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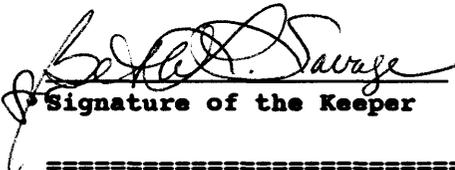
SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 99001190 Date Listed: 10/08/99

Pleasant River Grange No. 492 Knox ME
Property Name County State

N/A
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

10/8/99
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

8. Statement of Significance: Area(s) and Criteria

Criterion C, rather than Criterion exception C, is applicable for the property's architectural significance.

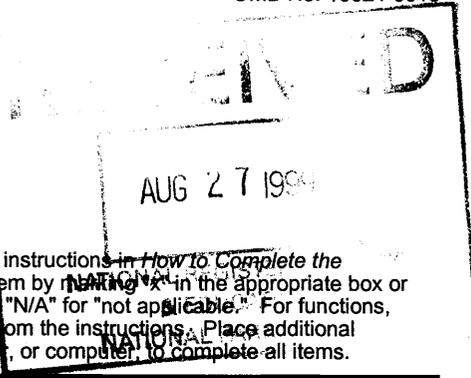
This information was confirmed with Kirk Mohny, National Register Coordinator, MESHPO, by telephone.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Pleasant River Grange No. 492

other names/site number _____

2. Location

North Side of Round Island Road, 0.15 Miles East of Junction with North

street & number Haven Road N/A not for publication

city or town Vinalhaven vicinity

state Maine code ME county Knox code 013 zip code 04863

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.)

[Signature] Date 8/23/99
Signature of certifying official/Title SHPO

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or 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 this 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

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The Pleasant River Grange No. 492 is a rectangular, two-story, gable roofed frame building that is clad entirely in wood shingles. It stands on a granite block foundation in a relatively isolated part of Vinalhaven Island.

Facing southeast (for ease of description the facade will be referred to as the east elevation), the symmetrically composed two-bay front elevation contains a pair of replacement one-over-one double hung sash windows on the first and second stories, and a single two-over-two (presently boarded over) in the gable peak. Narrow corner boards rise to a simple raking cornice that is flush with the wall. The south side elevation features a shed porch at the southeast corner that is supported by a pair of posts linked by a balustrade. The porch shelters a door with six horizontal panels. There are three windows on the first and second stories, of which one of the latter is an emergency egress point for a steel fire escape. The north elevation has three windows and a door on the first story and three windows on the second story. A pair of windows are located on each story of the rear elevation, and a privy is attached to the northwest corner. There is a single brick flue that punctuates the roof ridge near the front gable end.

Inside, the first floor plan is comprised of a wide hallway that spans the building behind the front windows and contains a staircase to the second floor. The balance of the first floor contains a large dining room on the south side, and a kitchen, store room, and wood room (accessed from the hall) on the north side. The second floor contains the stairhall and one large open lodge room. Walls and ceilings throughout the building consist of narrow tongue and groove maple sheathing.

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.

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.

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:

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

1909-1949

Significant Dates

1909

1912

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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The Pleasant River Grange No. 492 is a modest wooden frame building that was originally constructed as a boarding house for workers in a nearby granite quarry. It was moved across the Pleasant River to its present site during the winter of 1908-09 and dedicated on December 31, 1909, although work continued on the building until 1912. The building is eligible for nomination to the National Register under Criterion A for its association with the Grange movement in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Maine, and Criterion C for its local architectural significance as an intact representative example of a grange hall.

Pleasant River Grange No. 492 was organized on October 23, 1908, at the residence of Watson H. Vinal. Sometime shortly thereafter, Capt. A.M. Webster closed his granite quarry on the opposite side of Pleasant River and donated the former boarding house to the newly formed grange. An historic photograph documents the subsequent move of the building across the ice to its present location during the winter of 1908-09. According to tradition, the work of repairing and remodeling the building lasted until 1912, during which time it was occasionally used for church services and dances that helped to raise money for the project. The original interior plan was substantially altered to accommodate the new use which provided a dining room, kitchen, two storerooms, and a staircase on the first floor, and the meeting hall on the second floor. The walls and ceilings were sheathed in narrow tongue and groove hard pine, and a new hardwood floor was installed in the meeting hall. Pleasant River Grange No. 492 still owns, maintains, and utilizes the building.

[The following overview history of the Grange movement was written by Elspeth Brown, and is repeated verbatim from a brochure announcing the photographic exhibit titled: "Ritual and Community: The Maine Grange."]

The Grange, or Patrons of Husbandry, is an agriculturally-based secret society founded in 1867. The Order, open to both men and women, was designed to meet the economic, social, and educational needs of a class of Americans - the small farmer - whose day to day lives were being irrevocably transformed in the post-Civil War period. The proliferation of the railroad, the mass production of farm machinery, and the increasing control of a new class of business men known as "speculators" or "middle-men" over the sale and distribution of farm products were a few of the many influences which led to widespread enthusiasm for the Grange in the 1870s. National membership in the Grange grew to over 1 million members in the wake of the 1873 depression, when farmers joined the organization as a means of buying and selling farm goods at wholesale prices. In the mid-1870s, membership plummeted as most Grange cooperative ventures failed to meet members' expectations.

By the 1880s, however, Grange membership in Maine was on the increase, part of what has been dubbed "the second Grange movement" centered in the Northeast; by 1887, Maine had the largest Grange membership in the nation. The focus of the second movement was an emphasis on the Grange's educational and social benefits.

The heart of the Grange lay, and continues to reside, in the local, or sub-ordinate, hall. In the nineteenth and early twentieth century, Grange members met each week to buy goods through the store, discuss current events, enjoy a debate on the question, "the man with the hoe or the woman with the hoe - which?," rehearse a play, tableaux, or reading, initiate new candidates, or hear a presentation on a new agricultural technique. Today, the Grange programs continue to feature social and educational events, including musical recitals, readings, public suppers and games, and cooking, needlework and art contests.

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Bibliography

Brown, Elspeth. "About the Grange." *Ritual and Community: The Maine Grange*. A brochure announcing an exhibition of photographs by Rose Marasco. Gorham, ME: University of Southern Maine, 1992.

Vinalhaven Historical Society. *Images of America: Vinalhaven Island*. Dover, NH: Arcadia Publishing, 1997.

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County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less Than 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

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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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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Vinalhaven tax map 6, lot 58.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire rural lot that is historically associated with Pleasant River Grange No. 492.