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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 Winter Harbor Light Station

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Mark Island, Winter Harbor

not for publication

city, town Winter Harbor

vicinity

state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04693

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	Total
3	buildings	
	sites	
1	structures	
	objects	
4	0	0

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.

James S. Shelton
Signature of certifying official
Maine Historic Preservation Commission

12/17/87
Date

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:)

Patrick Andrus _____ *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 Brickwalls BrickWood: Weatherboardroof Asphaltother Iron Lantern and Deck on Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Winter Harbor Light Station consists of a cylindrical brick tower connected to the one-story ell of the frame keeper's house by means of a narrow brick workroom. A small frame wood shingled shed stands to the northeast of the dwelling, and an oil house and boathouse are located to the north.

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

Typical of mid-nineteenth century light towers, the brick structure rests on a short granite foundation and is capped by an iron walkway with attached railing. It was erected in 1856. There is a single six-over-six double-hung sash window on the east face of the tower. The original octagonal lantern with its domed polygonal roof and spherical ventilator survives. The connecting workroom has a door on its east elevation and a window on the west side. Doors flanked by a pair of windows form the original fenestration pattern on both sides of the ell. A shed roofed asymmetrical three-bay addition has since been added to the east elevation. The two-story house, which is sheathed in clapboards, features four six-over-six double-hung sash windows on both gable ends and two windows on the north facade. This dwelling and its long connecting ell were built in 1876 to replace the original house.

2. SHED - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing to the northeast of the dwelling is a small rectangular gable roofed frame shed. It is sheathed in wood shingles and each of its four walls is punctuated by one opening. Its date of construction is not positively known.

3. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The stone oil house at this light station was built in 1905 and is typical of others erected during the period. It has a gable roof and a door and ventilator in one end.

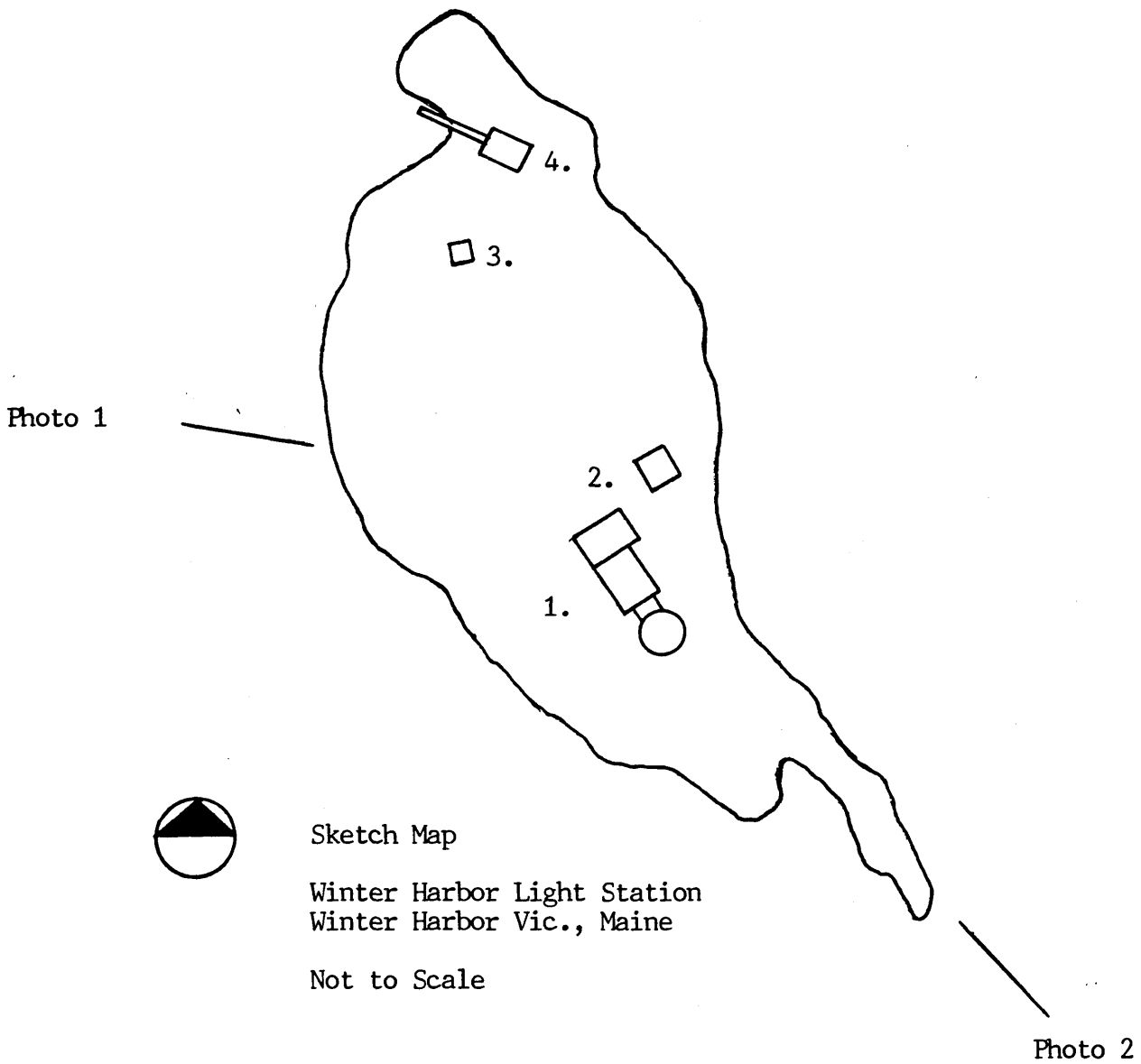
4. BOATHOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The boathouse is a rectangular wooden frame building sheathed in wood shingles. It was erected in 1878.

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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

1856-1934

Significant Dates

1856
1876

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.

Winter Harbor Light Station was established in 1856 on Mark Island as a guide to nearby Winter and Mosquito harbors. It maintains integrity of design, setting and association outlined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". The significance of the complex 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 Mark Island served in an important capacity as a primary navigational aid to the local fishing fleet as well as nearby maritime transportation routes. This latter point became increasingly significant in the late nineteenth century as the development of the summer tourist industry on Mount Desert Island increased the number of pleasure craft that plied the waterways in the area. This light was decommissioned in 1934 and sold to a private citizen.

Winter Harbor 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 contains elements of light station design and construction dating to the 1850s and 1870s.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.75 acres

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of 2.75 acres occupies the Town of Winter Harbor, Tax Map 4, Lot 1.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Winter Harbor Light Station embraces the buildings, structures and immediate physical setting historically associated with the complex.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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