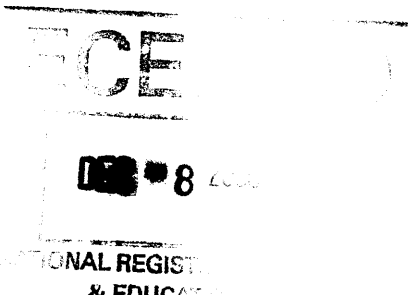


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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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 (Former) Greenwood Town Hall

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

2. Location

street & number 270 Main Street  N/A not for publication

city or town Locke Mills  N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county Oxford code 017 zip code 04255

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 of certifying official *Earle S. Thompson* Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11/30/00

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 *Edson H. Beall*

Date of Action 1.11.01

(Former) Greenwood Town Hall  
Name of Property

Oxford, 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	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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)

Government/City Hall

Recreation & Culture/Auditorium

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Recreation & Culture/Auditorium

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**7. Description**

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

Late Victorian

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Entrance Porch

\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

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

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The (Former) Greenwood Town Hall is a large two-story, three-bay rectangular frame building that has a gable front roof and a hip roofed porch sheltering its broad central entrance. It is sheathed entirely in clapboards, and it stands on a concrete foundation.

Facing northeast (for the ease of description the facade shall be called the north elevation), the front elevation is comprised of the central entrance which is flanked by a single two-over-two double hung sash window to the east, and a trio of symmetrically located two-over-twos on the second story. The porch roof is supported by a pair of Tuscan columns that stand on a low balustrade wall, and the paired modern metal entry doors are framed by windows that are slightly narrower and shorter than those used on the balance of the elevation. A fifth two-over-two window is located in the gable peak below the overhanging eaves and cornice of moderate width. Corner boards frame the elevation and rise to short gable end returns.

The west side elevation contains a door and four two-over-two windows on the first story, as well as four two-over-twos on the second story in addition to a smaller rectangular unit. The second story window near the northwest corner is slightly lower than the others denoting its position at the inter-story stair landing. A single brick flue stack punctuates the west slope of the roof. On the east elevation, there are four two-over-two windows on the first story and a door at the southeast corner that is surmounted by a bracketed hood. Six two-over-two windows are symmetrically located on the second story. The rear elevation contains three windows on the first story, a small shed roofed addition that contains two pit toilets, three symmetrically placed windows on the second story, and a single two-over-two in the gable peak.

Inside, the Greenwood Town Hall features a large entrance vestibule and broad stairhall, behind which are a meeting room and offices on the first floor and an expansive auditorium on the second floor with a stage at its south end. Noteworthy interior finishes include the varnished wainscot and fiberboard sheathing on the walls and ceilings in the vestibule/stairhall and auditorium. The fiberboard sheathing material retains its original unpainted brown finish in the vestibule/stairhall.

**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.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Politics/Government

Social History

**Period of Significance**

1930-1950

**Significant Dates**

1930-31

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**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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The (Former) Greenwood Town Hall is a large two-story frame building that despite its turn-of-the-century exterior appearance was constructed in 1930-31. It served as the town hall and housed town offices until 1988, and is presently under the stewardship of the Greenwood Town Hall Preservation Committee. The building is eligible for nomination to the National Register under criterion A for its association with local government and social history.

Although current citizens of Greenwood point to 1933 as the year of the town Hall's construction, and the town history supplies the year 1932, the building seems to have been constructed earlier. Annual Town Reports indicate that previous to the Hall's construction, town meetings were conducted in Hotel Hall. By February of 1929, however, the town had voted to appropriate \$2,000 for the construction of a town hall. Before February of 1930 an additional \$3,000 was appropriated by the town government, and, as the Town Reports for 1930 and 1931 show, construction of the Hall occurred in those two years on a lot in Locke's Mills purchased from Hannah Coolidge.

While there is no record in the Town Reports or elsewhere of the architect or builder of the Hall, payment to one man listed in the expenses loom particularly large. C. J. Perham was paid significant amounts of the Town Hall Fund for the foundation, shingles, labor and other material. The 1932 edition of the *Maine Register* lists Clarence J. Perham as a building contractor in the nearby town of Woodstock. The building of the Hall was surely a community effort, however, since nearly two dozen other individuals contributed labor and/or materials to the effort. By the February, 1932, town meeting, Greenwood had spent close to \$8,000 on the construction and furnishing of its new town hall. Although some residents of Greenwood suggest that the Hall was built by the Federal Works Projects Administration (W. P. A.), no evidence was found to substantiate this claim. On February 1, 1931, the town held its first meeting in the Hall.

Since its construction, the Greenwood Town Hall has been at the center of community affairs. In addition to housing local governmental functions, for many years the graduation ceremonies of the Greenwood Schools were held at the Hall. During the Second World War, it served as the meeting place of the local unit of the Maine State Guard, whose members practiced marching on the second story dance floor. Countless performances, including musical events, school plays, and local variety shows have occurred on the Hall's large stage. The Greenwood Historical Society continues to hold monthly "authentic old-time" dances at the Hall.

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## **Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property occupies the Town of Greenwood tax map U-1, lot 1.

## **Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the entire village lot that is historically associated with the (Former) Greenwood Town Hall.



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View from NE

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View of first floor lobby

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View of second floor auditorium looking SW