgil Barber was the resident priest at Indian Island. It was during his pastorate that the third and present church was built on the Island occupying the site of the first two St. Anne's. The church was constructed between the years 1828 and 1830 with funds granted by the Maine State Legislature.

This church built between 1828 and 1830 is the subject of this nomination. The church has been altered somewhat in the location of the spire as outlined in the description. In 1848, when Father John Bapst arrived at Indian Island, the church was "a rather good looking building with a steeple and bell and a choir gallery."

Father Bapst only ministered to the Indians for a few years until he went to minister to the Catholics in Bangor and Ellsworth. From

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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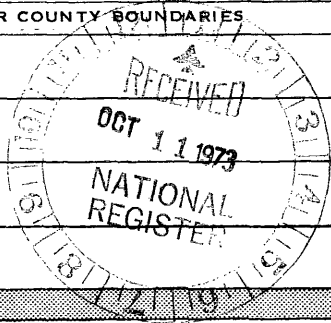
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr. & Richard D. Kelly

ORGANIZATION: **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **Sept., 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 *(Oct 1973)*

Name James H. Munday
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date October, 9, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert W. Uley
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date 11/26/73
 ATTEST:
Wm. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 11-26-73

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ca. 1855 to 1926, St. Anne's was ministered to by the resident priests at the parishes in Old Town. In 1926, St. Anne's became a parish with its own full time priest.

St. Anne's Church on Indian Island is quite historically significant for around this church revolves the whole history of the French missions to Maine Indians. St. Anne's is also one of the oldest Catholic churches in New England, being established in 1688. The building itself is also one of the oldest Catholic churches still standing in New England having been built between 1828 and 1830.

Also at Indian Island is the oldest Catholic burying ground in New England, established in 1688. It is quite near the church.

