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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 Narraguagus Light Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number East Side of Pond Island N/A not for publication
city, town Milbridge, X vicinity
state Maine code ME county Washington code 029 zip code 04685

3. Classification

| | | | |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ownership of Property | Category of Property | Number of Resources within Property | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <u>2</u> | _____ buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | <u>1</u> | _____ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <u>3</u> | _____ structures |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | | _____ objects |
| | | | <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.

Lucas S. Stettinewitz 10/9/87
Signature of certifying official Date
Maine Historic Preservation Commission
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 W. Andrews 11/20/87

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 Stonewalls BrickWood: Weatherboardroof Asphaltother Iron Deck and Lantern on Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Occupying a rock ledge on the east side of Pond Island, the Narraguagus Light Station consists of a circular brick tower joined to a frame keeper's house by way of an L-shaped workroom. Frame sheds stand to the north and west of the dwelling.

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

The light tower rises to a height of nearly thirty-one feet from its base to the center of the lantern. Erected in 1853 and reinforced in 1894 with additional brick masonry, the tower shaft is punctuated by a trio of two-over-two double-hung sash windows. It is capped by an iron deck and railing. This is the third deck known to have been put into service here. The original was replaced in 1876 and that one was upgraded in 1894. The ten sided lantern, dating to 1876, is covered by a polygonal roof that is surmounted by a spherical ventilator. Its lens has been removed. In 1887 the larger north wing, which is a remnant of the original dwelling, was converted to a workroom. A cellar and cistern were built beneath it, and a second brick ell constructed to link the house and tower.

Projecting to the west of the tower, the keeper's house is a one-and-a-half-story wooden frame building constructed in 1875. It features an enclosed porch on its east gable end, label moldings at the windows and a central brick flue. The house is sheathed in clapboards.

2. SHED - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The shed which stands to the north of the keeper's house is sheathed in clapboards and covered by a gable roof. Its south gable end features a pair of windows and a door. Additional windows are located on the remaining walls.

3. SHED - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Located to the rear of the house, this shed, which is somewhat smaller than its counterpart, is sheathed in board-and-batten siding. Whether it dates to the 1850s when this siding was widely used on frame light station buildings is not as yet known.

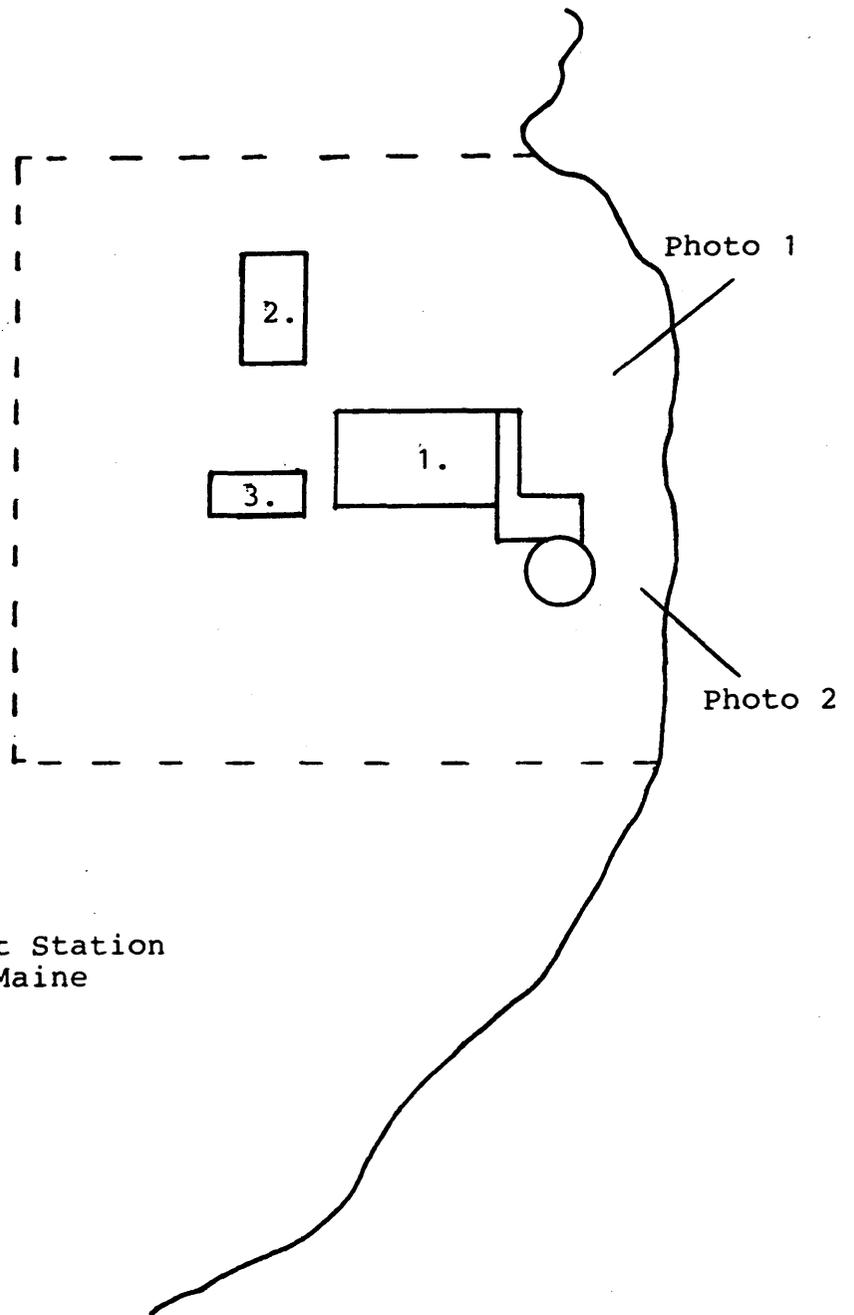
When originally constructed in 1853 this station contained a five-bay dwelling surmounted by a centrally placed light tower. This resembled those structures constructed earlier at Grindle Point and Indian Island. In 1875 the new house was built but the tower remained in place on the original dwelling (which was probably brick). Nine years later a portion of this house was removed and the tower was left exposed at one end. Finally, in 1894, the diameter of the tower was increased to its present size. The station was deactivated in 1934 and sold to a private citizen.

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Sketch Map

Narraguagus Light Station
Milbridge 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

1853-1934

Significant Dates

1853
1875

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.

The Narraguagus Light Station was established in 1853 as a guide to navigation in and around Narraguagus Bay. It was built during the most active period of lighthouse construction in Maine which followed the organization of the Light-House Board in 1852. The complex retains integrity of design, materials, setting, and location, and meets the requirements for registration as set forth in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". An evaluation of the station's significance is based upon the associated historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

This light station was the primary nineteenth century navigational aid to Narraguagus Bay. Milbridge, located at the north end of the bay, was a locally important coastal community whose deep harbor was the site of an active ship building industry. Situated at the head of navigation on the Narraguagus River, the town was also the shipping point for lumber manufactories located upriver, principally at Cherryfield. These principal activities were augmented by other maritime related industries such as fishing, coasting and lobster processing.

Narraguagus Light Station 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 a combination of mid and late nineteenth century light station design and construction.

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The Narraguagus Light Station is located on the Bois Bubert, Maine, topographic map published in 1950. The U. S. Geological Survey has confirmed that this is the most recent map that has been issued for this quadrangle. Sincer there are no UTM marks on this map, location is given in latitude and longitude as follows:

Latitude: 44°27'15"
Longitude: 67°49'44"