

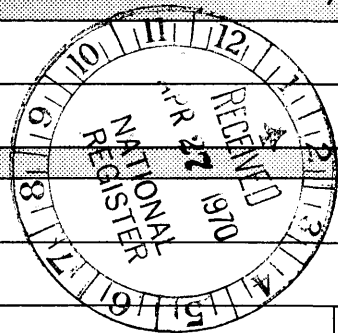
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Cumberland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-518-0031	DATE 5/19/70

1. NAME			
COMMON: Spurwink Congregational Church			
AND/OR HISTORIC: South Meeting House			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Spurwink Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Cape Elizabeth			
STATE Maine	CODE 18	COUNTY: Cumberland	CODE 005



3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Used occasionally for christenings, weddings and funerals
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Town of Cape Elizabeth			
STREET AND NUMBER: 320 Ocean House Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Cape Elizabeth	STATE: Maine	CODE 18	STATE: Maine

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Cumberland County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Portland	STATE: Maine	CODE 18	COUNTY: Cumberland
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN TEN			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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1-12-76

19/392890/4825780

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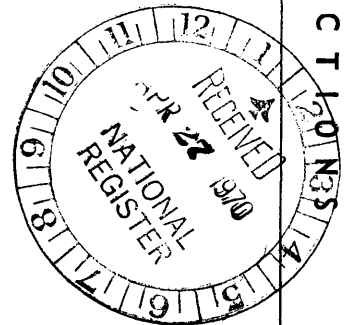
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building is located on a 1/2 acre plot of land. The principal structure is about 36' long and 33' wide on the foundation of rough granite blocks and field stones. It is a 1 1/2 story wooden frame construction. It reaches a height at the peak of about 35' from the foundation timbers. Both sides hold three 8' high and 4' wide windows with 24 lights each. The windows are flanked by shutters and a wooden slab fan forms a decorative area over each window. In addition to the principal structure there is the addition, on the front end, of an entrance pavilion about 18' long and 9' deep, with a 4' x 8' window on each side. The pavilion rises again from a stone foundation reaching a height at its peak of about 30'. The pavilion's roof timbering supports a square tower upon which rises a bell tower topped with a small cupola. The tower complex also is supported in part by roof timbers of the principal structure. A weather vane on an iron shaft spire completes the pointer to God. The meeting house is sheathed with clapboards and is painted white. It has a single brick chimney in the rear. The present day building is, for all purposes, the 1830 building. It is not in good repair. It is open only during summer months. The Cape Elizabeth Town Office handles the schedule. The roof is water tight. The building needs to have many of the clapboards renailed. Some clapboards have been replaced. Overall it needs painting. The interior contains the original box pews. The interior is plain. Today the church is supplied by electricity, but in other years it has been illuminated by Kerosene lamps. From the center of the ceiling there remains suspended today an interesting Kerosene fueled chandelier.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **first built 1802 - rebuilt 1830**

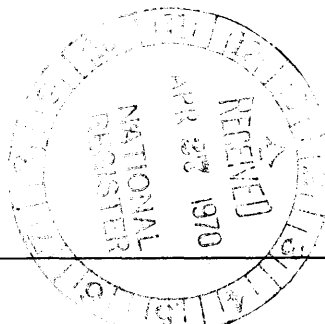
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Rev. Thomas M. Smith of the First Parish on The Neck, now Portland was the first established minister for all of ancient Falmouth. He was ordained March 8, 1727, having graduated from Harvard in 1720. By an Act of the General Court May 7, 1733 the lands lying on the southerly side of Fore River were set off, and incorporated as the Second Parish. It was more commonly known by the early settlers as Purpoodock. On September 5, 1733, it was voted to build a meeting house and November 10, 1734, Rev. Benjamin Allen was installed as minister. His successor was Rev. Ephraim Clark who was installed May 21, 1756. During his 45 years as pastor, some parishoners being sturdy Presbyterians and others Congregationalists, there existed a feud relative to church government and order. On January 20, 1760, the General court set off the disaffected brethren at Purpoodock, and still later Cape Elizabeth was incorporated as a town on November 1, 1765. It was on September 12, 1787, that the Second Parish separated from the First. Rev. Elijah Kellogg was installed and their sole pastor for 19 yeras. Because of an enlarging congregation of the Second Parish under Rev. Kellogg, the South meeting-house was built in 1802 at Spurwink as a branch to the present First Congregational Church at 301 Cottage Road. The present Spurwink Congregational Church was rebuilt in the 1830's on the original site. It became an independent church in 1935 after being associated with the First Congregational Church of South Portland for 133 years. Rev. Charles Paul was the first resident minister after this dissolution. Cape Elizabeth separated from South Portland in 1895 and afterwards built its own High School and the first graduating class of 1905 held its exercises in the Spurwink Church with Aubrey C. Gilmore as minister. Rev. Charles Rodway was the last minister to hold services during the summer months. The church was disbanded and the property transferred to the town in 1957.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jordan, William B., A History of Cape Elizabeth
 Roerden, Chris, Collections from Cape Elizabeth
 Annual Report, Cape Elizabeth, December 31, 1962

