



Maine Hall

Bangor, Maine

Historic Rehabilitation

Originally designed as a dormitory for Bangor Theological Seminary in 1833, Maine Hall was rehabilitated into 28 affordable housing units for elderly and disabled residents in 2010-11. Sutherland Conservation & Consulting assisted in the rehabilitation process by being an active part of the design team and facilitating the use of state and federal historic tax credits.

Maine Hall was built as the first substantial masonry building on the Bangor Theological Seminary school campus. Architect Charles H. Pond designed the building in a conservative form of the late Federal style. Italianate updates to the east porch and windows occurred in the later

19th century. The interior staircases were almost entirely replaced in the late 20th century and were incompatible with the character of the building.

The rehabilitation work involved upgrading the building's efficiency to Maine Housing Green Building standards and bringing the building up to contemporary life safety codes while retaining the historic character of the interior. The stairs were rebuilt to code using the one remaining historic section as a model. A new addition on the rear provided space for a modern elevator, a community room, and additional units. The long-missing Italianate balustrade on the porch roof was restored.

