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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 Squirrel Point Light Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Squirrel Point, Arrowsic Island N/A not for publication
city, town Phippsburg, X vicinity
state Maine code ME county Sagadahoc code 023 zip code 04562

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>4</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u> </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.

Eugene S. Shepley SHPO 10/30/87
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.

Robert Quinn 12/7/87
Signature of commenting or other official Date
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): _____

Melvin Byrum 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

Vacant (House)

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood: Shingle

Synthetics: Vinyl

roof Asphalt

other Iron Lantern on Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated at the southwest point of Arrowsic Island in the Kennebec River, the Squirrel Point Light Station is a relatively intact complex of five detached buildings. Wooden walkways link the keeper's house to two of these units.

1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The light tower at Squirrel Point is an octagonal wooden frame structure constructed in 1898 and covered in wood shingles. It is ringed by a narrow bracketed gallery (built in 1899) with a simple iron rail. The lantern houses a modern beacon, and a ventilator crowns the iron roof. Projecting from the west side is the small 1902 gable roofed bell house whose basement is sheathed in wood shingles. A door is located in the north side and a single six-over-six window punctuates the south wall.

2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

A walkway and intervening modern deck connects the tower to the 1898 two-story keeper's house. This rather simply detailed dwelling is sheathed in replacement vinyl siding and capped by a cross gable roof. It has enclosed porches on both the north and south elevations and a brick flue rising through the roof.

3. BARN - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Adjacent to the house is a rectangular gable roofed barn covered in vinyl siding. It has a door on its west wall and two windows in the south gable end. The barn was erected in 1898.

4. BOATHOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing to the north of the house is the 1901 frame boathouse complete with boat slip. The boathouse has a single six-over-six window on its south wall and is sheathed in vinyl siding.

5. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Constructed in 1906 the oil house is a diminutive gable roofed brick building similar to many others built in Maine at this time. It has a door and narrow vents in its north gable end.

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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

1898-1937

Significant Dates

1898

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 Squirrel Point Light Station is located on Arrowsic Island and the east bank of the Kennebec River. One of four river light stations constructed in 1898 as part of an integral system of navigational aids, the complex retains its integrity of design, setting and association. It meets the requirements for registration as defined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". The station's significance is evaluated with respect to the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

Federal recognition of the need for a system of navigational aids along the important Kennebec River waterway was expressed in the 1892 edition of the Annual Report of the Light-House Board. The Board proposed to establish four light stations including this one at Squirrel Point. In 1895 Congress authorized a \$17,000 appropriation for this project, and the station was put into service three years later. It station was automated in 1982.

Squirrel Point 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 unique turn-of-the-century design solution employed along a river waterway.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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 # _____

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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

Acreeage of property Approximately 5

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Arrowsic, Tax Map 1, Lot 3.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Squirrel Point Light Station embraces the buildings and immediate setting historically associated with this complex.

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11. Form Prepared By

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