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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED AUG 24 1976

DATE ENTERED MAR 8 1977

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

**

PLYMOUTH (GURNET) LIGHT STATION
AND/OR COMMON

PLYMOUTH LIGHT STATION

Use this

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SE of Duxbury at Gurnet Point

CITY, TOWN

DUXBURY

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

VICINITY OF

CODE

25

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

COUNTY

PLYMOUTH

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☒ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☒ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT

STREET & NUMBER

150 CAUSEWAY STREET

CITY, TOWN

BOSTON

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PLYMOUTH CO.

STREET & NUMBER

NO. RUSSEL ST.

CITY, TOWN

PLYMOUTH

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMANDER, FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

BOSTON

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

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

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Water was supplied by rainwater from roofs of dwelling and engine house placed into two cisterns in cellar of dwelling and two in whistle house.

Drinking water was supplied from a 60' well, housed over, obtained by 2 buckets on a roller pulley.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☒ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☒ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☒ TRANSPORTATION
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Snow, Edward Rowe, The Lighthouses of New England, 1945 published by Dodd, Mead and Company, New York.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 *LESS THAN ONE ACRE*

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 3 67 41 10 46 51 10 10
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C
D
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. F. FLAHERTY

ORGANIZATION

FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT

STREET & NUMBER

150 CAUSEWAY STREET

CITY OR TOWN

BOSTON

DATE

3 May 1976

TELEPHONE

(617) 223-6903

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE X

Elizabeth Reed Amador
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National X State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE Robert H. Quinn

TITLE DOT Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 8/19/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

DATE 3/8/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE 3/4/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Property Plymouth (Gurnet) Light Station

State Massachusetts Working Number 8.24.76.4019

Plymouth

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

#10 needs redaction
Nothing appears incorrect

CONTROL

OK-8.25.76

Call for aersage.

HISTORIAN

Accept
Livingood
2 N 76

No statement of sign./aersage?
date of fog bldg?

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Significance is
there, but not
explicitly discussed

Accept (?)
b. bouch
11.15.76

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory dmh
Review Accept

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
Cole
2/20/77

KEEPER

Wh
3/4/77

National Register Write-up

Federal Register Entry

Send-back

Re-submit

Entered

MAR 8 1977

INT:2106-74



1. PLYMOUTH (GURNET) LIGHT STATION
2. DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS
3. UNKNOWN
4. 1974
5. FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT, BOSTON, MA

6. AERIAL
7. 111874-05

AUG 24 1976

MAR 8 1977

Plymouth Co., Massachusetts

PLEASE CREDIT	
U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICIAL PHOTO	
FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT	
BOSTON, MA	
File No.	<u>111874-05</u>
Subject	<u>GURNET PT LT</u>
Location	
Photographer	

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



GENERAL LOCATION PLAN

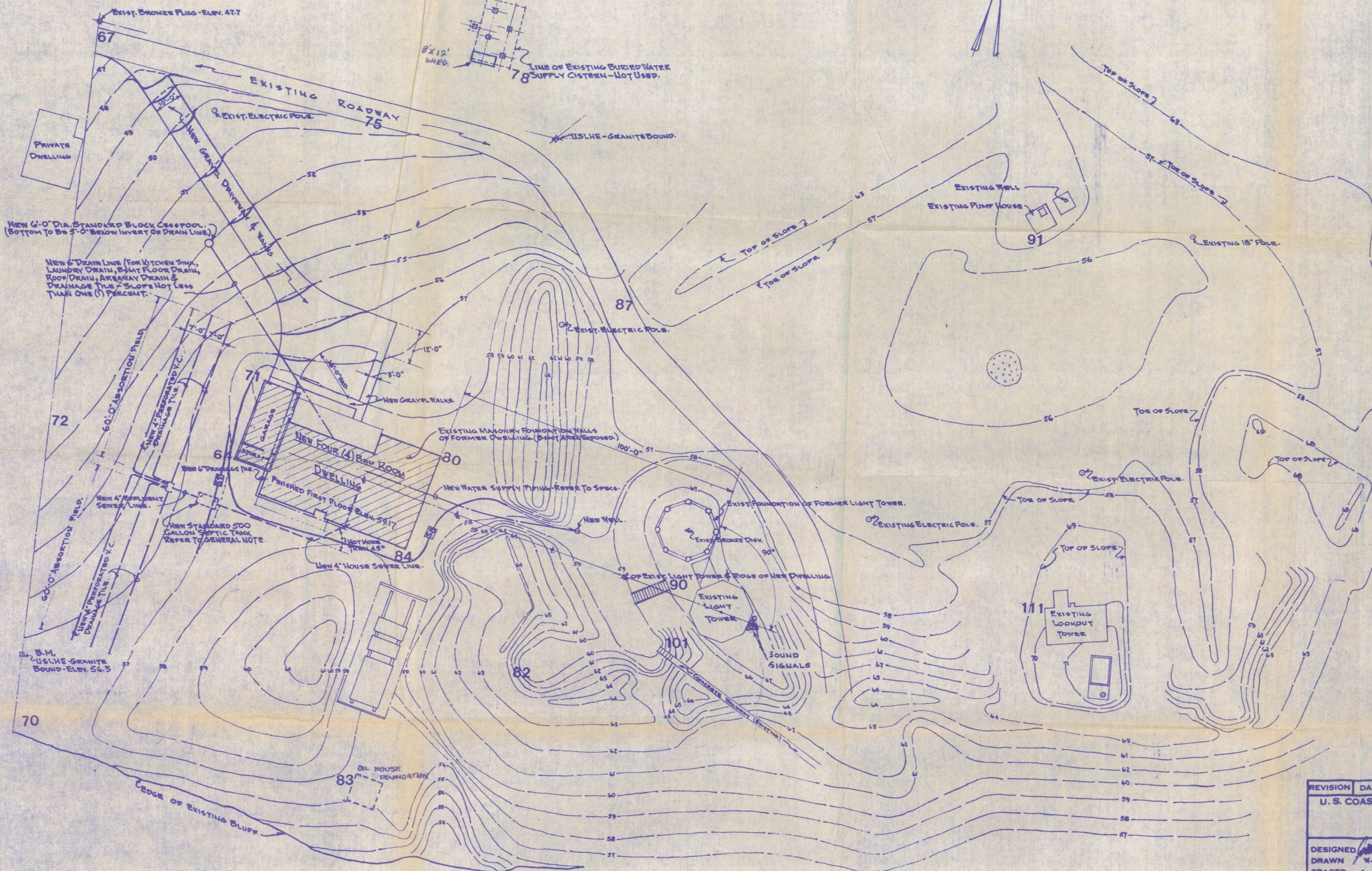
SCALE OF MILES
(TRACED FROM H.M. GOSWAM COMPANY
ROAD MAP FOR NEW ENGLAND)

GENERAL NOTE

FOR 500 GALLON SEPTIC TANK DATA REFER TO USCG
HQPRES. DRWG. NO. 105041-TITLED "STANDARD SEPTIC
TANKS & DETAILS"; DATED NOV. 26, 1954, SHEET 1 OF 1.

LEGEND

- NEW DRAIN LINE
 - NEW SEWER LINE
 - NEW DRAINAGE TILE
 - NEW ELECTRIC SERVICE
 - EXISTING CONTOURS TO REMAIN
 - EXISTING CONTOURS TO BE REMOVED
 - NEW WATER LINE
 - NEW CONTOURS TO BE ESTABLISHED
- 90 — INDICATE SOUND PRESSURE
LEVELS IN dBA TAKEN 7-28-86
WIND OUT OF THE EAST @ 4.5 MPH
TEMP. 78°F. ELU 300/02
3 MILE SIGNAL WITH NO
BAFFEL. *M. de*



PLOT PLAN
SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

REVISION	DATE	APPD.	BY
U. S. COAST GUARD FIRST DISTRICT BOSTON, MASS.			
CIVIL ENGINEERING			
DESIGNED <i>[Signature]</i> DRAWN <i>[Signature]</i> TRACED <i>[Signature]</i> CHECKED <i>[Signature]</i>			
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> DATE JUNE 20, 1961			
CHIEF OF SECTION		U.S.C.G. CHIEF OF DIVISION	
C. G. DRAWING NO.			
LP-6700-1CGD-35			
SCALE AS SHOWN SHEET 1 OF 16			

**LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION**

#33
PLYMOUTH LIGHT STATION
(GURNET) NR (3/8/77)
PLYMOUTH, MASS.

LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION

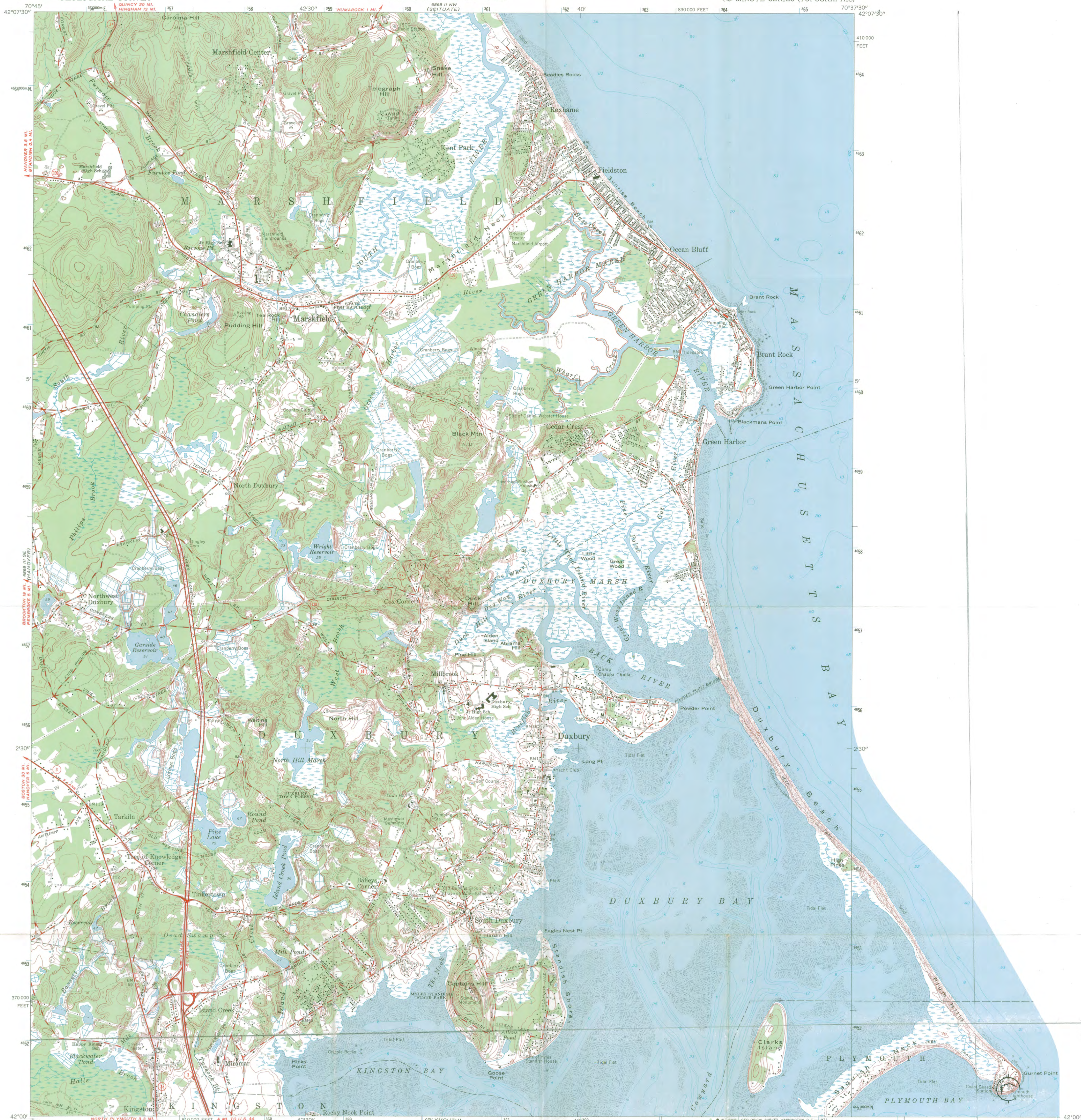
LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION

6868 II NW
(SCITUATE)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DUXBURY QUADRANGLE
MASSACHUSETTS—PLYMOUTH CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



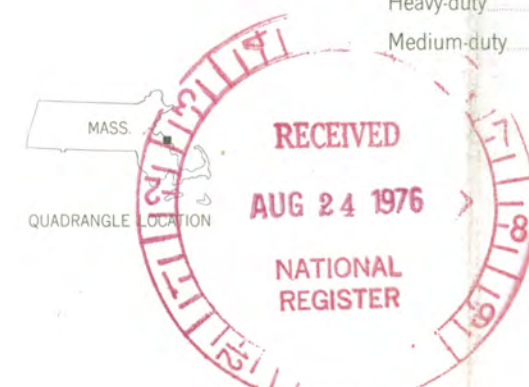
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Control by USGS, USC&GS, and Massachusetts Geodetic Survey
Planimetry in part by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs. Topography by planimetric surveys 1935-1936
Revised 1961
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS charts 245 (1958)
and 1208 (1960). This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Massachusetts coordinate system,
mainland zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks
zone 19, shown in blue

UTM GRID AND 1961 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 9.2 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

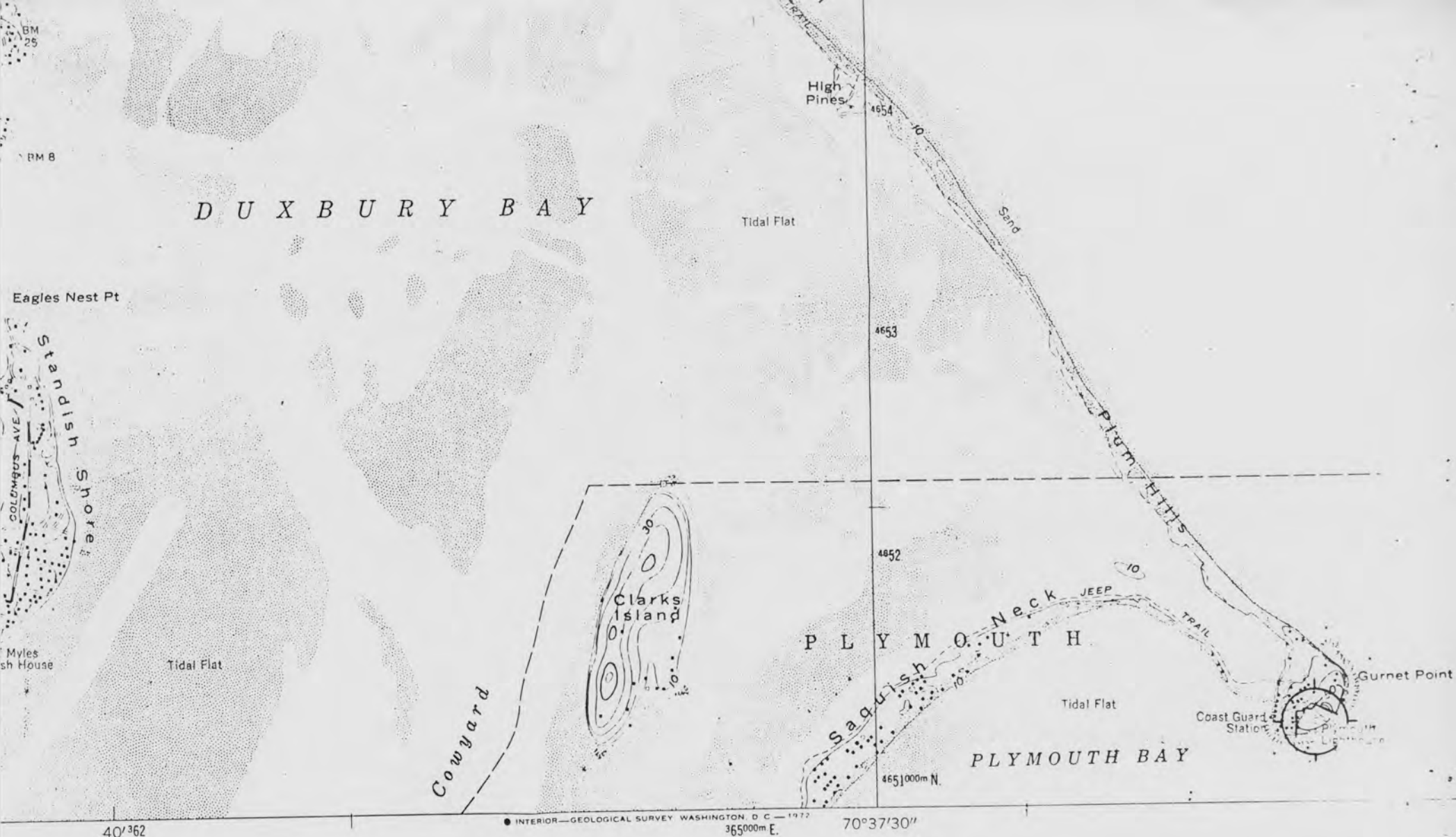
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route ———



DUXBURY, MASS.
N 4200—W 7037.5/7.5
1961
AMS 6868 II SW—SERIES V814

PLYMOUTH (GURNET) LIGHT STATION
PLYMOUTH, MA.

UTM Reference:
19/367410/4651120



● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C. — 1972
365000m E.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- | | | |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|
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N4200—W7037.5/7.5

1961



PAUL GUZZI

Secretary of the
Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

Massachusetts Historical Commission

294 Washington Street Boston, Massachusetts 02108

(617) 727-8470

July 14, 1976

Mr. J.P. Driscoll, Chief
Logistics and Property Branch
U.S. Coast Guard
150 Causeway Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02114



Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Enclosed is the National Register form for the Plymouth Light Station.

The nomination has been reviewed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, (State Review Board), with a determination of no comment. It has been signed by the State Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Reed Amadon, in the appropriate place.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this form.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Orfant
National Register Editor
Massachusetts Historical Commission

JRO/mw
Enclosure



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

AUG 19 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20006



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, the Department of Transportation submits herewith the nomination form and supporting documents for Plymouth (Gurnet) Light Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The designated State Historic Preservation Officer has signed the nomination form attesting to the significance of the property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert F. Crecco", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert F. Crecco
Federal Representative for Executive
Order 11593
Office of Environmental Affairs

Enclosures

DATE 16 N 76

TELEPHONE REPORT

TIME OF CALL

AM
PM

1. CALL ☒ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

M. Flaherty

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

Coast Guard

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Plymouth Light Station

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Asked about acreage. He said it was less than 1, because the dwelling should not be included.

Asked about age of fog building. He said it apparently was built at the same time as the oil house; that is, in 1900.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

S. Liversgood

TITLE

OFFICE

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **MASSACHUSETTS**

Date Entered **MAR 8 1977**

Name

Location

Plymouth (Gurnet) Light Station

**Plymouth
Plymouth County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Edward M. Kennedy
Hon. Edward W. Brooke
Hon. Gerry E. Studds
Mr. Robert F. Grecco, DOT
Regional Director, North Atlantic
Region**

**Mr. Clarence Lee, U.S. Coast Guard
1880 MMott/row 3/14/77**

**State Historic Preservation Officer
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Amadon
Executive Director, Massachusetts
Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108**

177 OLD CONNECTICUT PATH
BOX 405
WAYLAND, MASS. 01778

AUG 30 1977

Aug. 18, 1977

Hon. Gerry Studds
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

AUG 26 1977

Dear Mr. Studds:

My wife has owned property on Gurnet Point,
Plymouth, for many years.

Both of us are interested in knowing whether
any steps have been or are being taken to
assign the Gurnet lighthouse and the Revolu-
tionary fort next it to an historical dis-
trict.

Would you be able to find out if any such
step has been taken.

Sincerely,

Henry G. Pearson

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

August 31, 19 77

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Ira Whitlock
Director, Congressional Relations
National Park Service
Department of Interior
18th and C Sts. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

I am contacting you on behalf of Mr.
Henry G. Pearson whose concerns are
expressed in the attached letter.

Any information or assistance you could
provide Mr. Pearson would be greatly
appreciated.

Please respond to my district office
as follows: _____

1143 Washington St.
Hanover, MA 02339

Very respectfully,

Gerry E. Studds

M.C., ---12th- District.

Mass.

September 7, 1977

Honorable Gerry E. Studds
Member, United States House
of Representatives
1143 Washington Street
Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

Dear Mr. Studds:

I am pleased to acknowledge your August 31 inquiry on behalf of Mr. Henry G. Pearson concerning inclusion of the Gurnet Point lighthouse and adjacent fort, Plymouth, Massachusetts, within a historic district.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Whalen
Director

cc: Your Washington Office

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FNP:CRBraxton 9-7-77

Plymouth Co.

Massachusetts

Barton 7/16
Sheffield
Cole for
Harrington
Murtagh
K Myers 8/16
T West
9/16
Whitaker 9/16

H34-880

SEP 19 1977

Honorable Gerry E. Studds
Member, United States House of
Representatives
1143 Washington Street
Hanover, Massachusetts 02339

Dear Mr. Studds:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Henry G. Pearson about the nomination of the Plymouth (Garnet) Light Station, Plymouth, Massachusetts, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We are pleased to advise you that this property was entered in the National Register on March 8, 1977. In his letter, Mr. Pearson refers to a Revolutionary fort located next to the lighthouse. At present there is no record of a Revolutionary fort located on or near the Plymouth Light Station either at the National Register or with the State historic preservation office in Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Amadon, Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 294 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, would be pleased to provide information to Mr. Pearson regarding the evaluation and nomination process in Massachusetts if he is interested in having the fort listed in the National Register.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

/Sgd/ Jerry L. Rogers

Acting Associate
Director

cc: Your Washington Office

bcc: Mrs. Elizabeth Amadon
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
294 Washington Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108) w/c of inc.
Regional Director, North Atlantic)

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LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATION FORM

NUMBER 33

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

See National Register File
listed 3/8/77

PHOTOGRAPH KEY

HISTORIC NAME: Plymouth Light Station

TOWN: Duxbury

LOCATION: Gurnet Point

COUNTY: Plymouth CODE: 023

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 11

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

refer to National Register Nomination

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

SKETCH MAP

LAT./LONG.: _____

UTM COORDINATE: 19/367/500/4651/100

USGS QUADRANGLE: BOSTON, MA; NH; CT; RI; ME

SCALE: 1:250,000

ACREAGE: _____

OWNER(S): United States Coast Guard

STATUS: _____

RECORDED BY: M.F. Flaherty

ORGANIZATION: USCG

DATE: May 3, 1976

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Second DISTRICT.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

DESCRIPTION OF LIGHT-HOUSE TOWER,
BUILDINGS, AND PREMISES

AT

Plymouth (Burnet) Light Station

Mass.

February 18, 1910 1909.

NOTE.

This Form is designed mainly to guide in preparing accurate descriptions of new light-stations, but will be used also in describing those that have been long established, when required. Screw-pile structures and lights on keepers' dwellings should be fully described without reference to this Form.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD, *February, 1906.*

NAME AND POSITION OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE AND LIGHT-STATION.

Plymouth (Sunnat): On the S. Ely part of Sunnat Point, seacoast of Massachusetts, and on the Nly side of the entrance to the harbors of Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury.

1. By whom described, Lt. Col. Edward Burr, Corps of Engrs., Engr. 2d & H. Dist.

2. Date of description, February 18, 1910, 1909

3. Distinguishing character of light or lights, Fixed white; obscured between $340^{\circ}15'$ (N by N $\frac{3}{4}$ E) and $2^{\circ}45'$ (N $\frac{1}{4}$ E).

4. Latitude of tower, $42^{\circ}00'12''$ N.

5. Longitude of tower, $70^{\circ}36'04''$ W.

Authority, U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
Chart No. 110.

PREMISES—A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF, EMBRACING—

6. Site of station—Public land, purchase, Military or Naval reservation, lease:

Purchase ✓

~~purchased~~

7. Date of reservation,

8. Date of deed,

Nov. 10, 1802 ✓

9. Date of permission to occupy,

10. Date of lease,

11. Area of the entire site, 1 acre $6\frac{1}{2}$ rods. ✓

12. Area inclosed, entire site

13. Character of surface soil, light loam

14. Distance of tower from nearest high-water mark, ^{about} 175 ft.

15. Inclosures to premises, wire fence.

16. Wharf or landing on premises, no wharf or landing.

17. Road to landing or wharf, character of, and distance from tower, ~

18. Means by which the light-station may be reached, tram from Duxbury or boat from Plymouth.

PREMISES—A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF—CONTINUED.

19. Distance to the nearest public road, railroad station, or steamboat landing, and to which:

4 1/2 miles to public road. 7 miles to railroad station.

20. Distance to the nearest post-office, *6 1/2 miles - Duxbury*

21. Distance to the nearest village or town, *6 miles -*

22. Facilities for reaching the light-station by public conveyance, *none.*

23. Facilities for reaching the light-station by private conveyance from the nearest village, town, railroad station

or steamboat landing, and the distance: *team from Duxbury railroad station 7 miles, or boat from wharf at Plymouth 5 miles*

24. Tower or other means used for supporting the lantern and apparatus, *Two pyramidal shingled towers*

25. Number of separate lights, *Two ✓*

26. When first built or established, *1769 ✓*

27. When last thoroughly rebuilt, repaired, or renovated, *1803 ✓*

28. Condition at this date, *Good*

29. Shape of tower in plan, *Octagonal*

30. Form of tower, cylindrical, conical, or pyramidal, *pyramidal*

31. Height of tower from base to ventilator ball of lantern, *34 ft.*

32. Height of focal plane of lantern above mean high water (on sea and gulf coasts) or mean lake level on northern lakes and rivers: *102 1/4 ft.*

33. Background of the light-house, upon which it is projected, as seen from the sea or lake:

Standish monument, woods and houses.

34. Color of towers *white*

35. Color of tower, how produced: *paint*

36. Tower—connected with keeper's dwelling, and how, or detached: *detached*

37. Object—seacoast, lake coast, bay, harbor, channel, or range; for general or local navigating purposes:

Harbor

38. Materials of which the tower is built: *wood*

39. General description, embracing—

(for brick tower)

40. Thickness of walls at base, *6" 8"*

41. Thickness of walls at parapet, *6" 8"*

42. Diameter of tower (inscribed, if polygonal) at base, *20 ft.*

PREMISES—A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF—CONTINUED.

General description, embracing—Continued.

43. Diameter of tower (inscribed, if polygonal) at parapet, ¹⁰7 ft.
44. Kind of stairway and steps, *wooden with wooden hand rail.*
45. Number of landings of stairway, *3*
46. Size of glass for glazing tower windows, *7' x 9"*
47. Number of windows in tower, and size of sash, *3 in each tower; 21 1/2' x 23"*
48. Number of doors, *three doors in covered way between towers*
49. Kind of foundation and depth below the surface, *granite; depth unknown.*
50. Character of soil at and surrounding the light-house, *light loam*
51. Soil susceptible of being protected by grass, shrubbery, or trees: *grass.*
52. Miscellaneous remarks upon tower and site:

LANTERN AND LANTERN FIXTURES.

(for both lanterns).

53. Order or class of lantern, *4th.*
54. Polygonal or cylindrical, *polygonal.*
55. Diameter, inscribed, to glass, *7 ft.; b. in the clear. 6'-10"*
56. Number of sides in plan, *16*
57. Vertical or helical bars, *vertical*
58. Height glazed, *3' 11 1/4"*
59. Number of plates in height, *1*
60. Number of plates in each side, *1*
61. Thickness of plates, *1/4"*
62. Size of different plates, *3' 11 1/4" x 16" x 3' 11 1/4"*
63. Number of storm panes of glass, *none*
64. Unglazed side of lantern in plates and degrees of arc, *one side in each lantern not glazed between iron door in that side.*
what bearings (magnetic and from seaward), *N by W 3/4 W, and N 1/4 E, both magnetic.*
65. Materials of which the lantern is constructed, *iron.*

LANTERN AND LANTERN FIXTURES—CONTINUED.

66. Roof, *cast iron.*
67. Ventilator ball, *cast iron.*
68. Lightning-conductor spindle, *fork end copper attached to ball by iron rod.*
69. Lightning conductor, of what material; how attached to spindle; how led, and how far below the surface of dry earth, or otherwise, as the case may be: *copper ribbon attached to lantern deck and run below the surface about 4 1/2 ft.*
70. Balustrade and outside gallery, *2 rail balustrade with 8 ball top posts.*
71. Lantern doors, and how fitted: *iron doors with brass hinges and latch.*
72. Floor of lantern—of what materials: *cast iron.*
73. ~~Watchroom~~ door leading into the lantern, and how fitted: *Iron trap door with iron hinges and lifting ring.*
74. Parapet, inside diameter (inscribed, if polygonal), *7 ft.*

VENTILATORS.

5. In parapet, wall, or lower part of lantern: *No ventilators*
6. Lantern ladders for cleaning plate glass, outside: ~~none~~
7. Curtain hooks inside of lantern—how fitted: *flat brass hooks bolted to lantern side.*

WATCHROOM.

8. How fitted: *None*

WATCHROOM—CONTINUED.

79. Bell wires, or speaking tubes, or telephones for calling relief keepers—kind: ~

80. Where led: ~

ILLUMINATING APPARATUS, ETC.

(both towers)

81. Name of maker, *L. Sautter a Paris* Year made, ~ *not known*

82. Marks and number on apparatus, *No marks*

83. Order of apparatus, *4th* Inside diameter (inscribed circle) of central drum, *19 1/2"*

84. Characteristic of light shown by apparatus, *Fixed white*

85. If movable; time of revolution, ~

86. Intervals between flashes, ~

87. Duration of flash, ~

88. If fixed, or fixed varied by flashes; state arc of each fixed part in degrees: ~ *90°*

89. Number of panels in the lens apparatus, *3 glazed and one space or door.*

90. Number of flash panels, ~ ; arc of each, in degrees, ~

91. Number of elements in each panel of central drum of the lens, *4 one*

92. Number of prisms in each panel above the central drum of the lens, *7 five*

93. Number of prisms in each panel below the central drum of the lens, *5 three*

94. How are the flashes produced—By the whole apparatus revolving ~ ; by revolving belt only ;

if by panels of vertical elements revolving outside of fixed lens, state the number of such panels:

Describe how:

95. If by vertical elements, (a) state the number in each panel, ~ ; (b) and the number of elements of fixed lens covered by the panel:

ILLUMINATING APPARATUS, ETC.—CONTINUED.

96. Pedestal, *cast iron 16" diam. 3' high.*
97. Service table, *sheet steel attached to pedestal.*
98. Tube leading through the center of the upper metal ring of the lens into the ventilator ball, to carry off the gases of combustion and to assist in producing a proper draft in the lantern—of what material, diameter, and how fitted and connected with damper tube when in place: *conl only.*
99. If revolving, revolving machinery: *~*
100. Revolving on chariot, mercury float, or balls: *~*
101. If a chariot, describe it and state the number and size of each pattern of wheels in it: *~*
102. If on balls, describe the construction of the ball-raceways, whether flat surface, or semi-circular or v grooves: *~*
103. State number of balls: *~* ; diameter of balls,
104. Revolving cord or chain—how led: *~*
105. Length of drop tube, *~*
106. Length of time revolving machinery will run after one winding: *~*
107. How is the machinery protected: *~*

ILLUMINATING APPARATUS, ETC.—CONTINUED.

108. How regulated; describe:

IF COLORED LIGHT—

109. How is the color produced? Describe: *White light.*

110. Red sectors—between what bearings (from seaward); magnetic, if on sea or gulf coasts; true on northern lakes and rivers:

111. State where colored glass is attached, if to illuminating apparatus or to the lantern:

112. If colored glass is inside of illuminating apparatus, describe its form:

LAMPS AND BURNERS.

3. Description of lamp in use and number of wicks to burner (*Trunk-Heap, one wick emergency*)
35 mm Kero vapor oil lamp for each tower.
4. Number of spare lamps at the station, *2*
5. Number of spare lamp burners at the station, *2*

CLOSETS IN TOWER.

6. How fitted and used: *1 small closet under stairs, used for chimneys and spare lamps.*

OILHOUSE OR ROOM.

- (a) Describe where placed and how fitted: *White oil. house. inside of tower.*
- (b) inside dimensions *8'-8" x 10'-8"* (c) materials of which built *black painted* (d) capacity in 5-gallon cans, *about 150*

CLOSETS AND STOREROOMS.

118. Where placed, how fitted and used:

No closets or storerooms

119. Damp or dry, suited or unsuited to the purposes for which they were designed: ~

FOG SIGNAL.

120. Kind and character of apparatus: *1st brass Daboll trumpet; If this is disabled, bell struck by machinery.*121. How much time is required to start the signal? *15 minutes*122. Where, or by whom made: *Engines by August Mitz Iron Fdy. - Blocks by L.H. Machine Shop.*
Year made, *1908*123. Characteristic distinction of: *If bell is used - a double blow every 30 secs.**Trumpet*

<i>Blast</i>	<i>Silent interval</i>	<i>Blast</i>	<i>Silent interval</i>
<i>3 sec.</i>	<i>12 sec.</i>	<i>3 sec.</i>	<i>12 sec.</i>

124. What parts of the fog-signal machinery are in duplicate? *1 rod and 2 piston rings.*125. If a bell, state (a) weight, *1200* lbs.; (b) metal, *bronze*; (c) diameter, *36"*; (d) height, *30"*; (e) if struck by clockwork, state time it will run with one winding, *7 hours.*

126. If a steam signal, (a) describe boiler: ~

(b) Kind:

(c) Flue-tube or water-tube,

(d) Dimensions:

length,

diameter,

(e) Number and length of tubes,

(f) Diameter of tubes,

(g) Furnace: Kind,

; length,

; width,

; height,

(h) Total heating surface in square feet,

(i) Grate surface in square feet,

(j) Number of grate bars,

FOG SIGNAL—CONTINUED.

- (k) Kind of grate bars,
- (l) Kind of coal or other fuel generally used,
- (m) Kind of safety valve,
- (n) Maximum pressure the boiler is capable of,
- (o) Usual working pressure,
- (p) Diameter of smokestack,
- (q) Height of smokestack from grate,
- (r) Height or length of steam drum, ; diameter,
- (s) Kind of covering or jacket,
- (t) Present condition of boiler,
- (u) When built,
- (v) Where built,
- (w) By whom built,
- (x) Is there a heater? ; what kind, ; what size,

How much does its use reduce the time of starting the fog signal?

127. If a steam engine is used, kind: Number of revolutions per minute,

- (a) Diameter of cylinder,
- (b) Stroke of piston,
- (c) Size of steam pipe,
- (d) When built,
- (e) Where built,
- (f) By whom built,

128. Whistle, trumpet, or siren, pressure at which blown, *trumpet blown at 5 lbs pressure.*

129. Diameter of whistle, ~ ; height, ; distance between orifice and edge of whistle, ;
single tone, ; chime,

130. Disk or cylindrical siren, ~ ; diameter of revolving part, ;
when made, ; by whom made, ;
number, width and length of ports, ; revolutions per minute, ;
type of governor, ; condition of revolving part,

131. Daboll trumpet, *1st class*. Reed, *yes* ; length, *20"* ; breadth, *5"* ; thickness at base, *1"* ;
thickness at tip, *3/8"*

132. Trumpet: Length, *6'* ; diameters, *5" small end*
11" large " ; material, *copper*
2 1/2" bell "

FOG SIGNAL—CONTINUED.

134. Height of whistle or trumpet above mean high water, *about 80 ft.*

135. Direction, by compass, in which trumpet points, *S.E.*

136. If signal is blown by compressed air, describe compressing machinery:

Kind of engine, *Mitzy & Miss oil engine*; by whom made, *A. Mitzy Iron Fdy & Machine Works*
 when made, *1908*; nominal size, *4 h.p.* horsepower, *4 h.p.*;
 kind of compressor, *horizontal*; name of maker, *Amur. Air Compressor Works.*

State if compressor is on same bed and geared with engine, or separate and belt-driven: *geared to engine on separate bed.*

137. Location, with reference to the light-house, to a particular danger or channel, or to the special object for establishing it: *Guide to Plymouth, Duxbury and Kingston Harbors.*

138. Distance and direction from the light-house, *about 60' S. E. ly from S. light tower*

139. Water supply for it, *Distren - rain water.*

140. How it is reached from the light-house: *by grass path, board walk and short flight of steps.*

141. Description of fog-signal building or buildings: *Square brick building painted white*

DWELLINGS FOR KEEPERS.

142. Location, with reference to the light-house tower: *about 90' N. ly, double house.*

143. Coloring: *white*

144. Materials of which built, *wood*

145. Number of rooms in each dwelling, *~~Double house~~, 6 rooms to each keeper*

146. Number of keepers and assistants to each dwelling, *Principal* ~~one~~ *keeper in one; assistant in other.*

147. Outhouses, *three*

148. Coloring: *white*

DWELLINGS FOR KEEPERS—CONTINUED.

