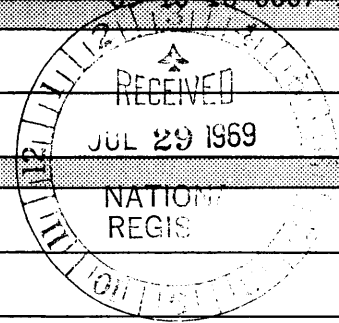


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Washington	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort O'Brien

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Fort Machias

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Machiasport vicinity

STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-4850** COUNTY: **Washington** CODE: **029**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>State Memorial</u>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
State of Maine

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-0160**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Machias** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **18-4800**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2 acres**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

earth

The appearance of Fort O'Brien has probably changed little though the years, except for natural deterioration, and archeological exploration. The fort is one of earth works facing Machias Bay. A powder magazine is located within the earth works. Archeological explorations were conducted by Mr. Wendell Hadlock of the Farnsworth Museum, Rockland, Maine during the year 1964 and 1965, relating to the powder magazine. No armaments connected with the original Fort O'Brien have been left on the site. There is an 1857 Napoleon cannon which was brought to the site some years ago.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1775-1865**

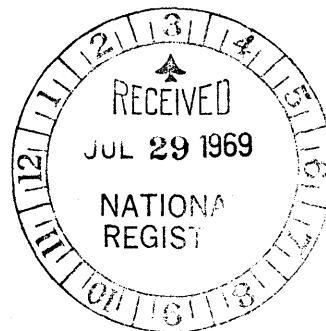
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape		Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-		_____	
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Conservation	Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Fort O'Brien's history dates back to the first naval battle of the Revolutionary War which took place near the mouth of the Machias River on June 12, 1775. A few weeks after the Battle of Lexington and Concord a Machiasport shipowner, Ichabod Jones was escorted to Machiasport by the British ship "Margaretta". The British captain was to make sure that Jones returned to Boston with lumber with which barracks were to be built. The Machiasport townspeople reacted to such an unsavory prospect and captured the "Margaretta". The townspeople were led in these revolutionary activities by one Jeremiah O'Brien as well as by other members of the O'Brien family. The following month the Machias area men repulsed a retaliatory raid by a Nova Scotia based British schooner. The British then sent Sir George Collier with the "Ranger" and three other boats to punish the rebels. The Colonists led by the O'Briens had erected a breastworks hoping to repulse the British. The fortifications did not prove to be strong enough however, and Collier routed the local force and burned several buildings before his fleet moved on.

After the Collier raid, Washington ordered a regiment of militia recruited and sent to protect the settlement. In 1781 Fort O'Brien was made part of the National defense. The British, however, did not return until 1814, when they took the fort and burned the barracks. The fort was again fortified in 1863, during the Civil War because of fear of Confederate privateer raids, but was not attacked.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
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NW	44°	41'	7"	67°	23'	40"			
NE	44°	41'	7"	67°	23'	38"			
SE	44°	41'	5"	67°	23'	38"			
SW	44°	41'	5"	67°	23'	40"			

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Donald Holmstrom, Historian

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Commission

DATE: July 17, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
State House

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta

STATE: Maine

CODE: 18-0160

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Lawrence Stuart
Title: Director

Date: July 24, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation

Date: OCT 1 1969

ATTEST:
William J. Murdock
Keeper of The National Register

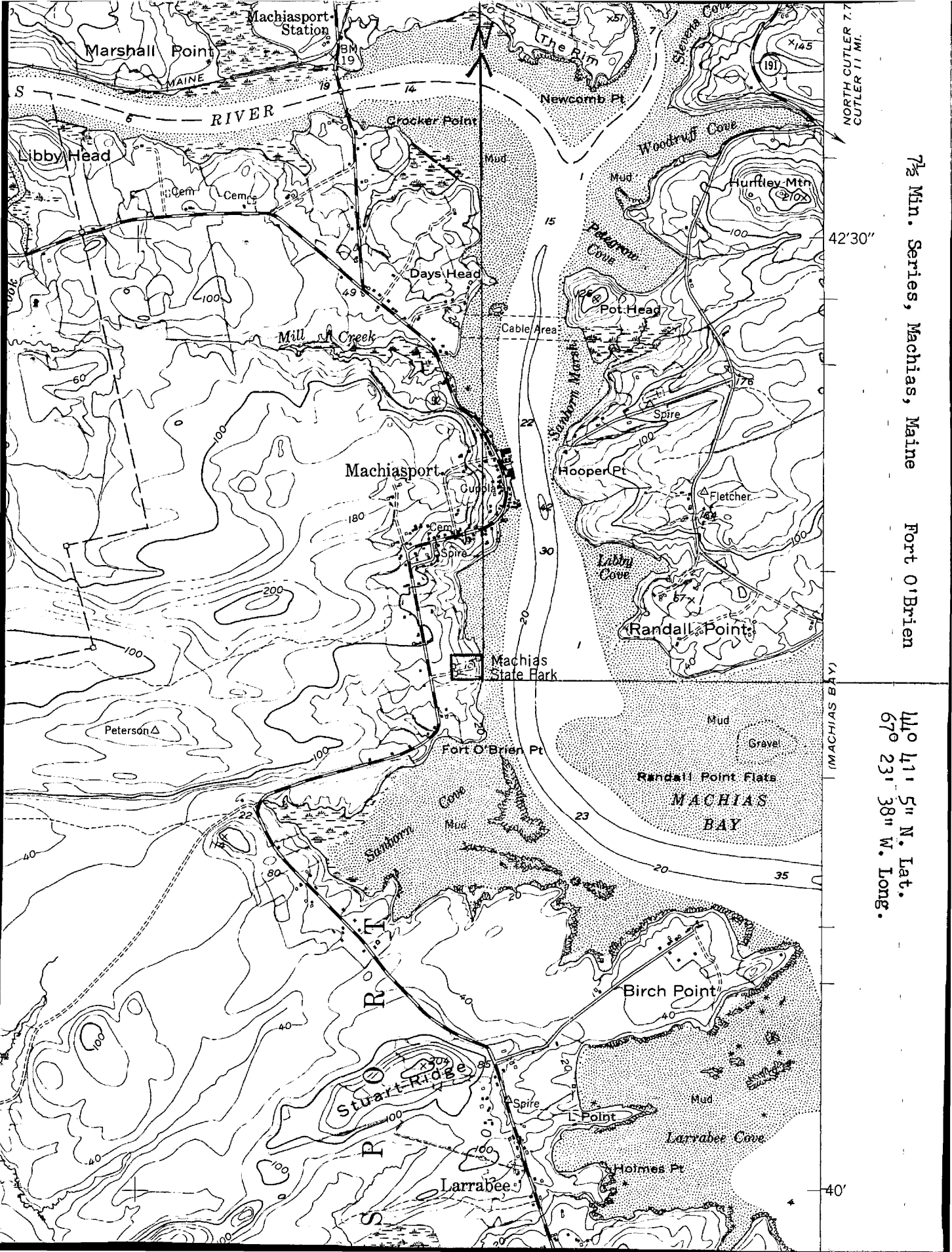
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7 1/2 Min. Series, Machias, Maine Fort O'Brien

42°30"

(M) MACHIAS BAY

41° 51' 5" N. Lat.
67° 23' 38" W. Long.

40'

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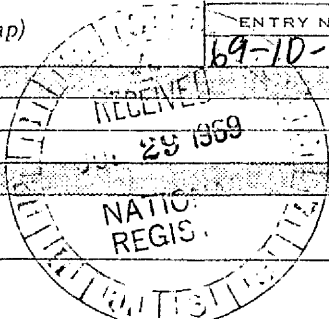
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STATE: Maine	CODE 18-4850	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 029
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U. S. G. S. 7½' quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1949			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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