

LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATION FORM

NUMBER 21

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPH KEY

Leslie L. Fox - MHC - 1981

1. Tower from east

HISTORIC NAME: Hospital Point Light Station  
(Front Range Light)

TOWN: Beverly

LOCATION: End of Bayview Ave., NE of town ctr.

COUNTY: Essex CODE: 009

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th

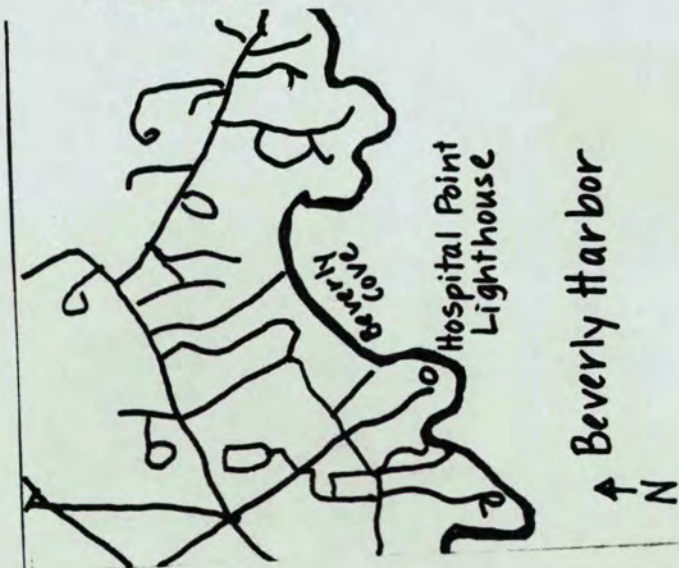
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owned property.

SKETCH MAP



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SCALE: 1:250,000

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First Coast Guard District  
408 Atlantic Ave.  
Boston, MA 02210

STATUS: Unmanned/Active

RECORDED BY: N. L. Salzman

ORGANIZATION: MHC

DATE: 1981

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SITE DESCRIPTION: The Hospital Point Light Station, Beverly (also known as the Front Range Light) is located on a rocky promontory on the west side of Beverly Cove on the main channel into Salem Harbor. Approach is by a private road and the property is surrounded by a fence and a gate. The site was originally called Paul's Point since it was owned by a Paul Thorndike, and its strategic location was recognized as early as 1711 when a watch house was constructed, then a fort and finally, because of its isolation, a smallpox hospital.

MAJOR ELEMENTS DESCRIPTION: The station dates primarily from 1871 and the extant original elements include the square brick tower, Stick Style Keeper's House, and standard brick oil house, as well as the slightly later 1875 equipment building. Twentieth century additions and alterations are the wood frame garage (1942), concrete walks, 48' flagpole and rather extensive modifications to the keeper's house (1968). Due to the alterations to the site, only the light tower is considered significant to this nomination.

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Stair: housed in a 3-square-foot central brick shaft with iron treads measuring 12 1/2" deep, 36 1/2" wide. The lamp room is reached by a series of three steps leading to landings; this is repeated nine times.

Windows: Five windows with wood frames and sashes. Granite sills and lintels measure 3' 5" X 8". Window casings are 3'3" wide, 4'3" high, with 3" sill and 3 1/2" skirting.

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CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY:

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- 1801 - A hospital was erected for smallpox victims, and the area acquired the name of Hospital Point.
- 4/2/1801 - Hasadiah Smith sold parcel of land to the town of Beverly for \$50.
- 1812-14 The smallpox hospital was converted to barracks.
- 1849 - The smallpox hospital burned to the ground.
- 1871 - The town of Beverly transfers land to the US Government (1.833 acres for \$1428.57; no deed of record); temporary lighthouse erected.
- 1871-72 The present brick tower was erected for \$4,600-\$5,000; 14'7" diameter X 40' high.
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Hospital Point Light Station (Lighthouses of Massachusetts TR)

Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS



Working No. 4/28/82  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: 6/10/87  
Action:  ACCEPT  
 RETURN 6-15-87  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: USCG

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Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

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Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Name

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3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

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- altered

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- moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**8. Significance**

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
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- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

**X Verbal boundary description and justification**

*Please provide boundaries of "the Coast Guard owned property":*

**11. Form Prepared By**

**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed *AByer* Date 6-15-87 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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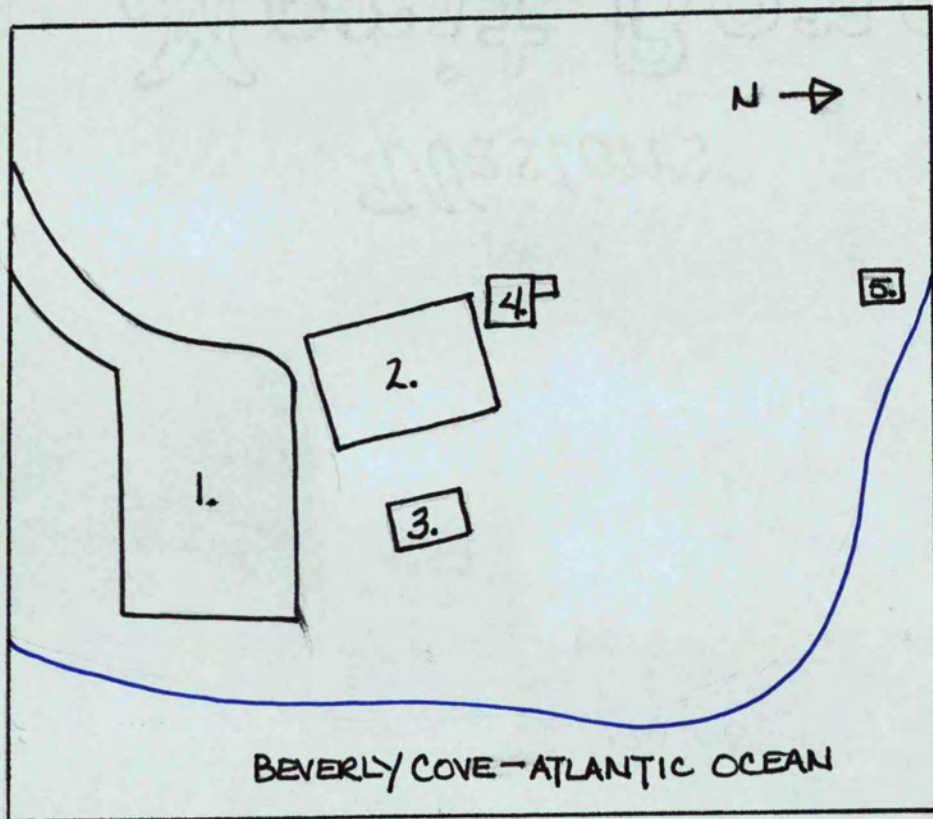
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HOSPITAL POINT LIGHT STATION



1. PARKING LOT
2. KEEPER'S HOUSE
3. STORAGE SHED
4. LIGHT TOWER
5. OIL HOUSE

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Lighthouses of Massachusetts TR  
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 21. Hospital Point Light Station *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Delores Byers 9/28/87*  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Graves Light Station *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Delores Byers 9/28/87*  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Hospital Point Light Station  
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Essex County  
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/28/89  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/89  
Date Due: 10/30/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 9-28-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: USCG

Registered in  
National Register

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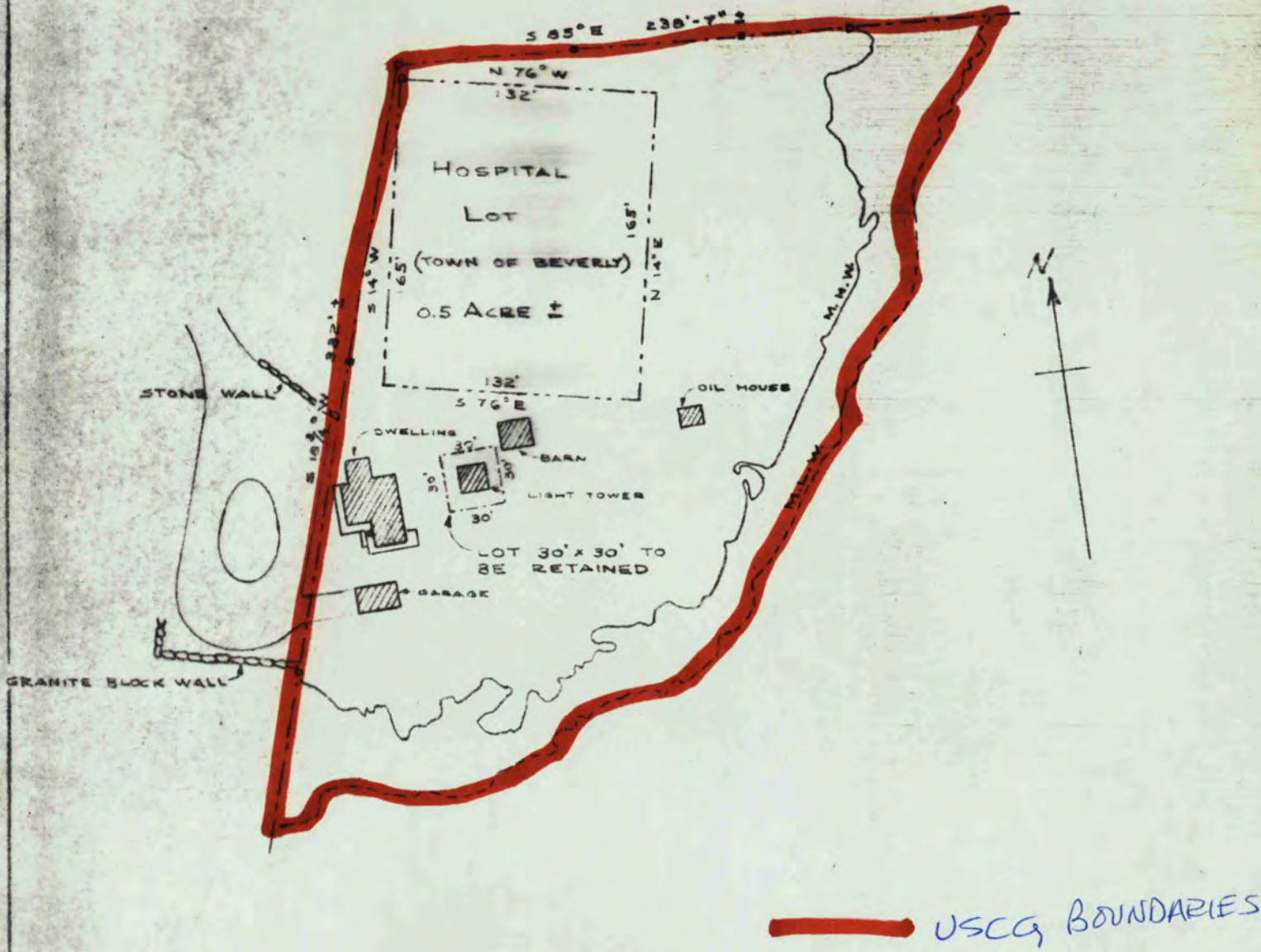
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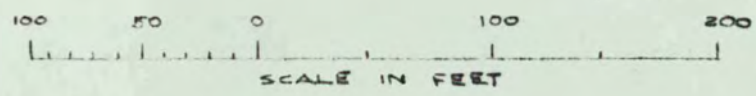
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AUG 1981

NOTE: ENTIRE AREA TO M.H.W. 1.833 ACRES



PLOT PLAN



HOSPITAL POINT LIGHT STATION - BEVERLY, MASS.

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Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

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