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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

University of Maine at Orono Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Munson, Sebec, + Schoodic Rds.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Orono

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Penobscot

CODE

019 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

University of Maine

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Orono

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Penobscot County Registry of Deeds,

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bangor,

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 University of Maine at Orono Historic District comprises ten architecturally significant buildings. Dating from the mid-19th century to the early 20th, none of the district's buildings has undergone major alterations. The district represents the oldest section of the campus of this land grant institution. There are no nonconforming intrusions present.

Buildings contributing to the character of the district:

1. Lord Hall, 1903-04
Thomas and Crowell of Bangor, Architects
L.E. Bradstreet of Hallowell, Contractor
Romanesque Revival and Colonial Revival, 2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
2. Alumni Hall, 1900-01
Newman, Woodman and Harris of Philadelphia, architects
Davis and Grady of Bangor, Contractors
Colonial Revival, 2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
3. Holmes Hall, central section 1888; south wing begun in 1890 and completed in 1913; north wing constructed in 1904
Frank E. Kidder of Boston, Architect
Romanesque Revival, 2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
4. Stock Judging Pavilion, 1908
William H. Taylor of Boston, Architect
Jacobethan Revival, 1 story, brick with wood and stone trim
5. Winslow Hall, 1908-09
William H. Taylor of Boston, Architect
George H. Wilbur and Sons of Dark Harbor, Contractors
Jacobethan Revival, 2½ stories, brick with wood and stone trim
6. The Maples
Greek Revival, 2½ stories, frame with clapboarded exterior
7. Fernald Hall, 1868-1870, ell burned in 1895, new wing constructed in 1896
Alpheus C. Morse of Providence, Architect
Italianate, 2 stories, brick with wood and stone trim
Fernald Hall was modeled directly upon the Chemistry Laboratory at Brown University, which was also designed by A.C. Morse
8. Coburn Hall, 1887-88
Frank E. Kidder of Boston, Architect
Romanesque Revival, 3 stories, brick with wood and stone trim

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9. President's House, 1872-73, interior damaged by fire in 1893, remodeling, that year included the addition of the corner tower, bay window and piazza Italianate and Queen Anne, 2½ stories with corner tower, frame with clapboarded exterior

 10. Carnegie Library, 1905-06
Brainerd and Leeds of Boston, Architects
Horace Purington Co. Waterville, Contractor
Neo-Classical Revival, 2 stories, stone with wooden trim

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
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<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings selected for inclusion in the University of Maine at Orono Historic District represent the earliest structures remaining on this, first and principal campus of the state university.

Founded as a result of the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 which gave to each state within the Union 30,000 acres of land per congressman for the purpose of endowing at least one mechanical and agricultural college, the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts opened its doors to students for the first time on September 21, 1868. At that time there were only two professors and twelve students. The other possible site for the college had been Topsham in the southern part of the state but the more northerly location won out when in April of 1866, Orono and Old Town purchased for \$11,000 the former Frost and White Farms and donated the land to the State.

Life at the young college was quite different from today. The accommodations for students were extremely primitive and sanitary requirements were satisfied by a giant unheated privy on the slope behind Fernald Hall. The Town of Orono was in the heyday of its history. Boasting the largest sawmills on the Penobscot River, the community bustled with activity. Logs jammed the Stillwater River as booms and a canal channelled them into the Basin Mills at Orono. But on Marsh Island where the little college began, life was largely removed from this feverish activity. There was no public transportation between the town and the college until the electric trolley came in during the 1880's. Since most of the students taught school periodically for self-support, the academic year was set up around their schedules. The fall semester, for example, ran from August through Thanksgiving followed by an eleven week vacation and the spring semester concluded around July 4th with a month off for haying season. The modern college year was not instituted until 1898, the year after the State Legislature officially renamed their "cow college" the University of Maine.

Although not carried out exactly as conceived, the original plan of the campus was drawn by the preeminent landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead who also drew up a proposed curriculum and statement of educational philosophy for the College.

The earliest building within the district, Fernald Hall, was constructed with student labor between 1868 and 1870. Manual labor was a part of the educational program, classes being held in the mornings and work on the farms and buildings being done in the afternoons. Originally called Chemical Hall,

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the junction of Munson Road and the street running easterly along the north side of Lord Hall, the district boundary follows that street to a point 50 feet beyond the eastern end of Lord Hall, thence southerly at a distance of 50 feet to the east of Alumni Hall, the Stock Judging Pavilion, Winslow Hall, and the Maples to the street immediately to the south of the last named building. The line then runs westerly along this street, crossing Munson Road, and continues westerly and northerly fifty feet southerly and westerly of the Carnegie Library. Turning westerly

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	Frank A. Beard, Historian Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian	DATE	January, 1978
ORGANIZATION	Maine Historic Preservation Commission	TELEPHONE	(207)-289-2133
STREET & NUMBER	242 State Street	STATE	Maine
CITY OR TOWN	Augusta,		

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 *Carol S. Whitcomb* DATE *2/9/78*

TITLE *S.H.P.O.*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <i>Walter Cole</i>	DATE <i>2/12/78</i>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <i>6-29-78</i>

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the building was one of the early chemical laboratories for undergraduates in the United States.

Holmes Hall, built in sections between 1888 and 1913 and Coburn Hall, 1887-88 were both designed by Frank E. Kidder, Boston architect and 1879 alumnus of the College. Kidder achieved national attention as the author of The Architects' and Builders' Pocket Book in 1885, which, having passed through many editors, is still in use as a reference work. Of particular note is a plaque in Coburn Hall commemorating the fact that Phi Kappa Phi, now a national honor society, was founded there in 1897. This society is the equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa for students in colleges other than liberal arts.

The Carnegie Library of 1905-06 is of interest in that although Andrew Carnegie donated money for literally hundreds of municipal libraries, this building is one of only two which he funded for colleges.

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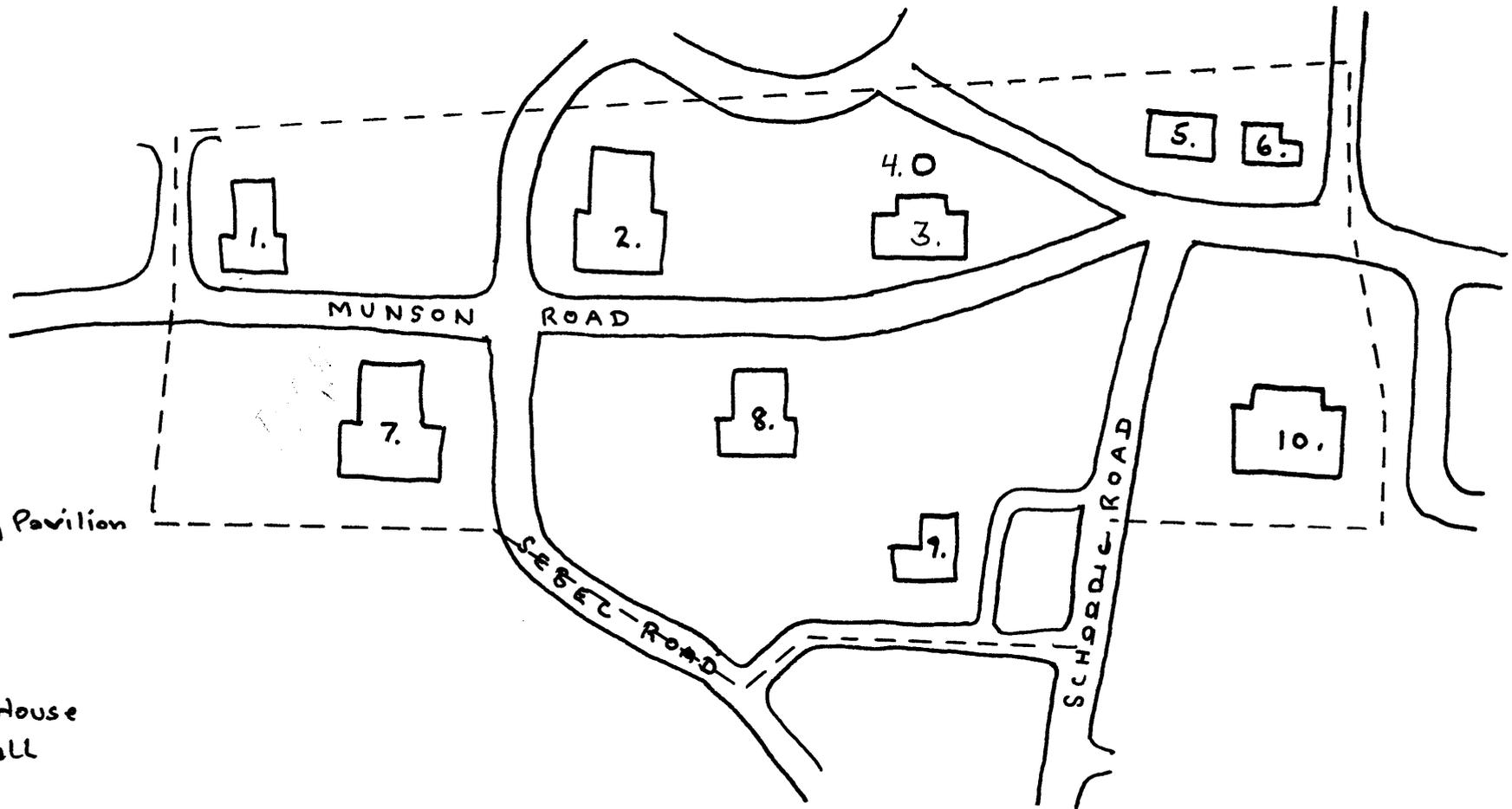
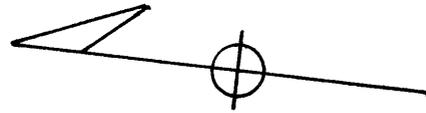
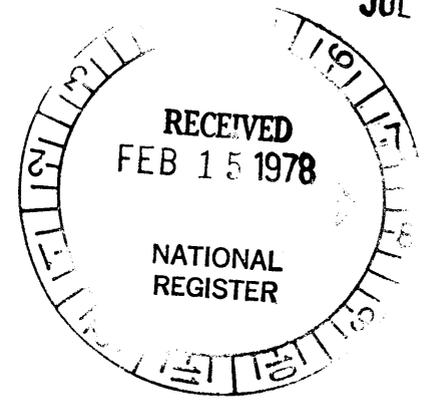
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on Schoodic Road and northerly on the street immediately to the west of the Presidents house, the line then runs northeasterly on Sebec Road and northerly at a distance of 50 feet to the west of Fernald Hall to a point due west of the point of beginning to which it then returns.

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- 3. Holmes Hall
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- 7. Fernald Hall
- 8. Coburn Hall
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- 10. Carnegie Hall

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District Boundary - - - - -