

**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 Cape Neddick Light Station

and/or common "The Nubble Light"

2. Location

street & number Cape Neddick, N/A not for publication

city, town York, N/A vicinity of

state Maine code 23 county York code 031

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 type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <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. York County Registry of Deeds

street & number

city, town Alfred, state Maine

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

4/18/85

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

Cape Neddick Light Station, locally known as "The Nubble", is situated on a high piece of land, largely bare rock, off York Beach and is connected by a bar with the mainland at a very low drain of tide.

There are five buildings on the island: the keeper's house, a single gable, story-and-a-half wood frame structure of six rooms which is connected with the light tower by a covered way; the red brick oil house; the wood frame single-story workshop; and the boat house with ways leading to the water. The 39 foot light tower is of iron lined with brick and has 32 iron steps leading to the round watch room. Seven more iron steps reach the lantern which has eight panes of glass, four ruby colored facing the land and the remainder white exposed to the ocean. The tower is equipped with a fourth order light.

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 checked="" 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 1879 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Cape Neddick Light Station, located on a high promontory reaching out into the Atlantic between Portsmouth and Portland is an important navigational mark guiding sailors away from the jagged rocks at its base. One of the few stations that has never been rebuilt, it has become a mecca for artists and tourists because of its picturesque location and accessibility from the mainland.

Of further interest, this station is one of the few which are still manned, the vast majority of those on the Maine coast having now been automated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sterling, Robert Thayer, Lighthouses of the Maine Coast. Brattleboro, Vermont, 1935.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name York Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Assessor's Map 29, Lot 21

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 *Eula S. Feltz*

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

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
J. Melrose Byers Entered in the National Register date 4-16-85
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration