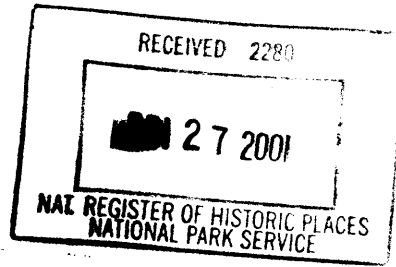


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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 Beth Eden Chapel

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

2. Location

East Side of Naskeag Point Road,

street & number .05 miles North of Jct. w/Naskeag Loop Rd.  N/A not for publication

city or town Brooklin  vicinity

state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04616

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.)

Lawrence J. Peterson Signature of certifying official/Title 6/19/01 Date

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beal Signature of the Keeper 6.2.01 Date of Action

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beth Eden Chapel  
Name of Property

Hancock, Maine  
County and State

**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	Non-contributing	
1		buildings
		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**

0

**6. Function or Use**

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

Religion/Religious Facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Religion/Religious Facility  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

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

Late Victorian  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard  
Wood/Wood Shingle

roof Asphalt

other Three Stage Corner Tower  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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The Beth Eden Chapel is a small, narrow rectangular frame building which features a corner entrance tower and belfry. It is covered by a pent gable roof. The chapel is sheathed in clapboards and wood shingles, and it stands on a granite block foundation. It is located on a rural lot across from the Naskeag Cemetery.

Facing west, the chapel's front elevation contains a six-over-six double-hung sash window located off center from the axis of the shingled pent gable, which is detailed with a shingled diamond. A thin corner pilaster rises to an entablature and cornice. The lower stage of the projecting tower contains a two-leaf paneled entrance door surmounted by a projecting horizontal hood (which is a large scale version of one over the window), a small Queen Anne style window on the north side, and thin corner pilasters that match the one at the northwest corner. Its second stage has a flared base that extends over the first stage, and diamond shaped decorative shingles centered on three sides. A narrow beltcourse separates the second stage from the upper belfry stage which features wave cut shingles and openings on four sides (presently boarded over). A pyramidal roof caps the tower. The symmetrically composed three-bay side elevations contain six-over-six windows similar to the one on the facade. There are no openings on the rear elevation.

Inside, a wide two-leaf paneled door opens into the sanctuary, which is distinguished by its coved ceiling. At the rear of the space is a stove whose stovepipe extends horizontally across the sanctuary to a flue at the east end behind the dais.

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)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1900

Significant Dates

1900

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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 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:

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Completed in 1900, the Beth Eden Chapel is a small wooden frame building that appears to have been the first religious facility erected in the Naskeag area of what is presently the Town of Brooklin. Although it was erected by the Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklin, the building was dedicated to the use of all Christian sects. It is eligible for nomination to the National Register under Criterion C for its local architectural significance. Criteria Consideration A also applies because of its historic religious use.

The Town of Sedgwick (from which Brooklin was separated in 1849) was initially settled by Euro-Americans in the third quarter of the eighteenth century. Although the precise origin of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Brooklin has not been ascertained, according to a history of the Beth Eden Chapel a warranty deed to the land on which the chapel stands was made in 1884 to the church trustees. Two subsequent transfers of the lot in 1900 -- which resulted in its being deeded to a new board of trustees -- indicate that a building existed on the property at that time, although it is unknown whether the reference includes any part of the present chapel. In any event, the reorganized church acted quickly to build their house of worship, dedicating it on December 16, 1900. Church records show that in 1906 an organ and four chairs were purchased, and in 1962 discussions took place about building an annex to the rear of the chapel on land that had been purchased in 1915. This project was abandoned two years later.

According to a recent photographic survey of Maine church buildings, three historic churches exist in Brooklin: the First Baptist Church of 1853; the Beth Eden Chapel of 1900; and the Rockbound Chapel of 1901. The Baptist Church is a Greek Revival style, vinyl sided building featuring a two-stage tower that rises above the roof, whereas the Rockbound Chapel is predominantly Italianate in form with a three-stage tower fronting on the facade. In contrast, the Beth Eden Chapel employs a shingled pent gable and corner tower with a flared second stage that is evocative of turn-of-the-century architectural design, although its main rectangular block remains largely traditional in form. The chapel's local architectural significance lies in its ability to show how church building committees and their contractors approached the question of design -- even on the smallest of buildings -- within a vernacular building tradition that continually adopted new architectural fashions to satisfy changing tastes.

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“A Brief History of the Beth Eden Chapel, Naskeag Point Road, Brooklin, Maine.” No author or date.



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## Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Brooklin tax map 12, lot 6-1.

## Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire rural lot that is historically associated with the Beth Eden Chapel.



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View of interior looking NW