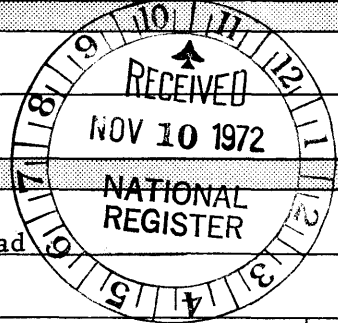


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine
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1. NAME

COMMON: Porter Old Meeting House
 AND/OR HISTORIC: _____

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1.8 miles north of Route #25 on unnumbered Road
 CITY OR TOWN: Porter
 STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Oxford CODE: 017

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Town of Porter
 STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Kezar Falls STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Oxford County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: _____
 CITY OR TOWN: South Paris STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Building Survey
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1938 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress
 STREET AND NUMBER: First Street & Independence Ave., S. E.
 CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D. C. CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Porter Meeting House is on an unnumbered road adjacent to Mill Brook at Porter. It is on the east side of the road 1.8 miles north of the intersection with State Route #25.

The Meeting House is a frame, clapboarded building, 44'6" wide and 36'5" long. It has two tiers on windows, a gable roof and a door on each end of the front of the building. The interior is open with a three sided gallery and original box pews. The building is set on a granite foundation. The interior walls have been repaired where the roof leaked and loosened some of the plaster. Most of the walls still show the original trowel marks. The roof is made of a modern corrugated sheet metal. The chimney has been removed for safety, the roof has been painted and the whole building has been painted at least twice.

In 1969, the old pulpit was restored using such parts of the original as were available. This was done according to a blueprint made by Washington and the work was done by Mr. Nils Nelson of the Maplewood section of Parsonsfield. He is an ingenious designer and expert cabinet maker and has restored several churches. He was educated in the trade schools of his native country of Sweden. This is an excellent piece of workmanship of which we are very proud.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thomas Moulton. History of Porter. 1872.
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 William Teg. History of Porter. 1957.

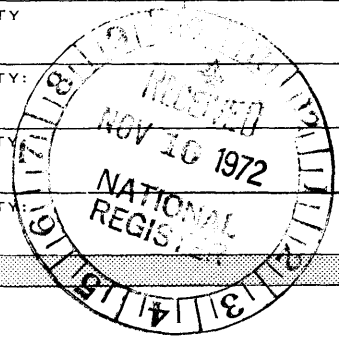
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Mrs. Ina N. Emery, President

ORGANIZATION: Parsonsfield-Porter Historical Society

DATE: July 17, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Kezar Falls

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>James H. Mundy</u></p> <p>Title: <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>December 1, 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert K. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>4/2/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Wm Mundy</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>3.26.73</u></p>
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