

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Union Church of Vinalhaven

and or common

2. Location

street & number East Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Vinalhaven, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county Knox code 013

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 type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name The Registered Members of the Church

street & number Union Church of Vinalhaven - Box 249

city, town Vinalhaven, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04863

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

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Designed in the Shingle Style, this church is entirely sheathed with dark brown wood shingles. The main section of the building is rectangular with a steeply pitched gable roof. On one side is a massive bell tower with a shingled entrance porch. Gothic style influences are evident in the lancet arched windows. The round windows and over-hang of the gable end, on the other hand, suggest the Colonial Revival style. This trim is painted white, which provides a sharp contrast to the shingle siding.

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 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 1899 **Builder/Architect** Otto Nelson/John Calvin Stevens

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This distinguished example of the Shingle Style was designed by one of the founders and foremost practitioners of the style, Maine's most noted architect John Calvin Stevens. The very large number of National Register properties in Maine designed by Stevens attest to the distinction of his work. Though small, this church ranks with the best examples of the period in Maine and elsewhere.

Construction on the Union Church was commenced in 1899 to replace an earlier church built in 1860. At the time of the erection of the former, Vinalhaven had become the "granite capital" of Maine and great prosperity had come to the community. This was undoubtedly the reason why so distinguished an architect was retained and the finest materials used.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Thompson, Deborah, Ed., Maine Forms of American Architecture. Camden, 1976.

"Dedication of Union Church, Vinalhaven, Maine", Rockland Courier-Gazette, June 27, 1900

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property $\frac{1}{4}$

Quadrangle name Vinalhaven

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	9	5	1	3	5	2	1	0	4	8	7	7	0	4	1	0
Zone			Easting						Northing							

B

Zone			Easting						Northing						

C

Zone			Easting						Northing						

D

Zone			Easting						Northing						

E

Zone			Easting						Northing						

F

Zone			Easting						Northing						

G

Zone			Easting						Northing						

H

Zone			Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 8, Lot 27

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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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 *Carle S. [Signature]*

title S.H.P.O. date 6/8/84

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 7/19/84

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration