

**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 Bloomfield Academy

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Skowhegan, N/A vicinity of congressional district Second

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> <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 Municipal Building

city, town Skowhegan, N/A 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 Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta, state Maine 04333

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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**

Dating from 1840, Bloomfield Academy in Skowhegan, Maine, is a classic academic building in the Greek Revival style.

The 2-story building is of brick construction (with wooden gable-ends above the second floor), and has a framed facade tower, internal brick chimney, gable roof, granite trim, and granite foundation.

The facade, which faces east in the gable-end, is three bays wide with a central entrance. This double-doored entrance is covered by a large bracketed hood. Fenestration here, as elsewhere, is 2/2, save for the central facade bay in the second story; this consists of paired 1/1 windows. Two-story brick pilasters divide the bays from each other.

The facade tower straddles the roof peak and is square in plan. This rises in two stages. The lower stage is clapboarded. The upper stage contains an arched aperture in each side, flanked by Doric pilasters.

The sides of the academy are three bays wide. A simple rear entrance faces south.

# 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**      1840                      **Builder/Architect**      Asa Dyer

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

In addition to being a handsome example of a Greek Revival private educational structure, the Bloomfield Academy building represents a tradition in Maine educational history, having its roots in the earliest period of settlement.

Originally chartered by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1807 as Canaan Academy, the name was changed to Bloomfield Academy in 1819 when the town name was correspondingly changed. The original wooden structure having become inadequate, the present handsome brick edifice was built in 1840 by Asa Dyer, a local brick maker and master builder. Although Bloomfield became part of the much larger Skowhegan in 1861, the academy name was retained and continues in use even though the building is now a part of the local public school district, having been turned over to the town by the trustees.

This important landmark in Skowhegan speaks eloquently of the importance placed on education by early settlers in Maine.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Coburn, Louise Helen, Skowhegan on the Kennebec. Skowhegan, 1941.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2

Quadrangle name Skowhegan

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UMT References

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1	9	4	4	3	2	0	0	4	9	5	1	6	3	1	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing									

C 

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Zone			Easting				Northing									

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 23, Lot 55

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/Robert L. Bradley, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date July, 1981

street & number 55 Capitol 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 Eileen S. Speltzworth

title S.H.P.O. date 12/18/81

For HCERS use only

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

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Entered in the National Register

date 2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration