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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 Isle Au Haut Light Station

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Robinson Point

N/A not for publication

city, town Isle Au Haut,

vicinity

state Maine code ME county Knox code 013 zip code 04645

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing |
|--------------|------------------|
| <u>4</u> | _____ buildings |
| _____ | _____ sites |
| <u>1</u> | _____ structures |
| _____ | _____ objects |
| <u>5</u> | <u>0</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.

[Signature] SHPO
Signature of certifying official
Maine Historic Preservation Commission

10/30/87
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature]
Signature of commenting or other official
U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

12/7/87
Date

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]
Signature of the Keeper

1/21/88
Date of Action

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

Domestic: Hotel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Granite

walls Brick

Stucco

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Isle Au Haut Light Station consists of a detached granite and brick light tower reached by way of an elevated wooden walkway and a two-story gambrel roofed, stuccoed keeper's dwelling, a stuccoed oil house, a frame boathouse, a fuel house, and a privy. The tower rises above a wide rock ledge whereas the house and ancillary buildings stand on the shore framed by evergreens.

1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Isle Au Haut's tower, built in 1907, is composed of a conical granite base, twenty-four feet in height, that supports a cylindrical brick shaft which is sixteen feet tall. The brick shaft is punctuated by a door on the southeast face and two fifteen pane windows on the northeast and southwest sides. A wide overhanging parapet with a railing caps the tower. Behind it is an octagonal lantern with a polygonal roof and spherical ventilator. A long elevated walkway links the base of the brick shaft to the shore.

2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The L-shaped keeper's house has a gambrel roofed main block and a gambrel roofed ell. It is the original 1907 dwelling. Facing northeast and the tower, the ell contains a pair of six-over-six double-hung sash windows and a small attic window. A narrow hip roofed porch shelters a door on the recessed wall behind the ell and a pedimented dormer punctuates the roof of the main block. There are four symmetrically placed windows in each gambrel end, and a smaller pair in the attic. The landward facade contains a hip roofed porch/vestibule at the southeast corner that shields a six-over-six window. A second window is located to the north of the porch and a pair of pedimented dormers are located above the windows.

3. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Some distance to the northeast of the dwelling is the diminutive gable roofed oil house. Built in 1907, it is covered by a slate roof and its brick walls are stuccoed. Recent alterations include the addition of windows in two walls.

4. BOATHOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

In close proximity to the oil house is the frame gable roofed boathouse. It was constructed in 1907. The building is covered in board-and-batten siding and has a large door on its gable end, a pair of six-over-six windows on both side elevations, a door and window at the rear, and a modern shed addition to the east side. Inside, the building retains the boat winch.

5. FUEL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

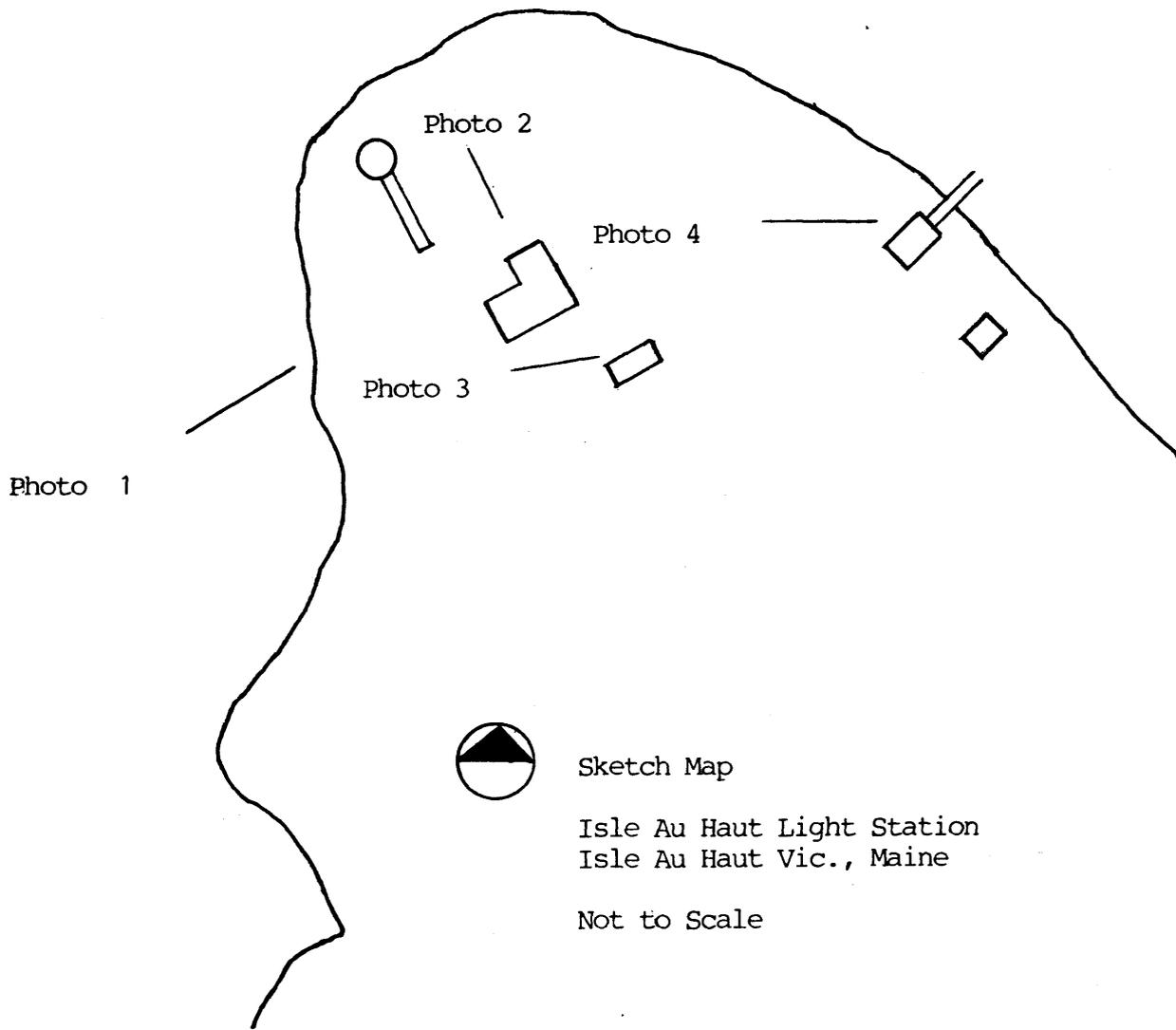
Immediately to the rear of the dwelling is the gable roofed frame fuel house. It features windows on both ends and a door in the front. The fuel house adjoins the diminutive privy.

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Sketch Map

Isle Au Haut Light Station
Isle Au Haut Vic., Maine

Not to Scale

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

1907-1937 (Tower)
1907-1934 (Buildings)

Significant Dates

1907

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 Isle Au Haut Light Station is the next to last complex of its type established in Maine. Built in 1907 on Robinson Point at the southern end of Isle Au Haut Thorofare, the light was established here as a guide to the adjacent sheltered harbor. The station retains integrity of design, materials, setting, and association, and meets the requirements for registration as outlined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". Its significance has been evaluated with respect to the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

The 1902 edition of the Annual Report of Light-House Board carries a lengthy discussion about the need for a light at this site. Because of the rich fishing grounds along the lower East Penobscot Bay, the harbor at Isle Au Haut was found to be the most convenient harbor of refuge for fishing trawlers. Despite this clear statement of need, however, Congress did not authorize construction until June 23, 1906, when it appropriated \$14,000 for the station. It was activated on December 30, 1907. In 1934 the light was automated and the buildings, with the exception of the tower, were sold. At present the dwelling houses are a bed and breakfast inn.

Isle Au Haut light 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 embodies early twentieth century light station design and construction.

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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: G. M. Donham, 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

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of approximately two acres occupies the Town of Isle Au Haut, Tax Map 9, Lot 1, in addition to embracing the small plot on which the light tower stands.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Isle Au Haut Light Station embraces the buildings, structures and immediate physical setting historically associated with this complex.

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