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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 Pumpkin Island Light Station

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Pumpkin Island, Eggemoggin Reach

N/A not for publication

city, town Sargentville,

vicinity

state Maine code ME county Hancock

code 009 zip code 04673

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>2</u>	_____ buildings
<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<u>3</u>	_____ structures
	_____ objects
	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Light Stations of Maine

Number 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
Carol S. Fullerton
Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Date
12/17/87

State or Federal agency and bureau

In 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:) _____

William Byer

Entered in the
National Register 2/1/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: Water-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Camp

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Brick

Wood: Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Iron Lantern and Deck on Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Standing on a small island off the northwestern edge of Little Deer Isle, the Pumpkin Island Light Station consists of a cylindrical brick tower connected to a one-and-a-half-story frame keeper's house, both of which were built in 1854. A frame boathouse and brick oil house stand to the northeast.

1. LIGHT TOWER AND KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The light tower is a relatively wide and squat structure which is twenty-two feet in height from its base to the middle of the lantern. A pair of windows are located in the northeastern face of the tower and an iron walkway and railing cap the brick shaft. The existing octagonal lantern, which is similar to others on late nineteenth century towers, replaced a larger ten or twelve sided unit. This was done in 1890. A narrow workroom with a door on the southeast side and an opposing window link the tower to the house.

Covered in clapboards, the dwelling has a three-bay facade featuring a side entrance and a pair of six-over-six double-hung sash windows. A dormer added in 1902 surmounts the center window on the facade and there are two at the rear. A bay window has been added to the southwest gable end of the house in front of the recessed one-story frame wing. This 1887 wing is punctuated by a number of door and window openings and has a small shed addition to its gable end. The rear elevation of the main block contains four windows and that of the wing has three. A chimney punctuates the roof of the house and a flue is located in the wing. When built in 1854, the keeper's house, like all of its contemporaries, was sheathed in board-and-batten siding. This material had probably been replaced by the 1880s.

2. BOATHOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The boathouse is a rectangular frame building sheathed in wood shingles. It was constructed in 1885 and enlarged in 1906 when a new slip was constructed.

3. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

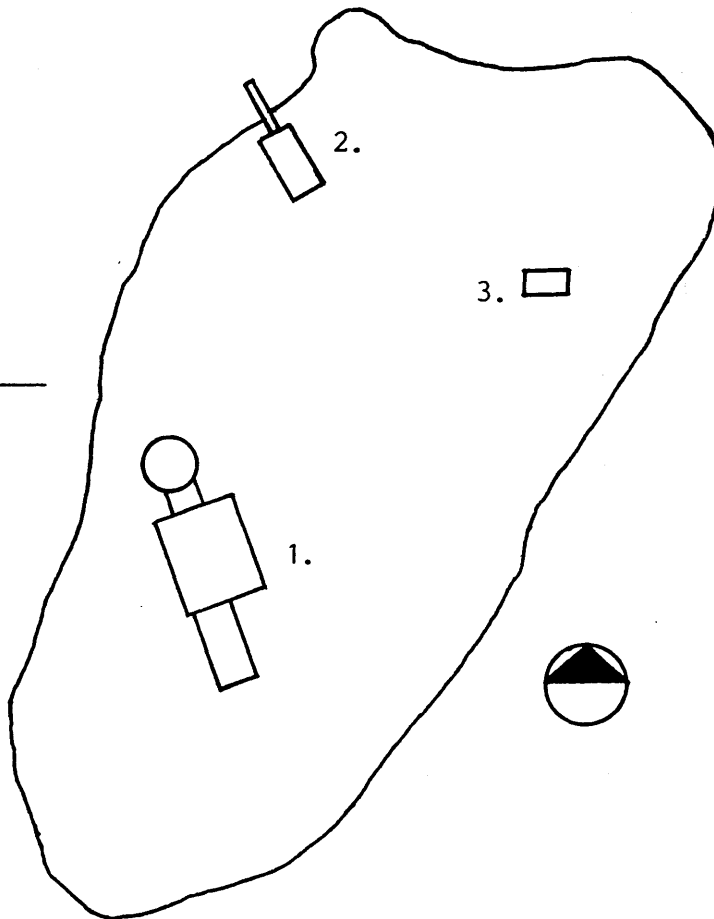
The brick oil house was added to the complex in 1906. It is similar to others built during the period in that it features a gable roof and a door and ventilator in one end.

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Continuation Sheet

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Photo 1



Sketch Map

Pumpkin Island Light
Station
Sargentville Vic., Maine

Not to Scale

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
Engineering
Transportation

Period of Significance

1854-1934

Significant Dates

1854

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Designer

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

Pumpkin Island Light Station, which was established in 1854, was constructed as a guide to the western entrance of Eggemoggin Reach, a narrow body of water that separates Little Dear Isle from the mainland. The station retains its integrity of design, setting and association, and meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". Its significance has been evaluated with respect to the associated historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

The light station on Pumpkin Island was an integral component of a six unit system of primary navigational aids in East Penobscot Bay. All but two of these stations were built during the 1850s and after the organization of the Light-House Board when a complete system of aids was being developed. Located at the western end of Eggemoggin Reach, the Pumpkin Island light provided a guide to this heavily trafficked waterway linking Blue Hill Bay to the east and Penobscot Bay to the west. A dry ledge beacon replaced the station in 1934, and the property was sold to a private citizen.

Pumpkin Island Light Station derives significance under criteria A and C. Criteria A is satisfied by the association of the complex with Maine's critical reliance on maritime transportation and the aids that made navigation possible. Criteria C is met by the station's distinctive character that reflects light station design and construction of the 1850s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Annual Report of the Light-House Board. Washington, D. C.: U.S.G.P.O., various dates.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository:

U. S. Coast Guard

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 3 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of approximately 3 acres is referenced in the Maine Coastal Island Registry as C. I. R. 59-20E-702.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Pumpkin Island Light Station embraces the structure and immediate setting historically associated with the station. This includes the entire land mass of Pumpkin Island.

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