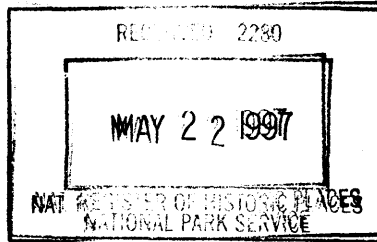


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 First Congregational Church & Parsonage - Boundary Increase

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number North and south side of Whipple (Pepperell) Road, 2.3 miles east of junction with Route 1 N/A not for publication

city or town Kittery Point  vicinity

state Maine code ME county York code 031 zip code 03905

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.)

*Edward J. [Signature]* 5/16/97  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
 State of 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 the 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]* Signature of the Keeper 7/3/97 Date of Action

**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	
_____	_____	buildings
1	_____	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**

2

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/Cemetery

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**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Funerary/Cemetery

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

N/A

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**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_\_\_

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roof \_\_\_\_\_

other Field Stone Wall Surrounding Cemetery

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**Narrative Description**

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

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE - BOUNDARY INCREASEYORK COUNTY, MAINESection number 7 Page 2

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The subject boundary increase to the First Congregational Church and Parsonage property (N.R. December 18, 1978) in Kittery embraces the Old Burying Ground, an area of approximately one acre that is historically associated with the National Register listed buildings. Although reference is made to the cemetery in the original nomination, and correspondence from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission prior to the nomination implied that it would be included, the nomination document itself clearly excludes the cemetery. The boundary increase will rectify the omission. Additional changes to the original nomination include a revised period of significance, the inclusion of Criteria Consideration D, and a revised boundary description. Since the overall property does not exceed ten acres, the original UTM coordinate is unchanged.

On February 25, 1728, Humphrey Scammon deeded a two acre parcel of property to the lower Parish in the town of Kittery for the purposes of establishing a burying place and a school. This lot adjoined the existing two acre parcel of land on which the parish had already erected a meeting house. Presumably, the cemetery was laid out shortly thereafter. In 1733 it was voted to build a stone wall to enclose the burying ground.

In addition to its association with the Congregational Church (six ministers are buried here, including the first two), the cemetery is noteworthy for the early examples of funerary art that are exhibited on a number of the eighteenth century gravestones. The earliest identifiable stone, which marks the grave of Robert Cutts (d. 1733), features a winged death's head and a carved foliate border. A very similar motif appears on the headstone of William Whipple (d. 1751). This grave holds additional historic interest in that Whipple was the father of General William Whipple, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The gravestone of the Rev. Benjamin Stevens (d. 1791) bears the image of a winged angel's head, and others from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century are decorated with weeping willows. One particularly unusual marker in memory of the crew of the brig HATTIE EATON, which was lost at sea in 1876, features a carved illustration of a vessel.

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Art

Period of Significance

1728-1947

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.

Significant Dates

1733

1910

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

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:

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 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**

name/title Kirk F. Mohney, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1997

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city or town Augusta, state Maine zip code 04333-0065

**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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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE - BOUNDARY INCREASEYORK COUNTY, MAINESection number 8 Page 2

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The boundary increase to the First Congregational Church and Parsonage embraces the Old Burying Ground, which is located to the south of the church on the opposite side of Whipple Road. It is an area of approximately one acre that is bounded on three sides by a low rubble stone wall and on the fourth by the Piscataqua River. Access to the cemetery is gained through a gate located on the north side (facing the church), as well as through an opening in the stone wall on the west side.

Town records indicate that in 1733 it was voted to build a stone wall around the cemetery, and it is believed that the existing dry laid enclosure dates from that period. Although it has slumped in some areas, the wall is largely intact and in good condition. The north entrance, which is comprised of concrete posts decorated with round arched panels and finials and linked by an iron gate, was built in 1910. The entrance on the west side is marked by a pair of granite posts.

The cemetery contains a variety of headstones dating from the mid eighteenth through the mid twentieth century. A large concentration of the earliest markers are located in the northeast corner. These handsome markers have a variety of early funerary images including weeping willows, death's heads, and angels. The central section of the cemetery contains nineteenth century monuments, most of which are modest white marble markers. The most unusual of these is a tall marker erected in memory of the crew of the brig HATTIE EATON which was lost at sea in March of 1876. It bears a carved image of a vessel. Another noteworthy marker is the small field stone erected to Levi Thaxter that is inscribed with an epitaph written by the poet Robert Browning.

