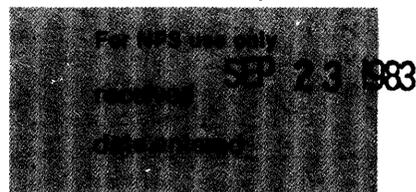


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 Skowhegan Fire Station

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Island Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Skowhegan, vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Somerset code 025

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name Town of Skowhegan

street & number 90 Water Street

city, town Skowhegan, vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Maine 04976

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Registry of deeds

street & number

city, town Skowhegan, state Maine

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Skowhegan Fire Station is a 2½ story brick structure of square dimension. It's style is Romanesque Revival, characterized by three lavish arched bays across the facade, polychromatic brickwork, and a thin dentiled cornice. Each facade bay contains a door opening, a bar of decorative (relief) brickwork above, and two arched windows in the second story, all enclosed by thin piers terminating in generous round arches with more raised brickwork in the semi-circle. The wide entablature bears the legend "Fire Department" in terra cotta, flanked by two terra-cotta broadfoot crosses. Above the thin cornice stands a rectangular cartouche bearing the date "1904".

Entrance is had through a round-arched door in a small wing to the left of the main section. Above the door is an oval window.

One Romanesque window is cut into the forward part of the southeast wall, the rest of the windows being rectangular and doubled.

A one-story section, mimicing the dimensions and brickwork of one of the facade bays, has recently been added against the southeast wall to house an additional fire engine.

## 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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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** 1904 **Builder/Architect** William R. Miller

### Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The Skowhegan Fire Station of 1904, designed by the noted Lewiston architect, William R. Miller, is the finest building of its type and period in the state in terms of the tastefulness of its design and the workmanship evident in its construction. Although a utilitarian structure, it presents to the eye an architectural presence which contributes markedly to the built environment of Skowhegan. Of particular note is the decorative brickwork carried out with consummate skill by the masons who executed it.

William R. Miller, senior partner in the firm of Miller and Mayo, was responsible for the design of numerous public buildings throughout the state at the turn of the century. Among his works is the Lawrence Library of 1900 in Fairfield (N.R. 12/31/74) and the L. C. Bates Museum of 1903 at the Hinckley School (N.R. 10/ 4/78). He also designed the magnificent and unique Casco Castle summer hotel at South Freeport, now gone.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Coburn, L. H., Skowhegan on the Kennebec. Skowhegan, 1941.

"Somerset Reporter", March 30, 1905.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1/4

Quadrangle name Skowhegan

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 26, Lot 86

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Gregory K. Clancey, Architectural Historian

organization Me. Historic Preservation Comm. date July, 1983

street & number 55 Capitol Street telephone 207/289-2132

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 *Eileen S. [Signature]*

title S.H.P.O. date 9/12/83

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register date 10/20/83

*Melores Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration