

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Hancock	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-12-18-0020	DATE 12/30/69

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Jonathan Fisher Memorial, Inc.

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Parson Fisher House

2. LOCATION *SIV of Blue Hill on ME 15 (Outer Main St.)*

STREET AND NUMBER:
Outer Main Street, Route 15 Highway

CITY OR TOWN:
Blue Hill vic.

STATE: Maine CODE: 18 COUNTY: Hancock CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Jonathan Fisher Memorial, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Blue Hill STATE: Maine CODE: 18

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hancock County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Ellsworth STATE: Maine CODE: 18

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Jonathan Fisher built his first home in 1796. This first house, which was in use for 100 years, was torn down by a Fisher descendent in 1896. It formed the ell of the present four room, two story, house which was built in 1814, largely by the Parson himself.

This original portion of the house was allowed to fall into disrepair. In 1954, restoration work was commenced. The house is now almost completely restored except for a few relatively minor details. Within the home are numerous original furnishings, including an unusual clock built by Fisher himself.

The barn, also built in the late 1700's is still standing, but is in need of repair.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1844 1796

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

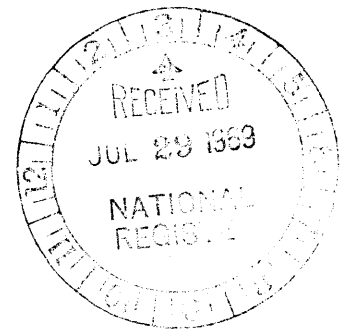
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Jonathan Fisher, born in 1768 in New Braintree, Massachusetts, and educated at Harvard College from 1788 to 1795 both in liberal arts and in divinity, came to Blue Hill, Maine in June, 1796, as the first settled pastor of the Congregational Church. He was called to become minister for sixty families.

He was a linguist, printer, inventor, artist, architect, teacher, poet, botanist and father of nine children. His ministry there lasted for forty-one years, and he left a record which today is the admiration of scholars, artists, authors, naturalists and historians.

From the time that he was a divinity student at Harvard, he kept a journal in which he marked the events of his life, and the happenings of the world around him. This record of life in the early 19th century Maine was written in a code of his own device and the contents of the Parson journal remained a secret until Edith Weren set about deciphering them. Mrs. Weren assisted her sister Mary Ellen Chase in writing her biography, Jonathan Fisher, a Maine Parson, 1768-1847.

Fisher himself wrote the well-known Scriptural Animals, which contains 142 woodcut prints of his own design.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chase, Mary E., Jonathan Fisher, A Maine Parson, 1768 -1847
 Exerpt from Historical Magazine, Dec. 1868 pp. 273-276

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	44°	24'	19"	68°	35'	52"		
NE	44°	24'	19"	68°	35'	50"		
SE	44°	24'	17"	68°	35'	50"		
SW	44°	24'	17"	68°	35'	52"		

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:
 Donald ~~H~~onstrom

ORGANIZATION: Maine State Park & Recreation Commission DATE: July 14, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 18-0160

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 Lawrence Stuart
 Lawrence Stuart
 Title Director

Date July 27, 1969

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

Ernest Allen Couvally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date DEC 30 1969

ATTEST:
William G. Scourtoft
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 11 1969

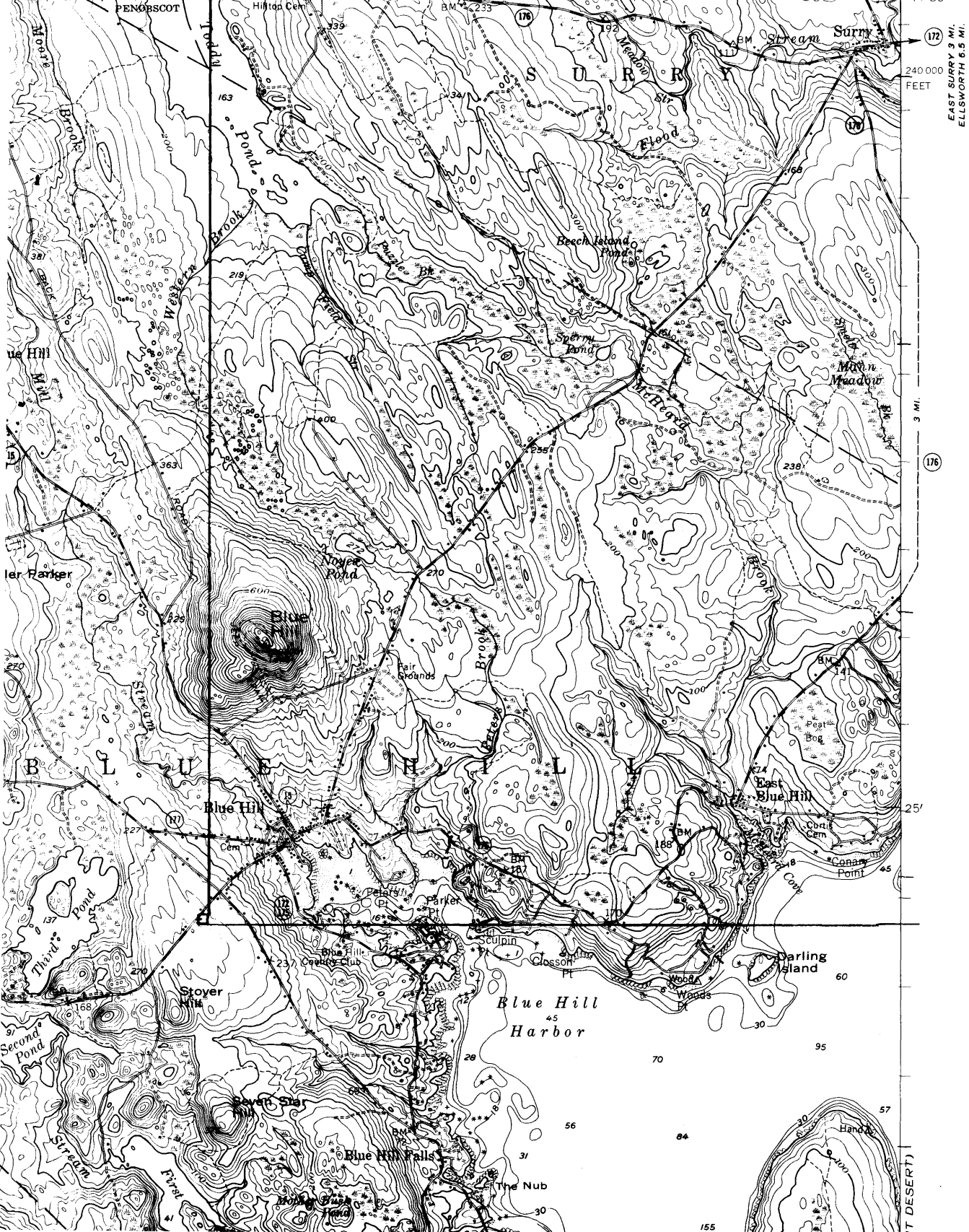
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44° 24' 17"
68° 35' 50"
Jonathan Fisher House

BLUE HILL QUADRANGLE
MAINE-HANCOCK CO.
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

(ELLSWORTH)

ORLAND) PENOBSCOT 35' 6.3 MI. TO U.S. 1 & ME. 3 149000 FEET 68°30' 44°30'



EAST SURRY 3 MI.
ELLSWORTH 6.5 MI.

3 MI.

(176)

25'

(VT DESERT)

155