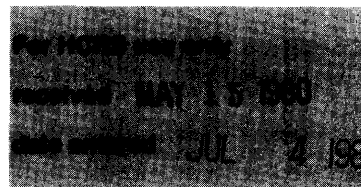


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Poland Railroad Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Jct. Harris Hill and Plains Roads _____ not for publication

city, town Poland _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Second

state Maine code 23 county Androscoggin code 001

3. Classification

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. John Crouch

street & number P. O. Box 13

city, town Poland _____ vicinity of _____ state Maine 04273

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Auburn, _____ state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

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 Maine Central Railroad Station in Poland, Maine, dating from 1901, is a well-preserved and representative example of a late 19th-century rural railroad station.

The one-story, rectangular building is of frame construction with a hipped roof and two internal brick chimneys. Typical of its function, the station has a greatly overhanging roof on all four sides which is supported by large but relatively unornate brackets.

The facade, which faces south-west, contains a double and single doorways as well as a slightly projecting rectangular bay window. Fenestration is 2/2, save for the sides of the bay window where it is 1/1. The ends of the building each contain a single entrance with panelled door and a 2/2 window. The station is principally sided with clapboards above a low band of vertical boards.

Now tastefully converted for residential use, the interior retains virtually all of its original appointments, including the ticket office with its grille and most of the original partitions.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1901 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The former Maine Central Railroad Station in Poland is significant as probably the best preserved specimen of standard turn of the century station architecture in Maine. It is also the finest example of several railroad buildings in the state which have been converted for residential use. This adaptive reuse has been done with great concern for the architectural and artifactual elements and offers hope for long term preservation of the building.

This station was built on a branch line of the Grand Trunk Railroad constructed in 1894 principally to serve the great Poland Spring House resort. This branch left the main line at Lewiston Junction and with stations at Empire, Poland Spring and Poland rejoined the Grand Trunk Railroad at Mechanic Falls. The line was owned by the Maine Central Railroad.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corliss, Carleton J., Railway Developments in Maine, 1953.
unpublished manuscript. Maine State Library

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1/2 **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Poland **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 41, Lot 8

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| | | | |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| state | code | county | code |
| 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 April, 1980
 street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133
 city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Carle S. [Signature]

title S.H.P.O.

date 5/9/80

For HCRS use only

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

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

date 7/4/80

Attest: Patrick Ardens

date 7/1/80

Chief of Registration