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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 District School #2

and or common Dresden Brick School House (Preferred for Listing)

2. Location

street & number Route 128

N/A not for publication

city, town Dresden, vicinity of West Dresden

state Maine code 23 county Lincoln code 015

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"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dresden Historical Society

street & number

city, town Dresden, N/A vicinity of state Maine

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Wiscasset, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? N/A yes ___ no ___

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located along Route 128, which parallels the east side of the Kennebec River, the Dresden School fronts the road and faces east. The surrounding rural area features scattered residences constructed in the nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. A large number of deciduous trees shield the school from its neighbors and its close proximity to the river.

The Dresden schoolhouse is a one-and-one-half story brick building with a gable roof. The principal facade is on the narrow (east) gable end and contains two symmetrical entrances with panel doors and transom lights. In the half story of the gable end are double-hung sash with six-over-six lights. These match the windows along the north and south sides.

The interior of the school is largely unaltered, except for the lowered ceiling, which may eventually be removed. There is wainscot along the walls and two sets of out-houses to the rear of the school.

The only major alteration to the building since its construction appears to be improper repointing done with Portland cement in c. 1975.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1816 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As far as can be ascertained, this is the second oldest brick school building in Maine and is much larger and finely designed than the oldest, the tiny Brick School (NR) in Winslow. It clearly bespeaks the interest in establishing a high educational standard in what was then a part of Pownalborough, the center of political and economic activity in the region with its famous Courthouse (NR), now the oldest in Maine.

Now owned by the local historical society, about half of the interior has been left completely intact as part of the historical museum which occupies the entire building.

Because of road widening over the years, the structure now stands but a few feet from a major highway and its visibility calls attention from passers-by to the tradition of literacy and learning so clearly demonstrated by this old survivor.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dresden Town Records.

Memories and Landmarks, published by Dresden Historical Society, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property $\frac{1}{4}$

Quadrangle name Richmond

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map #7, Lot 23.

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1986

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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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Lucas S. Fitzsimonds*

title S.H.P.O. date 5/7/86

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

Entered in the National Register

J. Delores Byer date 6-13-86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration