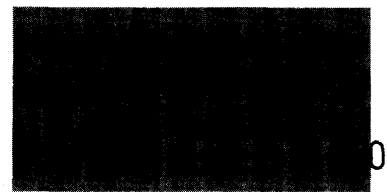


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Limington Academy

and/or common

2. Location

ME 117

street & number Route 117 not for publication

city, town Limington vicinity of congressional district First

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

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

4. Owner of Property

name Board of Trustees of Limington Academy

street & number

city, town Limington, vicinity of state Maine 04049

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number

city, town Alfred, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? 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

The Academy in Limington is a dignified and well-designed school building in the Greek Revival style, dating from 1854.

The 2-story building is of frame construction with gabled roof, two brick chimneys (internal against the rear wall), eight-sided cupola with bracketed cornice, clapboard siding, and granite foundation. The cupola is an addition of the 1870's.

The pedimented facade faces east and has two central bays flanked by free-standing square columns at the corners of the front. In each of the corners of the facade is an inset portico one bay wide and two bays deep. There is a balustrade and porch at second-floor level in each portico, and in each floor of the porticos are sidelighted doorways.

The sides of the building are 6 bays long, including the porticos. Fenestration throughout is 6/6, save for the rearmost bays which are 2/2.

Exterior trim is typical of the Greek Revival in Maine and consists of simple Doric pilasters on each exterior corner, an austere cornice, and entablatured lintels over all bays.

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 1854 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Limington Academy Building of 1854 is an exceptionally strong and forthright semi-peripteral Greek Revival temple style structure which still serves its original purpose as an educational building within the community of Limington. Its splendid lines render it an outstanding landmark in an essentially rural setting.

Founded by subscription in 1848, sessions of Limington Academy were at first held in 1851 in the village district school house and later in the Masonic hall and other locations. In 1853 a lot was purchased and the following year the present building was erected at a cost of \$2,102.05. The by-laws of the Academy board state in part that its object was "to establish an institution for the promotion of Science and Literature and wherein youth may be instructed in the higher branches of education usually taught in the Academies of this state.

The first principal, William A. Lord, served the Academy for 43 years until 1894 and brought it to the height of its success and prosperity, when it drew large numbers of pupils from surrounding towns. In 1895 the trustees of the Academy voted to receive all qualified scholars of the town upon application and some years later the institution became a public high school. With a new school facility built next to it, the old building provides classroom space for elementary grades but is still in the ownership of the trustees.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Taylor, Robert L., History of Limington, Maine, 1668-1900. Norway, Maine, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2 **DTM NOT VERIFIED**
 Quadrangle name Buxton **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED** Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

A	1 9	3 6 2 2 8 0	4 8 4 3 0 9 0	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing		
C				D					
E				F					
G				H					

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 10, Lot 6

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian
 organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date April, 1980
 street & number 242 State Street telephone 207/289-2133
 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Earle S. Heltzer
 title S.H.P.O. date 5/7/80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Ronnie M. Dargatzis</u>	date <u>6/23/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>Patrick Andrus</u>	date <u>6/18/80</u>
Chief of Registration	