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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gorham Campus Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

University of Maine at Portland-Gorham

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College Avenue

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Gorham

___ VICINITY OF

1st Hon. David Emery
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maine

CODE
23

COUNTY
Cumberland

CODE
005

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- ___ BUILDING(S)
- ___ STRUCTURE
- ___ SITE
- ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- ___ PRIVATE
- ___ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ___ IN PROCESS
- ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- ___ UNOCCUPIED
- ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- ___ YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ___ NO

PRESENT USE

- ___ AGRICULTURE
- ___ COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ___ ENTERTAINMENT
- ___ GOVERNMENT
- ___ INDUSTRIAL
- ___ MILITARY
- ___ MUSEUM
- ___ PARK
- ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___ RELIGIOUS
- ___ SCIENTIFIC
- ___ TRANSPORTATION
- ___ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

University of Maine at Portland-Gorham

STREET & NUMBER

96 Falmouth Street

CITY, TOWN

Portland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cumberland County Registry of Deeds,

STREET & NUMBER

142 Federal Street

CITY, TOWN

Portland

STATE
Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gorham Campus Historic District comprises seven architecturally significant buildings. Dating from the early 19th through the early 20th centuries, none of the district's buildings has suffered major alterations. The Campus is located near the junction of State Routes 114 and 25, and has been the site of educational institutions since the Federal period. One of the buildings, the Art Gallery (#2), was individually entered into the National Register on December 27, 1972. All of the buildings in the district belong to the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham and fulfill educational functions. There are no nonconforming intrusions.

Buildings and sites contributing to the character of the district:

1. Academy Building: 1807, Federal, 2 stories, clapboarded, hip roof with belfry.
2. Art Gallery: 1821, Federal and Greek Revival, 1 story, clapboarded, gable roof, doric colonnaded portico.
3. Corthell Hall: 1878, Gothic Revival, 2½ stories, brick, hip roof, 3-story tower on each facade.
4. President's Residence: 1906, Queen Anne 2½ stories, brick, hip roof, 1-story facade.
5. Robie Hall: 1898, Gothic Revival, 4½ stories, brick, hip roof, polygonal corner towers.
6. Andrews Hall: 1916, Gothic Revival, 4½ stories, brick, hip roof.
7. Russell Hall: 1931, Tudor Revival, 2 stories with 3-story central tower, brick, flat roof; designed by R. Mayo, built by Gogins & Clark, all of Portland, Maine.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gorham Historic District is important not only for the architectural merit of each of its buildings, but also for the interesting story it illustrates of educational development in Maine.

Incorporated in 1803 by the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor, and endowed by them with unincorporated townships, Gorham Academy opened its doors to 33 men on September 9, 1806. Rev. Reuben Nason acted as the first preceptor in the new Academy building constructed with funds from the sale of some of the townships. The following year the decision was reached to admit women also, as long as the total number of students did not exceed 70. Rev. Thaddeus Pomeroy led the fund drive in 1835 which raised \$7,000 to build a 3-story Female Seminary dormitory on land he donated for the purpose. The building was completed in 1837, and in 1838, the Gorham Female Seminary became a separate school from Gorham Male Academy.

In 1847, the Seminary became known as Gorham Academy and Teachers Institute. Then by an Act of Legislature in August 1850, the whole establishment became the Maine Female Seminary, discontinuing the male portion of what had at one time been a school exclusively for men. The men's Academy was soon reestablished, however, and in 1861, the two institutions reunited as the Gorham Seminary. This Seminary officially closed in 1877, as the proliferation of public high schools had dried up the pool of applicants for private academies.

In 1878, with state support and a \$15,000 appropriation from the town of Gorham, the Western Maine Normal School opened in the old Academy buildings and the new Corthell Hall. The Female Seminary building, after having suffered fire damage twice in 1859, burned down in 1894. A junior high school was built on its site. In 1897, Robie Hall named to honor prominent Gorham citizen Frederick Robie was dedicated. Robie had served 8 terms as a state representative, six of them as speaker, and had been Governor from 1883-1887.

The Curriculum of the Normal School was expanded in 1911 to include the teaching of industrial arts. In 1925, courses were added in kindergarten and primary teaching. In the late 1920's, a third year was added to the previously two-year program. For the graduating class of 1938, the course became a full four years. The Normal School had its name changed in 1945 to Gorham State Teachers College, becoming the second oldest teachers college in the state. Art and music education were added to the expanding curriculum in the 1950's. The College became accredited in New England in 1960, and nationally in 1964. It is now part of the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hugh D. McLellan, History of Gorham, Maine.
 Walter Johnson, Bi-Centennial History of Gorham, Maine 1736-1936.

Bi-Centennial Commemoration of the Incorporation of the Town of Gorham
 Maine 1764-1964.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on School Street 25 feet north of an extension of the north wall of the Academy building proceed south on the west side of School Street. Turn west at a 90° angle to School Street and proceed to the easternmost point of the loop at the end of the Loop Drive. Follow the northern perimeter of Loop Drive west and south to College Avenue, thence west on the north side of College Avenue to east corner of Campus Drive. Follow the east and south side of Campus Drive north and east to a point 25 ft. north of an extension of the north wall of the Academy building.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

NAME / TITLE
 Frank A. Beard, Historian
 Kristen Stred, Student Assistant

ORGANIZATION
 Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

6/77

STREET & NUMBER
 242 State Street

TELEPHONE

289-2133

CITY OR TOWN
 Augusta

STATE

Maine

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 *Earle S. Sheddworth Jr.*

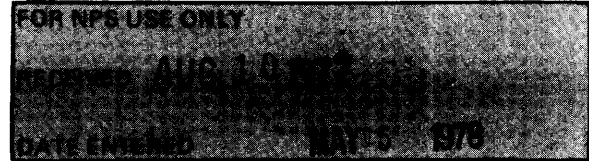
TITLE *State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE *August 4, 1977*

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <i>5/15/78</i>
ATTEST: <i>W. H. ...</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <i>4-26-78</i>

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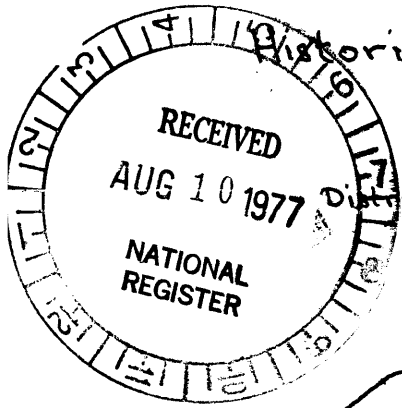
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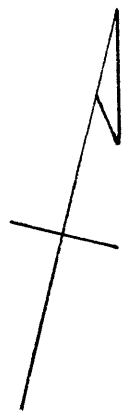
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Gorham Campus

Historic District



District Boundary - - - - -



Main Campus Entrance

2. 4.

3.

7.

5. 6.

1.

Campus Drive

Loop Drive

College Avenue

School Street (Rt. 114)

