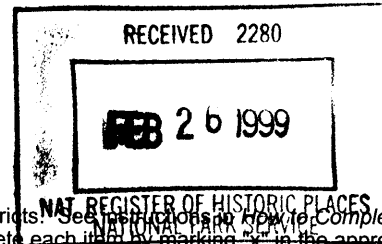


United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name (Former) Percy District School House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East Side of Parker Head Road at Junction with Cox Head Road N/A not for publication

city or town Parker Head vicinity

state Maine code ME county Sagadahoc code 023 zip code 04562

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Emil J. Howard 2/19/99
Signature of certifying official/Title SHPS Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

Edson H. Beall 3/25/99
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

(Former) Percy District School House
Name of Property

Sagadahoc, Maine
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing Noncontributing

1 buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

1 0 Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education/School

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-Nineteenth Century

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Stone/Granite

roof Asphalt

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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(FORMER) PERCY DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE

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Located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Cox's Head and Parker Head roads, the (Former) Percy District School House is a one-story gable roofed building that is constructed of quarry faced granite blocks. A modern wood frame addition with a stucco exterior finish is attached to the northeast corner of the building. Having been derelict for nearly twenty years, work on converting the former school house into a dwelling began in 1944.

Facing west, the building's three-bay front elevation contains an entrance at the northwest corner and a pair of small eight-over-eight double hung sash windows with wooden blinds. A modern brick chimney punctuates the roof at the north end. There are a pair of symmetrically placed eight-over-eight windows on the south elevation -- the gable peak of which is sheathed in clapboards that cover the stonework -- and a second pair on the east side elevation. The gable roofed frame addition is the same height as the historic building and features an exterior brick chimney on the east gable end, as well as a shed roofed screened porch on the north side.

The interior of the school house consists of a narrow transverse hall located behind the entrance and one large room. Presently, the interior of the school room is finished with wallpaper over plaster except for the partition wall which is sheathed in vertical paneling. The north hall wall has been left with the stone exposed. An historic photograph taken of the interior prior to its remodeling shows that there was horizontal wainscot below the windows and across the partition with plaster above. The hall appears to have been finished in plaster only.

At the time that remodeling of the school began in 1944, most of the historic windows were missing and the door was an early twentieth century replacement. The rehabilitation work included replication of the original window sash and the installation of an earlier style of door.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1838

Significant Dates

1838

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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National Park Service

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Completed in 1838, the (Former) Percy District School House is a traditional one-room educational facility that is distinguished by its granite block construction. In fact, it is one of three such buildings of the type that were erected in the vicinity during the 1820s and 1830s. One of them, the c.1820 Stone Schoolhouse, District 3, in Georgetown is already listed in the National Register (8/12/77). Beginning in 1944, nearly twenty years after it closed, the former school was remodeled into a residence at which time an addition was made to the rear elevation. Nonetheless, because of its unusual method of construction and relationship to the other known examples, the former school merits nomination under criterion C for its local architectural significance.

In both its general design and the materials used in its construction, the Percy District School is representative of a local school building tradition that is reflected in two other extant buildings that are located within four miles of each other. The earliest of these may be the Old Stone Schoolhouse in Georgetown which is believed to have been built around 1820. Its principal elevation is organized in a fashion that is similar to the Percy District School, with a door at one corner and a pair of windows located to one side, as well as a second pair on the rear elevation. Among the notable differences between the two is that the Georgetown building has no windows in either of its gable ends whereas the Percy District School has a pair in one end. The configuration of the primary elevations on these two buildings is fairly typical of eighteenth and early nineteenth century rural school houses in Maine. Both the Old Schoolhouse in York (NR 4/2/73), which is said to have been built in 1746, and the Brick School in Winslow (NR 4/18/77), constructed in 1810, are configured in such a manner, although both of these buildings feature a fireplace behind the door. The Percy District School appears to have always utilized a stove for heating. It is not clear if the Old Stone Schoolhouse was similarly built. The third stone school is also located in Georgetown within the boundary of Reid State Park. Little is known about its history, but it closely resembles the other two in both design and construction.

According to the National Register nomination for the Old Stone Schoolhouse, it was constructed by stone masons from nearby Long Island under the supervision of Joseph Berry (who had also obtained in this period the contracts for the construction of several stone lighthouses along the Maine coast). The surviving records relating to the construction of the Percy District School do not contain Berry's name, but rather those of a number of men who were paid for their labors on the "new school house." The name of the contractor -- if there was one -- is not apparent from these records. Although local historians indicate that the school was built in 1836, it is apparent from these documents that a substantial amount of work was still underway in 1838.

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According to one local history, the construction of school buildings in the Town of Phippsburg commenced in the 1820s, and by 1835 there were nine school districts in existence (*Phippsburg...*, pp. 20-22). The further subdivision of the town into local school districts continued at least into the 1860s when an additional six had been added. In addition to the Percy District School (also known at times as the District 3 or Cox's Head School), three other former school houses still stand in town, one of which is occupied by the Phippsburg Historical Society Museum. Town records indicate that the Percy District School was closed in 1926, and the other one-room buildings had been discontinued by 1958 when a new ten-room elementary school was completed at Phippsburg Center.

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(Former) Percy District School House
Name of Property

Sagadahoc, Maine
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less Than 1

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The (Former) Percy District School House occupies the southwest corner of the Town of Phippsburg tax map 13, lot 22 (see map).

Boundary Justification

The nominated section of the larger lot encompasses the area originally associated with the school house. Additional land that is not significantly associated with the building was acquired by the present owner after 1944.