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United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Brooklin I.O.O.F. Hall

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Rt. 175☐ NA not for publicationcity, town Brooklin☒ vicinitystate Mainecode MEcounty Hancockcode 009zip code 04616

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/ANumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Maine Historic Preservation Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

12/15/89In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the National
Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.☐ other, (explain): _____Entered in the
National Register

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Social/Meeting Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Second Empire

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Granite

walls Wood/Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Stair Tower on North Side

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Brooklin's I.O.O.F. Hall is a three-story, L-shaped, wooden frame building sheathed in weatherboards and covered by an unusual mansard roof. It was designed to have commercial space on the first story, a community hall with stage and kitchen area on the second floor and the lodge meeting space in the third story. The building stands on the south side of Route 175, a rural location whose setting is little different than when it was erected.

Facing east, the principal elevation has a somewhat irregular fenestration pattern caused by the juxtaposition of the two separate commercial spaces with the upper level windows. The storefront at the southeast corner features a recessed two-leaf door below by a paneled overdoor that is framed by large nine-pane display windows. A brick flue sheathed in weatherboards that rises above the roof separates the storefront at the left from the paired six-over-six windows and door to the right. Large six-over-six windows with hoods are located over the first story openings and these are in turn surmounted by pedimented dormers. Between these two stories is a bracketed cornice that carries around the building. The thin corner boards feature continuous panels.

The L-shaped north elevation faces Route 175. Its irregular fenestration pattern consists of two widely separated windows and a door on the first story of the recessed main block, three windows on the second story and a trio of pedimented dormers. The projecting stair tower which forms the foot of the "L" has a wide two-leaf door located beneath a bracketed hood. There is a single second story window on the wall that intersects with the recessed block, and a dormer. Three windows are located on the first story of the rear elevation, two on the second, and a pair of dormers punctuate the roof. The south side elevation contains three windows and two doors on the first story, three windows on the second story, a trio of dormers, and a non-historic metal fire escape.

The interior retains a high degree of both the original finish as well as furnishings. Narrow unpainted tongue-and-groove sheathing covers the walls and ceiling of the commercial spaces. The upper floors have similar material (now painted) on the ceiling, but feature plaster walls. An elaborate ceiling medallion distinguishes the lodge space which also retains

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original benches, podiums and chairs. The open string stair has lightly stained turned newels and balusters, and the walls of the stair tower are covered with tongue-and-groove boards.

Documentary photographs of the lodge hall show that when first built the projection containing the stair was a four stage tower. A tapered block with dormers rose from the present roof forming the third stage and a square unit with square clock faces constituted the top. They were surmounted by an octagonal spire. The upper sections of this tower are believed to have been removed some fifty years ago. In addition, the attached flue on the east facade, although in place by 1907, was not an original feature. Its initial absence and subsequent appearance have been determined from two different postcard views.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1896

Significant Dates

1896

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Bent, Ralph E., Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Constructed in 1896 by local builder Ralph E. Bent, the I.O.O.F. Hall is one of Brooklin's largest and most architecturally significant nineteenth century buildings. It was designed to accommodate commercial uses on the first floor, community functions and theatrical productions on the second floor and lodge meetings in the upper story. The latter function is still maintained. The building is eligible for nomination to the Register under criterion C.

Brooklin is a peninsular coastal community in Hancock County that is bounded by Blue Hill Bay and Eggemoggin Reach. Historically, its economy has been tied primarily to fishing and small scale maritime related industries, although agricultural pursuits gained some prominence in the mid to late nineteenth century. Unfortunately, few of its nineteenth century non-residential buildings have survived without alteration. The I.O.O.F. Hall is an exception to this general pattern. Although it has lost the upper section of the tower the building retains a remarkably high degree of integrity including its storefronts. This fact, combined with the rather unusual arrangement of architectural features found here, makes the hall a conspicuous local landmark. Its immediate neighbors were and continue to be rather modest nineteenth century dwellings exhibiting a variety of stylistic forms.

The I.O.O.F. Hall was built in 1896 with the first function held on June 13th of that year. It was conceived as a multi-purpose building, but was primarily for use by Brooklin's Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This fraternal organization was instituted on March 13, 1895. It continues to utilize the upper two floors whereas the commercial space is now vacant.

Little information has as yet been discovered about the builder of the hall, Ralph E. Bent. He first appears as a carpenter in Brooklin in the 1896-97 edition of the Maine State Year-Book and Legislative Manual, and he is listed in every subsequent edition as late as 1941.

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Centennial Celebration, Brooklin, Maine. Brooklin, ME: Brooklin Centennial Committee, 1949.

Maine State Year-Book and Legislative Manual. Portland: G. M. Donham, various editions.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than 1

UTM References

A

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

C

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Zone Easting Northing

D

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of less than 1 acre occupies the Town of Brooklin tax map 18, lot 9.

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the entire building and lot historically associated with this property.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date 10/89

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Brooklin IOOF Hall

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MAINE, Hancock

DATE RECEIVED: 12/26/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/09/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/25/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/09/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89002341

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 1/26/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTM's ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Phone _____

Signed _____

Date _____



BROOKLIN I.O.O.F. HALL
BROOKLIN VIC, MAINE

KIM F. MOHNEY

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VIEW FROM EAST

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BROOKLIN I.O.O.F. HALL
BROOKLIN VIC., MAINE

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LODGE HALL INTERIOR

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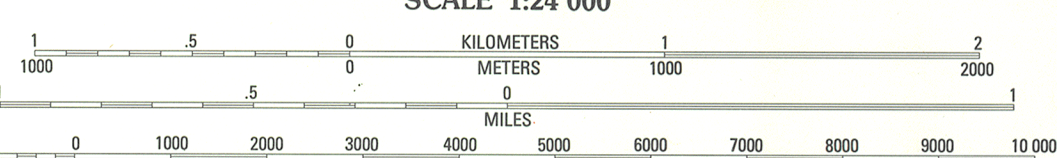
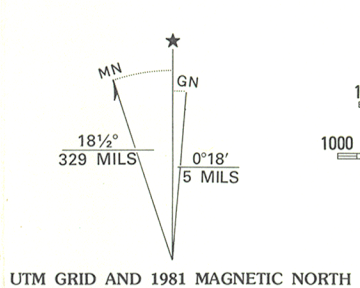
CONVERSION
SCALES



Feet	Meters
1	3.048
2	6.096
3	9.144
4	12.192
5	15.240
6	18.288
7	21.336
8	24.384
9	27.432
10	30.480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048
To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808

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Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1976. Field checked 1977. Map edited 1981
Selected hydrographic data compiled from NOS chart 13316 (1977)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Maine coordinate
system, east zone (transverse Mercator)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 19
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 2 meters south and
46 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks



CONTOUR INTERVAL 6 METERS
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
CONTROL ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST METER
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.1 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route



BROOKLIN, MAINE
SE/4 BLUE HILL 15' QUADRANGLE
N4415-W6830/7.5
1981
DMA 7272 1 SE-SERIES V811



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To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed please find nominations for seven individual properties and one historic district in Maine.

Sincerely,

Kirk F. Mohny
Architectural Historian

Enclosures

KFM/tls