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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

Bangor Children's Home

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

218 Ohio Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Bangor,
Maine

VICINITY OF
CODE 23

Second
COUNTY Penobscot

CODE 019

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Children's Home

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Board of Trustees, Bangor Children's Home

STREET & NUMBER

218 Ohio Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bangor

VICINITY OF

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Penobscot Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

73 Hammond Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bangor

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Bangor Architectural Survey

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Augusta

Maine

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The building which houses the Bangor Children's Home is a large Mansard roofed structure, three stories in height. It is basically rectangular in shape, with symmetrical projections and a one story, flat roofed structure along the back. The walls are of red brick over a granite basement and are divided into two equal stories by a projecting belt course. The Mansard roof contains the third story and is pierced by numerous dormers with ornamental hoods and finials decorated in the "Stick Style". The large porte cochere which projects from the front is similarly decorated with open stick-like ornaments. The windows of the lower floors are strongly molded in brickwork which forms a low arch over each. The cornice is of bold brick projections with brick brackets at the corners as well as on either side of and above the second floor windows. The facade is symmetrical and is divided into a central section which is recessed between two flanking elements. The flankers contain double windows on each floor, above which is a double dormer. The central section over the porte cochere has two widely spaced central windows, above which is a central triple dormer. Several large chimneys project from the roof. During the early 20th century, a simple one story columned porch with a railing was added to an original terrace on the left side.

The interiors are largely original. However, wall color schemes have been changed, and plumbing and kitchen facilities have been replaced through modernization. The first floor contains several large airy rooms, including a paneled reception room. Many of these rooms have fireplaces and several can be thrown together ensuite, via large double doors. The second floor contains the main dormitories as well as matron's quarters and a library which is located over the entrance hall. The third floor contains smaller bedrooms, several of which were originally designated as guest rooms. There are numerous bathrooms and lavatories because the building was designed for these facilities in 1868. Below is a large, finished granite cellar.

In spite of its solid walls and large Mansard roof, the Bangor Children's Home hardly presents a forbidding appearance. Its outlines are broken and enlivened by the decorative carpentry work of the dormers, and the ornate porte cochere, and the slender pinnacles which grow from their roofs. The house stands on a large lot, well supplied with trees and commands a panorama of the Bangor cityscape.

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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1868-69

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Henry W. Hartwell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bangor Children's Home represents an early commission of Henry W. Hartwell, later senior partner of the prominent Boston firm of Hartwell, Richardson and Driver. The details of its numerous dormers and porte cochere show it to also be one of Maine's first examples of the so-called "Stick Style" popular in the post Civil War era. On a different level, it is evidence of the social and humanitarian concerns of mid-Victorian America.

The Children's Home is the oldest philanthropic institution in Bangor. Its original charter was granted by the Maine Legislature in 1839, incorporating it as the Bangor Females Orphan Asylum. Its first home was a modest structure on 4th street. This was supported largely by the efforts of the Union Female Education Society founded in 1835.

The present structure was erected with funds offered by Franklin W. Pitcher in 1865 from the estate of his late wife Sarah. She had directed that her money be used "for benevolent and religious purposes." At Pitcher's insistence, the Asylum was rechartered to admit boys. By an act of the Maine Legislature, the institution assumed its present title in 1866. The cornerstone was laid on September 2, 1868 amid elaborate Masonic ceremonies. The building was dedicated on October 6, 1869, a portrait of Mrs. Pitcher being hung in the reception room.

The total cost of the structure was placed at \$25,000, not including the lot which was donated by James Smith, Jr. The adjoining lot, used largely as a playground, was the gift of Samuel Prentiss in 1914. The maintainance and insurance of the building has been provided for by the citizens of Bangor in the form of a permanent trust. The Bangor Children's Home stands today, continuing to fulfill its original purpose more than a century after its construction.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING					

C

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING					

D

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arthur Gerrier, Student Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

January 1975

STREET & NUMBER

31 Western Avenue

TELEPHONE

207-289-2133

CITY OR TOWN

Augusta,

STATE

Maine

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

James H. Mundy

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

July 5, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Al W. [Signature]

DATE

9/9/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

[Signature]

DATE

SEP 8 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER