

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Pemaquid Point Light

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Pemaquid Point,

N/A not for publication

city, town Bristol,

N/A vicinity of

state Maine

code 23

county Lincoln

code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name United States Coast Guard

street & number 150 Causeway Street

city, town Boston,

N/A vicinity of

state Massachusetts 02114

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Lincoln County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Wiscasset,

state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maine Historic Resources Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maine Historic Preservation Commission

city, town Augusta,

state Maine

4/10/85

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

Pemaquid Point Light, spectacularly located on a high promontory with long dramatically sea grieved ledges running southwest-erly for a third of a mile into the ocean, was built originally in 1827 and rebuilt in 1857.

The station consists of three structures, a stone light tower with attached keeper's quarters and a red brick bell tower. The light tower is 34 feet high, square in configuration, and stands 79 feet above sea level with an 11,000 candlepower auto-mated light. The keeper's quarters, also of stone, is a one-story single gable building. The bell tower, a square brick structure, is 12 feet high.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1827, 1857 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

One of the most dramatically located lights on the Maine coast, Pemaquid Point Light is an extremely important navigational mark between the entrance to Johns Bay and Muscongus Bay. In spite of its location, it has been the scene of a number of tragic shipwrecks owing to the long ledge which runs southwesterly from its base.

In 1934 the keeper's house and surrounding land was given to the State and is now a state park with the dwelling having been converted into a lighthouse and maritime museum.

Of passing interest is the fact that on what is now the location of the lighthouse, hundreds of people stood on September 5, 1813, to witness the epic single ship action between the British brig Boxer and the United States brig Enterprise, only a short distance from shore, in which the former was defeated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Labrie, Rose, The Story of Pemaquid Light, Portland, 1961.

Libby, Hilda, The Story of Pemaquid Point Lighthouse. Wiscasset, 1975.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property $\frac{1}{4}$

Quadrangle name Pemaquid Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 32, Lot 38

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/title Frank A. Beard, Historian

organization Maine Historic Preservation Commission date January, 1985

street & number 55 Capitol Street, Station #65 telephone 207/289-2132

city or town Augusta, state Maine 04333

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Emilie S. Platt*

title S.H.P.O. date 2/8/85

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

Record in the
National Register

date 4-16-85

for Allene Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration