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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC ****** Stone Schoolhouse, District 3

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 3 of Georgetown on

Bay Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown vic VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st Hon. David Emery

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Sagadahoc

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Inhabitants of the Town of Georgetown OFFICE

STREET & NUMBER

Bay Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine 04548

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bath

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Stone Schoolhouse, Georgetown, is a small, rectangular, one-story stone building with a steeply-pitched gable roof. The ashlar walls are built of local stone. The foundation is of identical construction.

There are no doors or windows in the structure's gable-ends; a brick chimney is attached externally to one end of the building, set off-center.

The front elevation of the schoolhouse is pierced, left to right, by a door and two windows, all inset. The door and window lintels are at the same height as the eaves. The windows have two-over-two panes.

The rear elevation has two windows, in mirror image of the two in the front elevation. At this time they are boarded up, but were two-over-two.

Local tradition characterizes the building stylistically as being of Irish farmhouse type, in that three Irish stone-masons were hired to build the structure in about 1820. The building, however, is indistinct in form from other stone and brick schoolhouses of early 19th-century 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the exact date of construction of the Stone School remains in doubt, it was evidently in existence in 1821 when an article appeared in the Georgetown Town Meeting Warrant to tax residents of the "Lower School District on Parker's Island" for building a porch and purchasing a stove for the school. It is known that the structure was erected by three Irish stone-masons living on Long Island, Bay Point, under the supervision of Gen. Joseph Berry.

Berry, the son of Lieutenant Thomas Berry, a Revolutionary soldier, was a relatively young man at the time of the building of the school. He later became a prominent ship owner and builder, and between 1857 and 1860 was Collector for the Port of Bath. He is said to have been the first sole owner of a ship to sail from this port. The appellation "General" was derived from a commission he held in the State Militia during the Aroostook War.

Local tradition holds that the appearance of the building is due to the Irish cottage tradition clung to by the workmen. However, other similar structures of later date in other parts of Maine tend to belie this judgment.

Whatever the reason for the type of construction employed, this small but rugged schoolhouse proclaims the determination of its builders to establish a longlasting educational tradition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Town of Georgetown Warrant Book, 1821.

"The Georgetown Tide", various issues, Georgetown Historical Society.

Baker, William A., Maritime History of Bath (Bath, 1974).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	9	4	3	8	4	3	5	4	8	4	7	4	0	0
ZONE		EASTING						NORTHING						

B

ZONE		EASTING						NORTHING							

C

ZONE		EASTING						NORTHING							

D

ZONE		EASTING						NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Frank A. Beard, Historian
Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE January 1977

STREET & NUMBER 31 Western Avenue TELEPHONE 207-289-2133

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Carle S. Fiddellworth, Jr. DATE January 17, 1977

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE <u>8/12/77</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>8-11-77</u>

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(This replaces the last two paragraphs of Item #8)

Mr. Walter Cunningham, a senior resident of the community stated in an interview, "They built it like the stone houses of Ireland, except that no window was placed in the side toward the road for fear an ox cart might go by and distract the children." However, other similar structures of later date in other parts of Maine tend to belie this judgment.

The building, in addition to serving as a school, was also used for other community purposes. Mr. Clement Todd, in a collection of historical notes of 1932 recorded by local historian, Mrs. Florence Cross, stated that the school was used for church services: "Sixty persons used to be packed in each Sunday. I remember the elders in charge, fine men. Then, a person was an elder, squire or just nothing. Singing school was held there for all of us. On school days we played ball. Our ball was a dried sturgeon's nose. There were lots of boys in town then. In fact there were 1500 people in town. Now (1932) there are only about 350."

It has not been possible to discover the exact ^{date} when the building ceased to be used as a school. There is evidence, however, to indicate that it still served this purpose as late as 1890.

Presently the Georgetown Historical Society is in the process of restoring the property for use as a museum. This will insure that this small but rugged schoolhouse will continue to proclaim the determination of its builders to establish a longlasting educational tradition.