150. Area of premises inclosed, and how:

151. Area of garden, ^{about} *inclosed by wire fence.*
 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

152. Area in timber or shrubbery, *none*

153. Area susceptible of profitable cultivation, *about 6 acres.*

154. Area cultivated or prepared for cultivation, ^{about} $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

155. Character of adjacent surrounding country—Soil, sandy, clay, marsh, swamp, wood, fast ground, or shifting sands: *sandy.*

WATER FOR FOG SIGNAL, DRINKING, AND DOMESTIC USES GENERALLY.

156. How procured, *rain water from roofs of dwelling and engine house.*

157. Quality, *Good*

158. Quantity ample or not for the station at all seasons of the year, *Ample*

159. Liable or not to be injured by the inroads of storm tides and seas, *No*

160. If rain water in tanks or cisterns, what precautions have been taken to insure its purity?

Cleaned frequently.

161. Capacity of tanks or cisterns, and where placed: *4575 gals. Two in cellar of dwelling and two*

162. Tanks or cisterns—of what material made: *brick & cement.* { *in whistle house.*

WATER FOR FOG SIGNAL, DRINKING, AND DOMESTIC USES GENERALLY—CONTINUED.

163. Is there a distilling apparatus at the station? *No.*

Name of maker:

Capacity, ; when installed, ; condition, ;
efficiency,

164. If from a well, describe and give depth: *Drinking water from a 60' well, housed over*

165. Diameter, *4'*

166. Lined or not, *stone lined*

167. Water obtained by pump or bucket, *2 buckets on a roller pulley*

168. Distance from keeper's dwelling, *about 250 ft.*

HEALTHFULNESS OF THE LIGHT-STATION AND VICINITY.

169. General opinion in regard to the healthfulness or unhealthfulness of the light-station and vicinity:

Good

170. Diseases—what are most prevalent at the station and in the vicinity? *No*

171. Do they prevail at particular seasons of the year, or not? *~*

172. Are there any local causes, such as swamps, marshes, etc., in the immediate vicinity of the light-house which are likely to be the cause of these diseases? *No*

HEALTHFULNESS OF THE LIGHT-STATION AND VICINITY—CONTINUED.

173. Would draining or other artificial means employed on the light-house premises be likely to improve the sanitary condition of the light-station? *No*

LANDING, WHARF, BOATHOUSE, AND ROAD TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE.

174. Describe: *No wharf or boathouse. Grass road to shore about 300 yards.*

175. Distance and direction from light-house: *—*

176. Hoisting engine, what kind? *No.*

Number of revolutions per minute, ; diameter of cylinder, ; stroke,

Kind of boiler.

177. MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS UPON THE GENERAL CHARACTER AND CONDITION OF THE PREMISES, TOWERS, BUILDINGS, AND ILLUMINATING APPARATUS AT THIS DATE.

The premises, towers, buildings, and illuminating apparatus are in good condition.

There is a white signal mast, 65 feet high, 264 N' Easter from the southerly light-tower

Respectfully,

Wm. Burr.

Lt. Col. Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,

Engineer, 2d. Light-House District.

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 2 N 76
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NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Plymouth Light Station

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

SE of Duxbury at Gurnet Point

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

12th

STATE Massachusetts 25

VICINITY OF Duxbury

COUNTY

code

Plymouth - 023

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): Coast Guard

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST

SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR

- ☐ Substantially intact-1
- ☐ unknown - 4
- ☐ not applicable - 7

EXTERIOR

- ☒ Substantially intact-2
- ☐ unknown - 5
- ☐ not applicable - 8

ENVIRONS

- ☐ Substantially intact-3
- ☐ unknown - 6
- ☐ Not applicable-9

☐ Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION -

- ☐ EXCELLENT
- ☒ GOOD
- ☐ FAIR

- ☐ DETERIORATED
- ☐ RUINS
- ☐ UNEXPOSED
- ☐ Unexcavated

- ☐ UNALTERED
- ☒ ALTERED
- ☐ Reconstructed
- ☐ Excavated

- ☒ ORIGINAL SITE
- ☐ MOVED
- ☐ Unknown

ACCESS -

Yes-restricted

Yes-unrestricted

No access

Unknown

historic district?

YES

NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?

YES

NO

IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE:

YES

NO

Saved?

YES

NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- LIGHTHOUSE

now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

☒ AGRICULTURE

☒ ARCHITECTURE

☐ ART

☐ COMMERCE

☐ COMMUNICATIONS

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ ECONOMICS

☐ EDUCATION

☐ ENGINEERING

☐ EXPLORATION

☐ INDUSTRY

☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

☐ LAW/Gov't/politics

☐ LITERATURE

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSIC

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION

☐ SCIENCE

☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

☒ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

☐ entertainment

☐ health

☐ recreation

☐ settlement

☐ socio/cultural

☐ urban & commun

☐ planning

Claims

"first"

YES

NO

"oldest"

YES

NO

"only"

YES

NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1843

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

Coast Guard

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

- 1) OCTAGONAL LIGHT TOWER, FRAME
- 2) 1STORY, FRAME RESIDENCE (1960)
- 3) OIL HOUSE BRICK 1910
- 4) FOG SIGNAL BLDG - BRICK
- 5)

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

This lighthouse signals the entrance to Plymouth, Duxbury, and Kingston harbor, where it has been a prominent part of the environment since 1843, when it replaced earlier lighthouses on this historic spot.