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Continuation Sheet**

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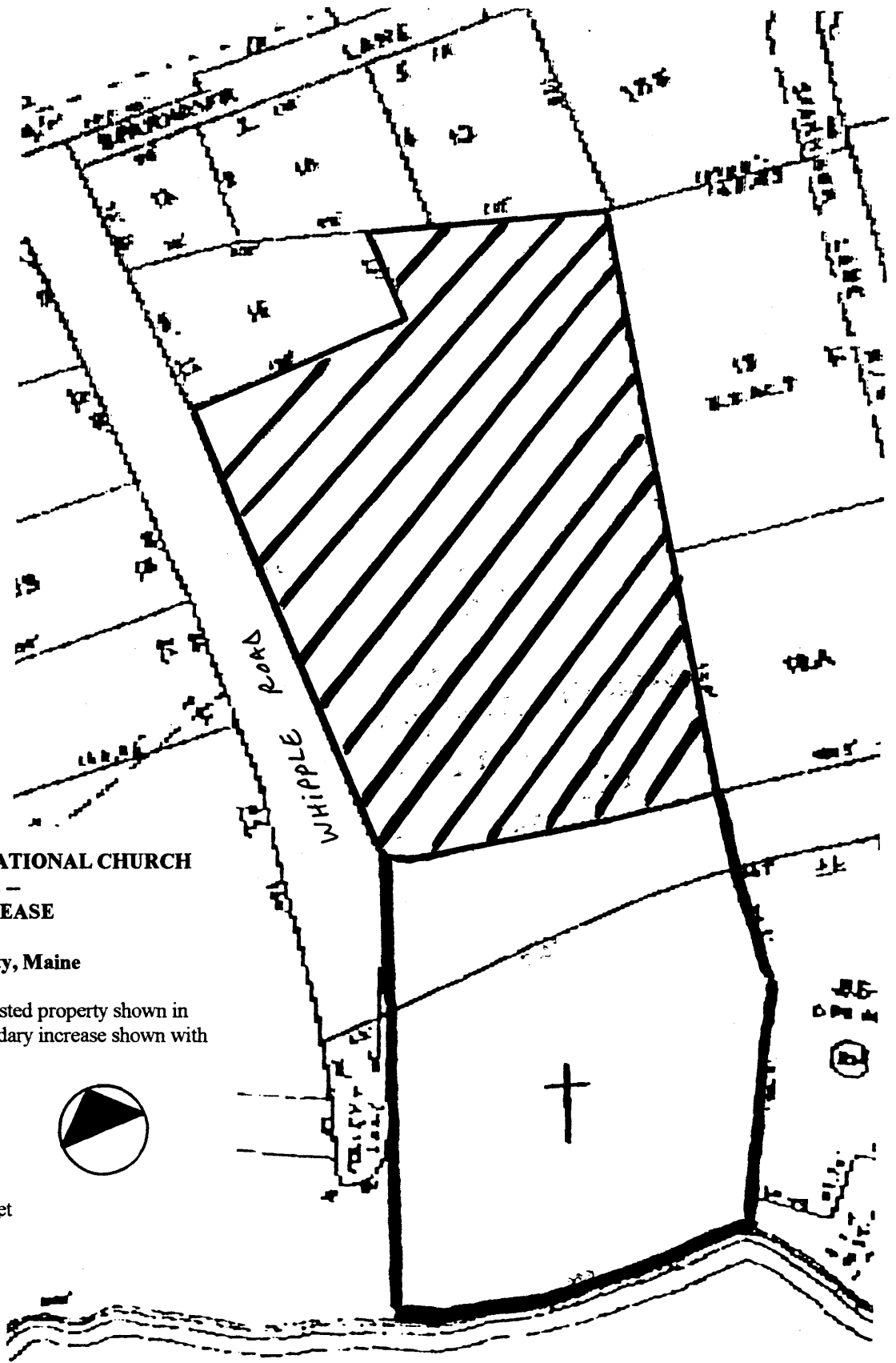
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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The First Congregational Church and Parsonage (already listed in the National Register) occupy the Town of Kittery tax map 18, lot 17. The Old Burying Ground is located to the south of the church across Whipple Road. It is also located on map 18, but does not have a separate lot number. See map.

**Boundary Justification**

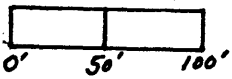
The boundary increase to the First Congregational Church and Parsonage is intended to include the Old Burying Ground, which is located to the south of the Church, and is historically associated with it. In addition to its association with the Church, the cemetery contains significant examples of eighteenth and nineteenth century funerary art.



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
AND PARSONAGE –  
BOUNDARY INCREASE**

**Kittery, York County, Maine**

Area of existing NR listed property shown in cross-hatching. Boundary increase shown with bold line.



Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet