

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic District <sup>No.</sup> #1 Schoolhouse

and or common Fryeburg Women's Library Club Library

2. Location

street & number 98 Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Fryeburg, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Oxford code 017

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Fryeburg Women's Library Club

street & number 98 Main Street

city, town Fryeburg, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04037

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oxford County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town South Paris, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

This rectangular one-and-one-half story structure is constructed of granite ashlar blocks laid up in ten courses. The half-story is wood construction with a steeply pitched gable roof. Each gable end has clapboard siding. The windows on the first story and in the gable end are six-over-six double-hung sash. The central entrance in the west facade is deeply recessed in a paneled doorway.

Attached to the north and south sides are one-and-one-half story wood frame wings which are later additions. These wings have clapboard siding and gable roofs.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**                      1832                      **Builder/Architect**                      Arnold Floyd

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The District #1 Schoolhouse of 1832 is one of only two known stone district school buildings in Maine, the other being in Georgetown in a state of semi-decay. This building is also far more carefully constructed than the other with extremely fine stonework. Of additional importance is the Mulford room added as a wing in 1957 and donated by the late Clarence E. Mulford, the celebrated author of western novels featuring such characters as Hopalong Cassidy. The room contains memorabilia of Mr. Mulford and his work dating back to the 1920's. He was a resident of Fryeburg during the latter part of his life.

The Weston Wing, another wooden addition on the other side of the rear was added in 1973 where there had originally been another entrance.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Walker, Helen Pike & Hapworth, Thelma, Still Sits the Schoolhouse by the Road, privately printed, 1932.  
 Portland Daily Press, November 26, 1903, "Dedication of the Women's Library Club Building."  
 Maine Library Bulletin, April, 1927.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Quadrangle name Fryeburg Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 9	3 4 1 0 9 0	4 8 7 5 2 4 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 41, Lot 54

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date May, 1984

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city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Evelyn S. Fretwell* date 6/8/84

title S.H.P.O.

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register Entered in the National Register date 7/19/84

*J. Melissa Byers*  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration