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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

The Brick School

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cushman Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winslow

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st - Hon. David Emery

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Kennebec 011

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Winslow Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

33 Marie Street

CITY, TOWN

Winslow

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kennebec County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Augusta

STATE

Maine

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although the origins of this small brick school of ca. 1810 are obscure, its physical appearance remains today much as it did when first constructed. Built upon a stone foundation, the one-story brick structure has its front facade oriented in a southerly direction. This facade, divided into three bays, has a door at the left and two windows (nine pane over six) to the right. These two windows are repeated on the opposite facade. The west gable facade, above which the single chimney straddles the roof ridge, has no window. Instead, this facade is a solid brick wall with a half story of shingle siding. The opposite gable side, currently covered by asbestos siding, has the appearance of having been punctured by a single window and a secondary entryway at an earlier date.

The interior of the schoolhouse is divided by a fireplace into a small coatroom and the main classroom. The woodwork around the fireplace reflects in a very restrained manner, the delicacy and low relief typical of Federal treatment.

The brick Schoolhouse in Winslow is part of a vernacular architectural tradition which extends to the large multi-purpose schools of today. It is important to Maine as it survives as an early reminder of the grassroots beginnings of the state's educational system.

# 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/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

ca. 1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This humble structure conceals with its simplicity its importance as a very early public educational building in the Kennebec Valley. No records of its building can be found and its very plainness makes dating by style difficult. Two facts do place it, however, within the period 1800-1820. The early town records which have been preserved to 1799, when a hiatus occurs, make no mention of its construction. However, a deed dated April 24, 1820 in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds for a large tract including this property contains the following:

...."Also the ground on which the brick school house on the lot now stands, with the door yard, is hereby reserved for the use and occupation of School District No. 5 so long as said District shall keep the present brick school house in repair suitable to hold a school in and no longer."

Records indicate that the building ceased to be used as a school after 1865 and has apparently been employed only for occasional storage until its acquisition by the Winslow Historical Society in 1972. The Society now maintains the structure in a stabilized condition.

The Brick School testifies to early determination to provide public education and its staunch construction betokens a permanency which suggests that its builders contemplated a continuing commitment to this goal.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Winslow Bicentennial Corporation, 200th Anniversary, 1771-1971, Winslow, 1971

Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Augusta

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A 

1	9	4	4	9	8	5	0	4	9	2	8	5	6	0
ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B 

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frank A. Beard, Historian  
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ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

31 Western Avenue

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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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Earle S. Shettleworth, Jr.*

TITLE

*State Historic Preservation Officer*

DATE

*October 22, 1976*

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

CHIEF *[Signature]*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*4/18/77*

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*3.18.77*