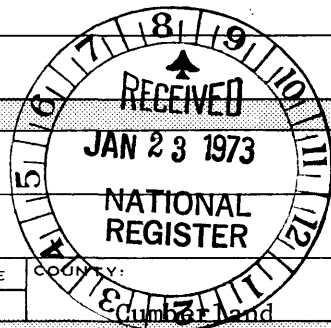


Hon. Peter N. Kyros

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Cumberland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME
COMMON:
Portland Breakwater Light
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
Northeast end of Portland Breakwater
CITY OR TOWN:
Portland Harbor, South Portland
STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Cumberland CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<u>Abandoned</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
United States Coast Guard
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE: 11

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cumberland County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
142 Federal Street
CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
HABS No. ME-112
DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation
STREET AND NUMBER:
801 19th Street N.W.
CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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This structure is unique because of its construction and decoration. It is possible that Thomas Ustick Walter, who designed and erected the National Capitol's cast-iron dome, might have had something to do with the structure; especially since its details, derived from the fourth-century B.C. Choragic Monument of Lysikrates in Athens, show an archeological bias consistent with Walter's academic tastes.

Erected in 1855, the structure is a circular tower 11'-8" in diameter of cast-iron plates fashioned as fluted columns with Corinthian capitals covering joints. The lighthouse is situated on a stone base at the end of the breakwater.

The walls are 6" thick composed of 1" cast-iron plates bolted at the flanges. The remainder of the 6" thickness consists of 4" of brick filler, plastered inside. There is an airspace between the iron plate and brick. Cast-iron columns cover the bolted flanges of the plates. The lantern house is cylindrical, cast-iron plate. There are ten fixed sheets of glass.

The windows consist of 12" round portholes in the tower wall with brass fittings. Some are fixed and some swing inward.

The lighthouse is visible from the Eastern Promenade in Portland.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1855

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Greek Revival structure was first built in 1855 and rebuilt in 1875. The structure was abandoned in 1943. The rebuilding in 1875 did not alter the design or character of the structure.

The significance of Portland Breakwater Light is its unique style and construction as shown in the photographs. It also represents the sea-going heritage of the State of Maine in the 18th and 19th centuries when it and its sister lighthouses along Maine's rocky coasts stood as symbols of commercial prosperity derived from shipping.

Built to communicate the location of Portland Breakwater to ships at sea, it also indicates the concern of 19th century Americans to make as essentially functional structure aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Its Greek Revival styling would have integrated well into the panorama of Portland in 1855.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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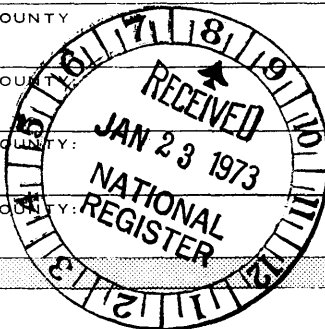
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *less than 1*

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: James H. Mundy, Director

ORGANIZATION: Maine Historic Preservation Commission DATE: Oct. 25, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta STATE: Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name James H. Mundy

Title State Liaison Officer

Date January 15, 1973

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

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/19/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 6 14 73

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