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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Ellsworth Congregational Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Ellsworth

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Hancock CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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:
Congregational Church and Society of Ellsworth

STREET AND NUMBER:
State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hancock County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
60 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth 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: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ellsworth Congregational Church, dedicated in 1846, was the second church built by the Congregationalists of Ellsworth, who organized in 1812. The Greek Revival Church is located on the northeastern corner of Church and State Streets, facing southeast towards Church Street.

The white wooden church is 85' long and 45' wide. The main part of the church is two and a half stories high and has a gable roof. A wide pediment supported by six fluted doric columns projects from the facade. At the center of the matched board facade is a tall door which contains panels above the current panelled double entrance door. A wide stairway leads up to the temple like portico.

Completing the facade is the tower. The square section of the tower directly above the pediment houses a clock. Above is an octagonal belfry, which is open with a balustrade between the square columns supporting its circular top. Above this is the octagonal windowed base of the tall octagonal spire which is capped by a weathervane.

The four corners of the main part of the church are decorated with doric pilasters. The sides of the church are punctuated by windows.

An 1881 map of Ellsworth shows a secondary building to the right of the church. This building is no longer there but a modern wing has been added. A large one and a half story parish house on the northeastern side is connected to the rear of the church by a one story passageway.

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

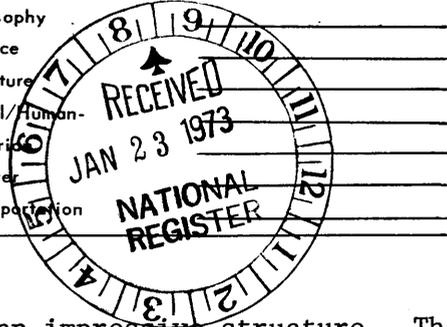
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1846

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ellsworth Congregational Church is an impressive structure. The large scale and the plain boldness of the detail is appropriate to a building of such huge size. The church is well sited. It sits on a raised platform of ground on the side of a gently sloping hill. The approach up the hill toward the front of the church emphasizes the soaring verticality of its facade.

One of the buildings to survive the 1933 Fire, the Ellsworth Congregational Church remains today, a fine example of New England church architecture of the mid-nineteenth century. The church was designed and built by Thomas Lord, a carpenter-designer of Blue Hill, Maine. Lord built several churches in Hancock County. The Blue Hill Baptist Church was redone by him in 1856.

The positioning of the Ellsworth Congregational Church in relationship to the rest of Ellsworth is important today. Grouped between the church and Route #1 are the City Hall, the government buildings of Hancock County, a handsome block of brick stores along the Union River, and several distinguished residences, one now the public library. The Congregational Church, rising from the hill, is a focal point of this architecturally rich district in the center of Ellsworth.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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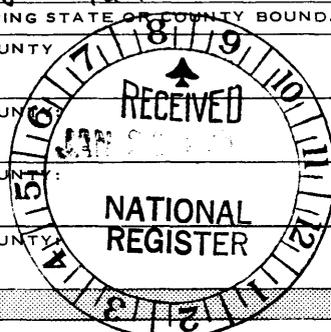
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1a.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary-Eliza Wengren, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: Nov. 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Name James H. Mundy

Title State Liaison Officer

Date January 15, 1973

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

Robert A. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/24/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 4/16/73