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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:
John W. Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **State Park & Recreation Commission** DATE: **Feb. 20, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18**

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

Name Lawrence Stuart
Lawrence Stuart

Title Director

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

MAY 19 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **MAY 8 1970**

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PROUTS NECK QUADRANGLE
 MAINE
 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SE/4 PORTLAND 15' QUADRANGLE

69° 11' 11" NW
 (PORTLAND EAST)

P.O. 3.6 MI.
 VER 0.5 MI.
 7'30" 396

470 000 FEET

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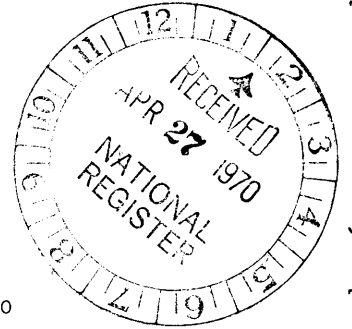
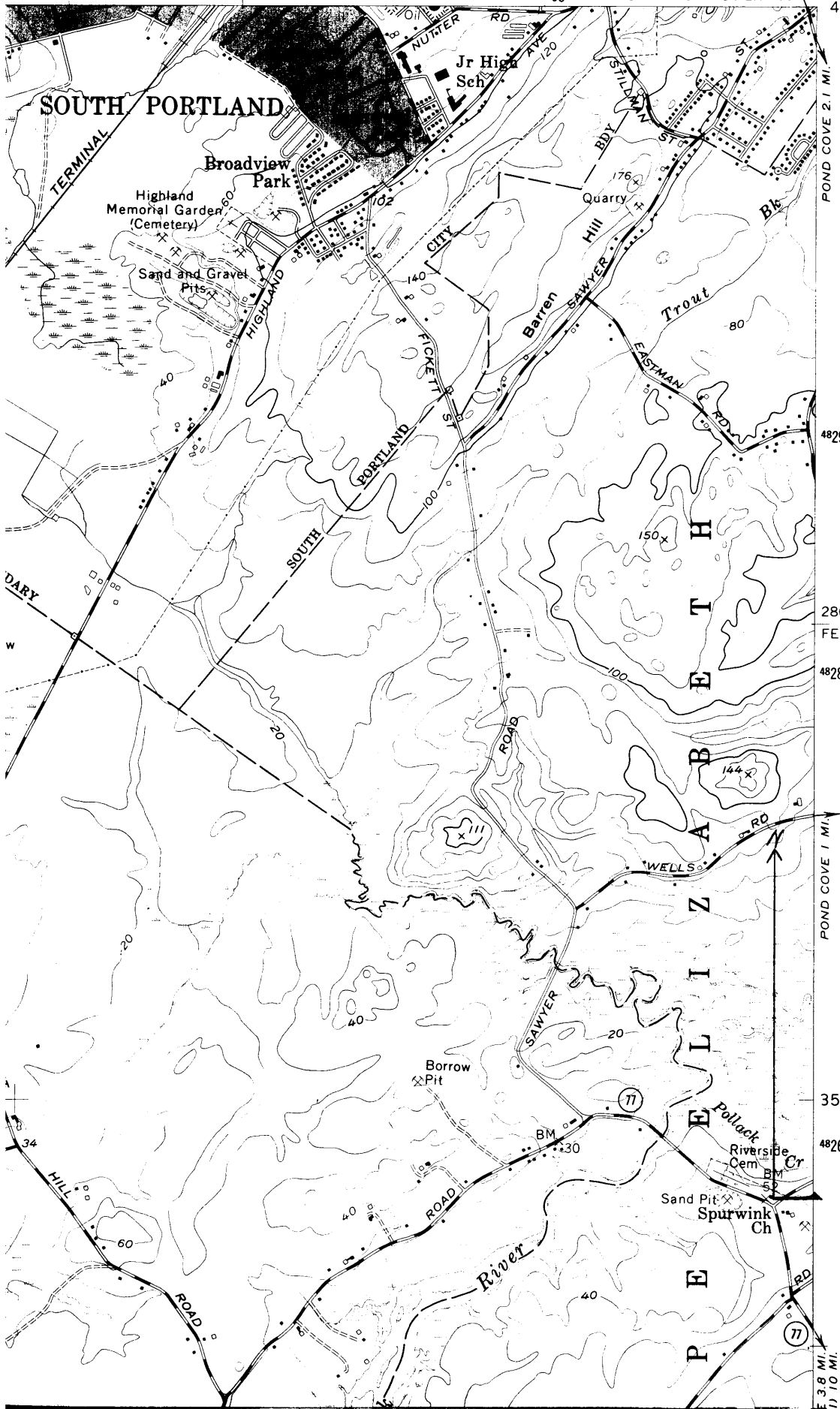
PORTLAND (P.O.) 2.7 MI.

70° 15'

43° 37' 30"

Latitude
 43° 31' 50"

Longitude
 70° 15' 9"



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1/2 acre