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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 87002271

Date Listed: 1/21/88

Doubling Point Light Station  
Property Name

Sagadahoc  
County

ME  
State

Light Stations of Maine MPS  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Amy Schlager*  
Signature of the Keeper

1/21/88  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Since the light tower was "reoriented" and the Keeper's House was moved (within the property boundaries) in 1901, within the period of significance established for the property, criteria exception B is applicable and should be checked.

This information was confirmed with Kirk Mohny, Maine's National Register coordinator, by telephone on the date of listing.

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- National Register property file
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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 Doubling Point Light Station

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number West Side of Arrowsic Island

not for publication

city, town Bath,

vicinity

state Maine code ME county Sagadahoc

code 023 zip code 04530

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>3</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<u>4</u>	<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] SHPO  
Signature of certifying official  
Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

10/30/87  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature]  
Signature of commenting or other official  
U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION OST/P-14  
State of Federal agency and bureau

12/7/87  
Date

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.

[Signature] (SLR) 1/21/88

- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: Water-Related

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Transportation: Water-Related

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Granite

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walls Wood: Shingle

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Wood: Weatherboard

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roof Asphalt

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other

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

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Like the other Kennebec River lights built at the turn of the nineteenth century, Doubling Point Light Station consists of an octagonal wooden frame tower, a detached keeper's dwelling, a shed, and a brick oil house. The light tower, which stands offshore on a square granite base, is linked to the mainland by means of a three span wooden truss foot-bridge.

**1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE**

Erected in 1898, the tower is a tapered octagonal structure covered in wood shingles. A wooden walkway rings the tower off of which a door opens into the interior workroom. There is a single window in the north face and the bell support apparatus on the west side. A ladder rises to the bracketed iron walkway that is located below the octagonal lantern. Three granite piers support the foot-bridge. The tower was reoriented in 1899 but the original location is not known.

**2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING**

Doubling Point's dwelling house is a one-and-a-half-story L-shaped building sheathed in clapboards. Like the tower, it was erected in 1898. The leg of the L plan faces west toward the river. It has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern of three windows and is flanked by short hip roofed porches that shelter doors. The main block has a pair of windows on both gable ends. In 1901 the dwelling was moved to a point nearer the tower.

**3. SHED - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING**

Standing near the house is a small gable roofed frame shed. It was built in 1898.

**4. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING**

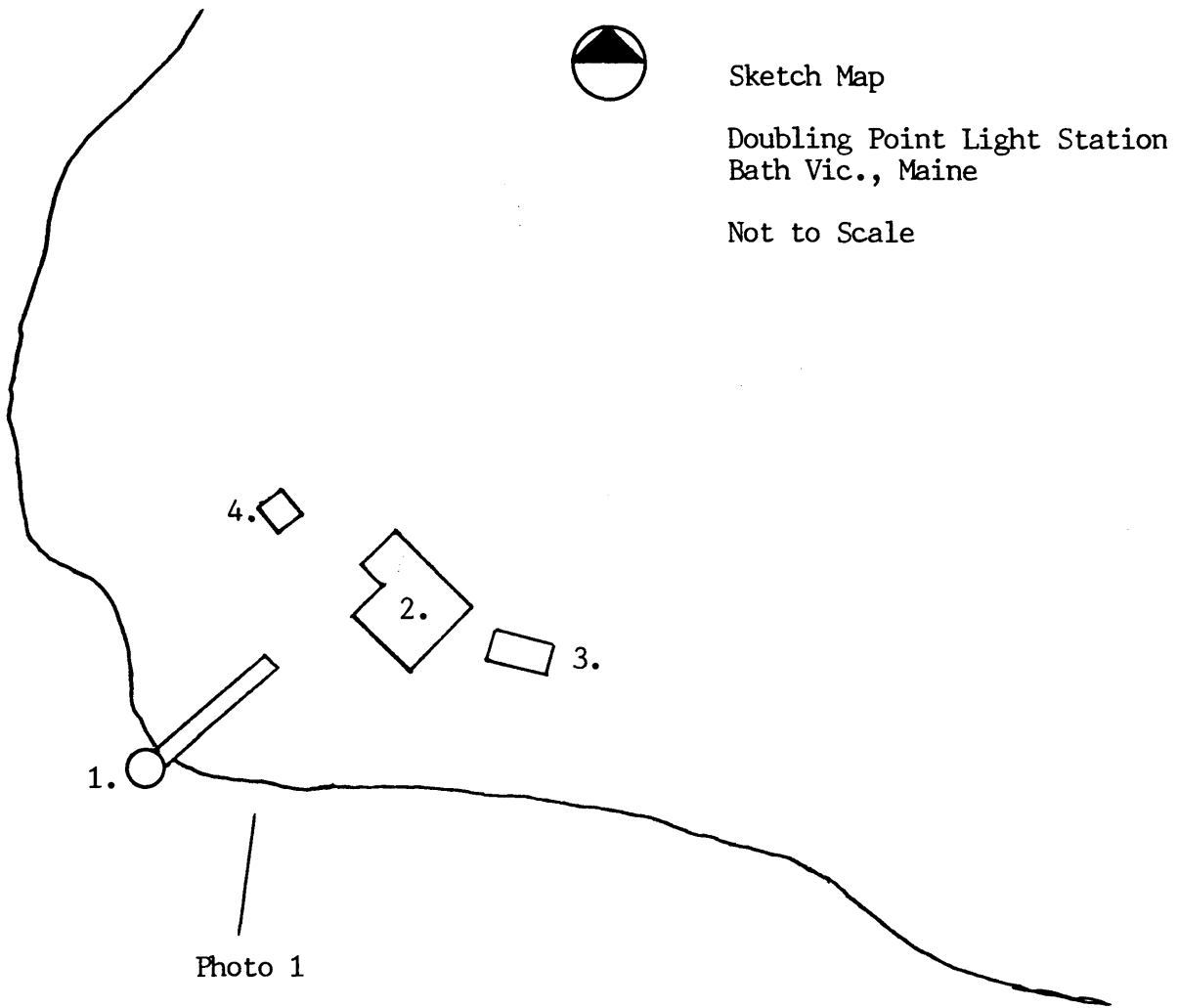
The brick oil house, which was added to the complex in 1906, is a typical small gable roofed building with a door and vent in one end.

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Sketch Map

Doubling Point Light Station  
Bath 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

1898-1937

Significant Dates

1898

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Designers

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

The Doubling Point Light Station is situated on the west side of Arrowsic Island in the Kennebec River. Northernmost of the four-station system erected in 1898 on this important river, the complex retains integrity of setting, design, materials and association that meet the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". Its significance is defined in the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

In 1892, the Annual Report of the Light-House Board carried a lengthy statement of the need for light and fog signals in the Kennebec River. Gateway to the important harbor at Bath and the upriver communities of Gardiner, Hallowell and the state capitol at Augusta, the Kennebec River carried the traffic of 3,137 vessels in 1891 excluding daily passenger steamers. Based on these statistics the Light-House Board requested appropriations for lights at Doubling Point, Squirrel Point, Perkins Island, and a set of range lights. It was not until 1895, however, that Congress appropriated the \$17,000 needed for construction. In 1898 the system was completed and put into operation. Doubling Point light continues to provide an aid to navigation.

Doubling Point light 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 along the Kennebec River at the turn of the century.

See continuation sheet

**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 4

**UTM References**

A 

1	9	4	3	5	1	4	0	4	8	5	8	9	1	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The nominated property occupies the Town of Arrowsic, Tax Map 4, Lot 31.

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary embraces the buildings and property historically associated with the light station. There has been no non-related use of this site.

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

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