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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 Egg Rock Light Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Egg Rock, in Frenchman Bay N/A not for publication
city, town Winter Harbor, (x) vicinity
state Maine code ME county Hancock code 009 zip code 04693

3. Classification

<p>Ownership of Property</p> <input type="checkbox"/> private <input type="checkbox"/> public-local <input type="checkbox"/> public-State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<p>Category of Property</p> <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	<p>Number of Resources within Property</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Contributing</td> <td>Noncontributing</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u></td> <td>_____ buildings</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1</u></td> <td>_____ sites</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>2</u></td> <td>_____ structures</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>_____ objects</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>0</u> Total</td> </tr> </table>	Contributing	Noncontributing	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____ sites	<u>2</u>	_____ structures		_____ objects		<u>0</u> Total
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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.

[Signature] SHPO 10/30/87
 Signature of certifying official
 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] 12/7/87
 Signature of commenting or other official
U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION OST/P-14
 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): _____

[Signature] 1-21-88
 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)

Transportation: Water-Related

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls BrickWood: Weatherboardroof Asphaltother Cast Iron Walkway on Top of Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Egg Rock Light Station has one of the most unusual configurations of extant light complexes in Maine: a square brick tower rises through the center of a one-and-a-half-story square, hip roofed frame keeper's dwelling. Of the four original ancillary buildings on this site only the rectangular brick fog signal building survives.

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

Constructed in 1875, the dwelling has a three-bay facade composed of a centrally-located door flanked by window openings (which have since been covered). A long shed roofed dormer with pent gables at the corners and four openings is attached to the high hip roof on this elevation. This pattern is repeated on the east elevation. Both side walls feature a trio of window openings and coupled gable roofed dormers. Chimneys punctuate the roof on both of these elevations. The tower stairwell is illuminated by a single window on the west side. A metal railing frames the tower and its octagonal aluminum lantern, a 1986 replacement of the structure which had been removed some years earlier. In 1899 the Annual Report of the Light-House Board proposed that the dwelling at Egg Rock be enlarged with a half-story addition to the roof. Documentary photographs show that this change radically altered the roof profile from the original shallow hip to a high hip with dormers.

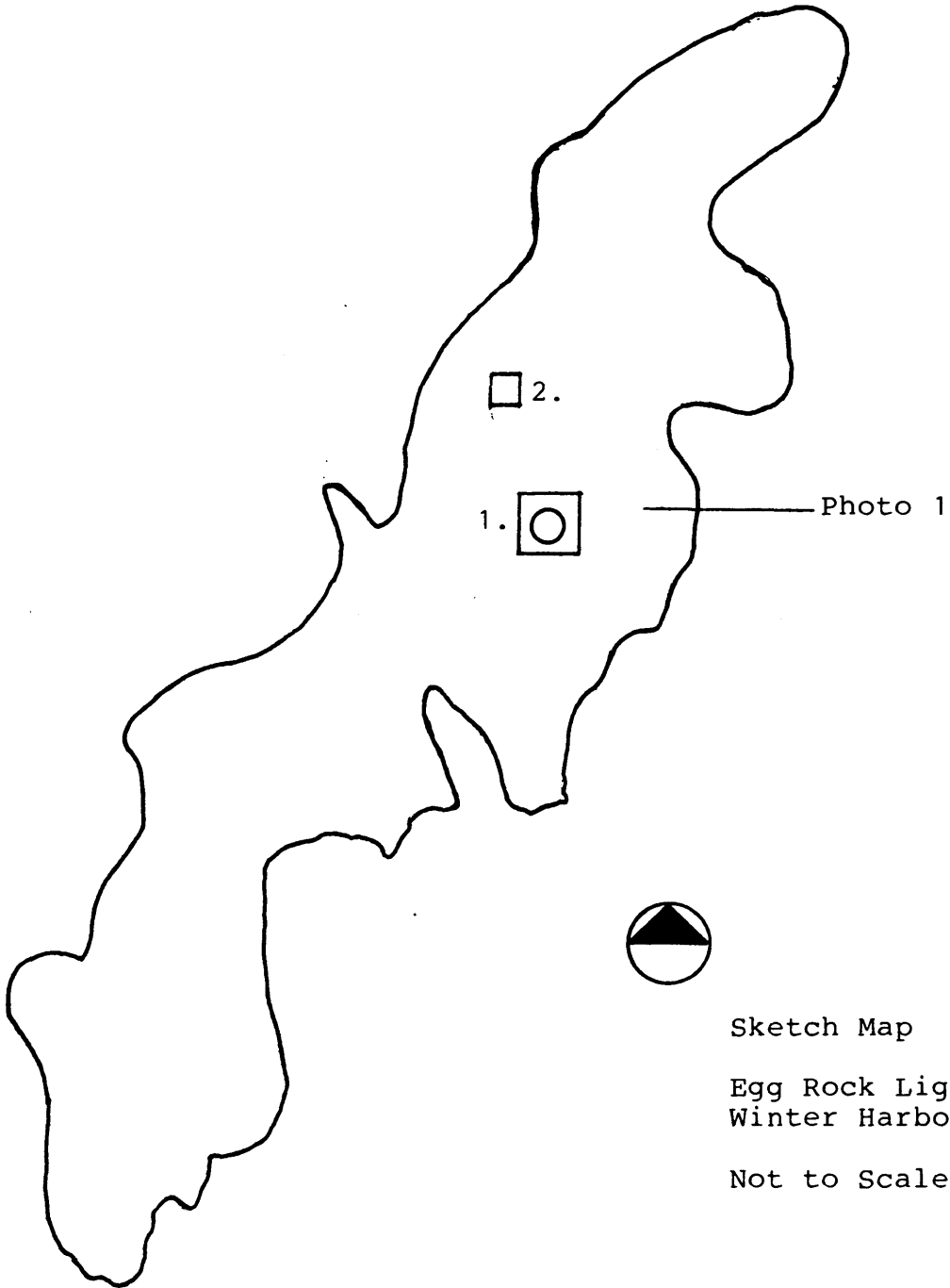
2. FOG SIGNAL BUILDING - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing near the southwest corner of the main building is the fog signal house. This one-story building, constructed in 1904, is covered by a gable on hip roof. A door is located in the north end; there are two windows on the west elevation and one at the rear.

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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

1875-1937

Significant Dates

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.

Egg Rock Light Station, situated on a bold rock island at the entrance to Frenchman Bay, is the only extant complex of this configuration in Maine. It was established in 1875. The station meets the registration requirements outlined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine." Egg Rock Light maintains its integrity of design, material, setting and association the significance of which is described in relation to the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management 1789-1939.

The light station on Egg Rock is prominently located in Frenchman Bay between Mount Desert Island to the west and Schoodic Peninsula to the east. Its construction here was undoubtedly in response to the rising maritime traffic in the bay, a large proportion of which was increasingly associated with summer tourism in and around Bar Harbor. The establishment of a steam powered fog signal in 1904 further underlines the importance of the station to local traffic. Egg Rock was automated by the Coast Guard in 1976, and its ancillary buildings, with the exception of the fog signal, were subsequently pulled down.

This complex derives significance under criteria A and C. Criteria A is satisfied by the association of the station with Maine's critical reliance on maritime transportation and the aids that made navigation possible. Criteria C is met by the station's unique design that reflects on-going experimentation with the arrangement of these structures.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual. Portland: Various publishers and dates.

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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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

U. S. Coast Guard

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 11.75

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Winter Harbor, Tax Map 2, Lot 1.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Egg Rock Light Station embraces the buildings and physical setting historically associated with the complex. This includes the entire island known as Egg Rock.

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11. Form Prepared By

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