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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 18A). 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 Monticello Grange #338
other names/site number _____

2. Location

East Side of Main Street,
street & number 0.7 Miles South of Junction with Muckatee Road N/A not for publication
city or town Monticello N/A vicinity
state Maine code ME county Aroostook code 003 zip code 04760

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] 5/26/00
Signature of certifying official/Title 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): _____

Signature of the Keeper [Signature] Date of Action 7/5/00

Monticello Grange #338
Name of Property

Aroostook, 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 Noncontributing

_____ 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)

_____ Social/Meeting Hall _____
_____ Government/City Hall _____
_____ Recreation & Culture/Auditorium _____

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

_____ Social/Meeting Hall _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

_____ Late Victorian _____

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____ Concrete _____
walls _____ Metal/Tin _____

roof _____ Asphalt _____
other _____

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

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Politics/Government

Social History

Period of Significance

1922-1950

Significant Dates

1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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:

Monticello Grange #338
Name of Property

Aroostook, Maine
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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Zone Easting Northing

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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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Monticello Grange #338 is a large two-story, three-bay, gable roofed frame building whose exterior walls are covered in the original tin sheathing. The rectangular building is sited in close proximity to Main Street (US Route 1) in the center of Monticello village.

Facing west, the front elevation contains a single door centered on the first story that is flanked by widely spaced two-over-two double hung sash windows. There are two similar windows on the second story (one above the door and one to the north), and a symmetrically placed pair in the gable peak. The elevation is framed by a wide raking cornice and the broad overhang of the roof. Corner boards rise to short gable end returns.

The south side elevation features an asymmetrical fenestration pattern that is comprised of one two-leaf door, two additional doors and four double hung windows on the first story, as well as five windows and an emergency exit door on the second story. An iron stairway leads from this upper door to the ground level. The symmetrically composed north elevation contains six double hung windows on each story. A shed roofed outhouse is attached to the rear elevation.

Inside, the first floor contains a vestibule behind the front door with the staircase in the southwest corner and a coat room in the northwest corner. A door opens into the large dining room, off of which is the kitchen (behind the coat room), and to the rear a storage room and two narrow hallways that lead to the toilets. The second floor houses the lodge hall with the stairs and two small rooms at the west end and the stage at the east end. A balcony overlooks the hall from the west end of the room. Throughout the interior, the walls and ceilings are covered in ornamental metal sheathing.

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Constructed in 1922 to replace the original hall that burned the previous year, the Monticello Grange #338 is a large two-story frame building that stands along US Route 1 in Monticello village. Like many similar buildings in small Maine towns, this virtually unaltered grange hall was a focal point for community activities into the fourth quarter of the twentieth century. It is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion A for its association with local politics and government, as well as social history.

Monticello Grange #338 was founded in 1899, at which time its members commenced the construction of a large hall. The December 15, 1899, edition of the *Industrial Journal* (Bangor) carried the following notice of the building's progress:

The Grange Hall at Monticello is nearly completed. It is a fine building, 60 x 40. Two stories will be warmed by a furnace and fitted up with all modern improvements. It will cost about \$1,600, and when done will be quite an ornament to the village.

[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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In 1921 the original grange building in Monticello was destroyed by fire, and the present hall was erected in place. Based on the description of the 1899 structure, the new grange hall was somewhat narrower but substantially longer than its predecessor. The overall appearance of this hall resembles buildings that could have been built in the late nineteenth century, but it differs from them in the use of decorative tin sheathing (both on the exterior and interior) apparently to reduce any future fire hazard.

Although the interior configuration of the original hall has not been ascertained, it is presumed to have housed many of the same community functions as its replacement. For example, until a new fire department/town office building was constructed in 1980, the grange hall was utilized for town meetings and contained the town offices. It also had the only stage in Monticello until a new multi-purpose room was added to the local school in 1974; prior to that time all school plays, musical productions and shows, as well as graduation ceremonies and other community events were held in this building. These activities demonstrate the building's important purpose throughout its period of significance.

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Brewer, Jay. Handwritten history of the Monticello Grange Hall. On file at the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Augusta.

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.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Monticello tax map 18, lot 54.

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire village lot that is historically associated with the Monticello Grange #338.