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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

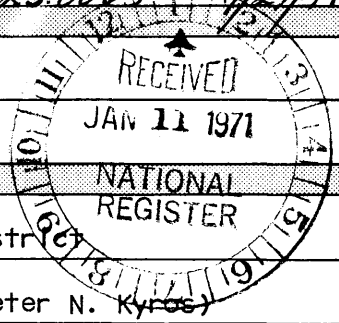
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Cumberland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.7.23.0005	DATE 1/11/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
Massachusetts Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:



2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Bowdoin College Campus (1st District)

CITY OR TOWN:
Brunswick Zip Cod 04011 Hon. Peter N. Kyros

STATE Maine	CODE 23 18	COUNTY: Cumberland	CODE 005
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Bowdoin College

STREET AND NUMBER:
Bowdoin Campus

CITY OR TOWN:
Brunswick

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23 005

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Portland

STATE:
Maine

CODE:
23 18

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **November 24, 1961** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Massachusetts Hall is located on the Bowdoin College Campus on the south side of Bath Street, between Main and Sills Streets.

Set among the famous Bowdoin pines, the hall is accessible by footpath only.

The Hall was first occupied in the spring of 1802. On August 31, 1836, a cupola, which had served as a bell tower, was removed from the top of the Hall. In 1873 the two top stories were thrown into a single room, called the Cleaveland Cabinet. A new raised roof and a gallery reached by two spiral staircases were added. A second story was added to the projection on the east side to form an entrance hall and staircase to the Cleaveland Cabinet. In 1936 the building was remodeled as administrative offices and in 1942 the third floor was restored and finished as a faculty room.

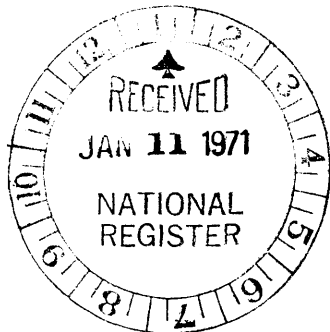
Massachusetts Hall measures 50'.5" (five-bay front) x 40' 5". The three-story building is of red brick construction. It has a two and a half story side ell and a hipped roof.

Originally the hall was to be fifty feet long, forty feet wide, and three stories in height. These stories were to be ten, nine and seven and a half feet high and the entry hall was to be ten feet wide. The roof was to be hipped and to have two pediments.

Lack of funds delayed completion for three years and dictated that some of the proposed architectural plans be simplified.

The interior has been altered greatly, while the exterior has undergone relatively little change through the years.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



3. SIGNIFICANCE

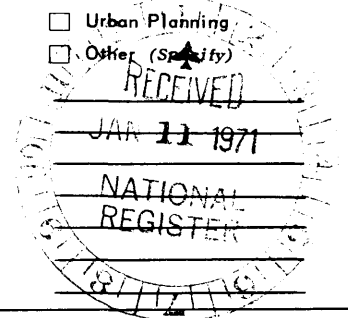
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1798-1802**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On June 24, 1794, the Massachusetts Legislature passed an Act giving official approval to the proposed creation of Bowdoin College.

On May 17, 1798, the Boards of the College (Bowdoin was governed by a relatively uncommon dual board system), voted to build the first college building. Samuel and Aaron Melcher were selected as the architect-builders.

After the walls of brick brought from Portland were raised, a temporary roof was put on, the windows boarded up, and work suspended until enough funds could be raised to warrant completion.

The Bowdoin College trustees owned five townships in north-central Maine. They hoped to sell these townships and use the money thus obtained to finance the college's construction and academic programs.

In 1801 the trustees were fortunate in being able to sell two of the five townships they held (Foxcroft and Dixmont). The sale of Dixmont Township alone enriched the Bowdoin Treasury by \$20,000.00.

Work on the new hall was resumed and completed in 1802 with Captain John Dunlap in charge of the construction.

The hall was ready for occupancy by the spring of 1802 and was named **Massachusetts** Hall at the inauguration of the first president of the college on September 2, 1802.

The hall was remodeled in 1872-73 by the architect, A. C. Martin. The exterior was restored and the interior extensively altered in 1936 under the guidance of Felix A. Burton, architect.

Massachusetts Hall is still used today as a dormitory facility.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wheeler, George and Henry, History of Brunswick, Topsham and Harpswell, 1878, pp.501-502.

Minot, John, Tales of Bowdoin, 1901, p. 276

Hatch, Louis, The History of Bowdoin College, 1927, p. 10 and p. 18

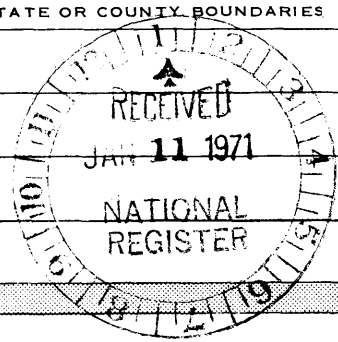
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	69 °	57 '	42 "
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one-fourth acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John Briggs, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Maine State Park and Recreation Commission** DATE: **July 31, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23 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
Director

Date 1/4/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
7/27/71

Date _____

ATTEST: William J. Huntley
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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MASSACHUSETTS HALL
BOWDOIN COLLEGE CAMPUS

Longitude
69° 57' 42"

Latitude
43° 54' 32"

