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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
**\*\* SEGUIN ISLAND LIGHT STATION**  
AND/OR COMMON  
SEGUIN ISLAND LIGHT STATION

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
GEORGETOWN  
STATE  
MAINE

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VICINITY OF  
CODE

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
FIRST  
COUNTY  
SAGADAHOC  
CODE  
023

**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 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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input 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 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(if applicable)*  
COMMANDER, FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT  
STREET & NUMBER  
150 CAUSEWAY STREET  
CITY, TOWN  
BOSTON

STATE  
MASSACHUSETTS

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.    REGISTRY OF DEEDS  
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
SAGADAHOC

STATE  
MAINE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

12/26/74

FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS    FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN  
BOSTON

STATE  
MASSACHUSETTS

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Seguin Island Light Station occupies the entire Seguin Island, Georgetown, Maine. One half of the Island was ceded to the Federal Government by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1794, the remainder in 1797. All of the improvements on the island have been constructed by the U.S. Coast Guard or its predecessors. The existing improvements are:

- a. Dwelling
  - (a) Constructed: 1795 (rehabilitated 1956)
  - (b) Cost : \$27,000
  - (c) Description: Brick construction, 27'x48', 3625 sq. ft.
  
- b. Boathouse
  - (a) Constructed: 1857
  - (b) Cost : \$1,000
  - (c) Description: Wood frame construction, 18'x25', 450 sq. ft.
  
- c. Building
  - (a) Constructed: 1857
  - (b) Cost : \$300
  - (c) Description: Wood frame construction, 22'x25', 572 sq. ft.
  
- d. Oilhouse
  - (a) Constructed: 1857
  - (b) Cost : \$1,000
  - (c) Description: Brick construction, 11'x16', 176 sq. ft.
  
- e. Fog Signal Building
  - (a) Constructed: 1857
  - (b) Cost : \$16,000 (est.)
  - (c) Description: Brick construction, 32'x32', 1025 sq. ft.
  
- f. Launchway
  - (a) Constructed: unknown
  - (b) Cost : \$3,000
  - (c) Description: Timber on piles, 120 feet long
  
- g. Light Tower
  - (a) Constructed: 1857
  - (b) Cost : \$26,000
  - (c) Description: Masonry construction, 16' diameter, 53' high

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*SEQUIN ISLAND*

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7. Description

h. Water Supply

- (a) Constructed: unknown
- (b) Cost : \$3,000 (est.)
- (c) Description: well, 182 feet deep

i. Fuel Storage Tank

- (a) Constructed: 1957
- (b) Cost : \$2,000
- (c) Description: 1000 gallon tank on concrete saddles.

j. Building

- (a) Constructed: 1957
- (b) Cost : \$500
- (c) Description: Wood frame construction, 15'x18', 270 sq. ft.

LIGHT: First Order Optic,  
Fixed White Characteristic,  
15 miles range,  
Uncorrected Candle Power 94,000  
Commercial Power

# 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/HUMANITARIAN       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE     | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-     | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)           |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Seguin Island Light Station is the second oldest on the Coast of Maine, construction having started in 1790-five years after the completion of Portland Head Light. The original wooden tower was completed in 1797 at a cost of \$6,300. This was replaced in 1820 by a stone tower costing \$2,500. In 1857, the present granite structure was erected at a cost of \$35,000. Replacement of the first two towers was probably necessitated, or at least hastened, by the damp climate of Seguin Island, which has experienced as many as 2734 hours of fog in one year-making it the foggiest light station in the U.S. The tower is only 53 feet high. However, because of the headland which the tower stands upon, the focal plane of the light is 180 feet above the sea.

For many years local folklore maintained that pirate treasure was buried on Seguin Island. On 5 February 1936, the Bureau of Lighthouses granted a revocable license to Mr. Archie Lane of Northeast Harbor, Maine, to dig for the alleged treasure. The hunt was concluded unsuccessfully in November 1936.

The "Seguin", the oldest steam-powered tug in Maine, and possibly in the country, was named for Seguin Island. The tugboat is now located at the Bath Marine Museum.

Seguin Island Light Station continues to exemplify America's commitment to the safety of life and property at sea as an integral element of its social and commercial policies.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 64 Acres +/-

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |          |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 19   | 438880  | 4838840  | B | 19   | 438680  | 4839620  |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | 19   | 438680  | 4840260  | D | 19   | 439300  | 4839680  |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The island located in the Atlantic Ocean within the above UTM references known as Seguin Island. Seguin Island is positioned approximately 3 3/4 miles easterly of Cape Small, Maine and 2 1/4 miles south of Salter Island, Maine.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. F. FLAHERTY

ORGANIZATION

FIRST COAST GUARD DISTRICT

STREET & NUMBER

150 CAUSEWAY STREET

CITY OR TOWN

BOSTON

DATE

2/24/76

TELEPHONE

(617) 223-6903

STATE

MASSACHUSETTS

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

*Carol B. Littleworth*  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

*Environmental Affairs Officer*

DATE

4/27/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

*John R. ...*

DATE

3/8/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*W. ...*

DATE

3/8/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER