

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

Rockland Public Library

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Union Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rockland,

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maine

CODE

23

COUNTY

Knox

CODE

013

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

City of Rockland

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Rockland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maine

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Knox County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockland,

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 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 Rockland Public Library of Rockland, Maine designed by the Boston firm, Clough and Wardner, was built in 1903. In style the building is transitional Romanesque Revival -Beaux Arts Classicism.

Built of granite, the building is of one story with a full basement, covered by a cross-gabled slate roof. Two granite chimneys are present, one at each end of the building.

The facade, which faces east, is dominated by a slightly off-center gabled projection. This projection contains the recessed entrance to the building. The entrance consists of a double doorway, each door containing a clear glass window; flanking the doorway are sidelights. The entrance recess is supported by a pair of Doric columns. Flanking the recess are tall, narrow windows, each a fixed light over 1/1. The lintel above the entrance carries the words "PUBLIC LIBRARY" in raised letters. Above this inscription, in the gable of the projection, is an arched window with keystone. Decorating each corner and the peak of the projection is an acroterion. To the right of the facade projection are three windows, the central one being fixed lights above 6/1, flanked by windows with 2 fixed lights over 4/1. To the left of the projection are 5 evenly-spaced windows, 3/3 in form.

The north end of the library is 2 bays wide, each bay containing a window with 3 fixed lights above 6/1, with a small arched window above and a basement window of casement design below.

The south end of the library is apsidal with seven faces, each face containing a 6/6 window. Between each window is a Doric pilaster.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rockland Bicentennial Commission, Shore Village Story. Rockland, 1976.

James L. Burns, Rockland's Libraries, Then and Now. Ms. at Rockland Public Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Rockland

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 490995 4883350

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The property is bounded: on the North by Beech Street, on the East by Union Street, on the South by land of John and H. L. Lovejoy, and the Episcopal Church lot, and on the West by White Street. The extensive front lawn is included as an important feature of the site.

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

ORGANIZATION

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

April, 1979

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Earle S. Feltstewart

TITLE

S. H. P. O.

DATE

5/18/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Charles ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-15-79

ATTEST: *Bruce ...*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7/6/79