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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Cobbossee Lighthouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Ladies Delight Island N/A not for publication

city, town Winthrop, N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Maine code 23 county Kennebec code 011

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club, c/o Comm. Elaine Fuller

street & number Pond Road

city, town Manchester, N/A vicinity of state Maine 04351

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kennebec County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Augusta, state Maine 04330

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

The Cobbossee Lighthouse, located on a tiny island near the north end of Lake Cobbosseecontee, is approximately 20 feet tall with a tapered cylindrical tower of rubblestone approximately eight feet in diameter at the base. At the top of the tower is a very broad flat platform with a rail on which rests the hexagonal lantern. This in turn is capped with a flat conical roof with a vent at the peak. A plain door appears at the base of the tower to the left of which is a dedicatory plate. Above the door just under the platform appears a single glazed window with a counterpart on the opposite side.

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 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 checked="" 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 1908 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Cobbossee lighthouse was at the time of its construction in 1908, the only lighthouse on an inland lake east of the Mississippi and today it is still the only one in Maine with her hundreds of lakes. Although partly decorative, it has served its purpose as a navigational aid at night.

The lighthouse was built with funds donated by Daniel Robinson, the first commodore of the Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club which is the owner. At the time of its construction there were many hotels and restaurants on the lake and boats were used to transport people and on tours of the lake. When first built it was lit by two kerosene lamps which had to be tended every day. Later storage batteries lasting 13 days powered an electric lamp and today an underwater cable serves a revolving light. The light is, of course, extinguished in winter when the lake is frozen over. The island on which it is located is properly named Ladies Delight, not Packards Ledge as indicated on the Geological Survey quadrangle.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Article in "Kennebec Journal", Augusta, Maine, August 6, 1983.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 1/10

Quadrangle name Winthrop

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	1	9
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

Shore of Ladies Delight Island

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank A. Beard, Historian/Roger G. Reed, Architectural Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date October, 1983

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

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 *Evan S. Felt*

title S.H.P.O. date 11/23/83

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

Kevin Lee Dwyer date 1/12/89

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration