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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001108 Date Listed: 08/01/90

Five Mile Point Lighthouse New Haven CT  
Property Name County State

N/A  
Multiple Name

This property is determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Beth A. Savage*  
Signature of the Keeper

8/1/90  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

8. Statement of Significance: Level

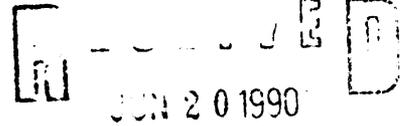
The appropriate level of significance for this property is local.

This information was confirmed with John Herzan, National Register Coordinator, CTSHPO, by telephone,

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without attachment)

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

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1. Name of Property

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historic name: FIVE MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE

other name/site number: Old New Haven Lighthouse

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2. Location

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street & number: Lighthouse Point Park

not for publication: N/A

city/town: New Haven

vicinity: N/A

state: CT county: New Haven

code: 009 zip code: 06512

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property: public-local

Category of Property: structure

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
<u>1</u>	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official: John W. Shannahan, State Historic Preservation Officer; Date: 6/14/90

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of commenting or other official; Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register; determined eligible for the National Register; determined not eligible for the National Register; removed from the National Register; other (explain):

Signature of Keeper; Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: TRANSPORTATION; Sub: water-related; Current: RECREATION AND CULTURE; Sub: outdoor recreation

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification:

OTHER: lighthouse  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: foundation STONE: sandstone roof METAL: iron  
walls STONE: sandstone other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicable National Register Criteria: A,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) : N/A

Areas of Significance: TRANSPORTATION  
ENGINEERING  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: c.1812-1877

Significant Dates: c.1812 (dwelling built); 1845 (lighthouse completed)

Significant Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder: Marcus Bassett (builder)  
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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 9. Major Bibliographical References  
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X See continuation sheet.

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, 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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 10. Geographical Data  
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Acreeage of Property: less than 1

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing      Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>18</u>	<u>675620</u>	<u>4568280</u>	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The nominated property includes only the lighthouse and adjacent keeper's dwelling. See sketch map.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

The lighthouse and keeper's dwelling are the only structures associated with the historic operation of the lighthouse; the nearby carousel and ranger station are associated with the recreational function that began after the lighthouse was decommissioned in 1877.

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 11. Form Prepared By  
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Name/Title: Matthew Roth and Bruce Clouette, Reviewed by John Herzan, National Register Coordinator

Organization: Historic Resource Consultants Date: January 29, 1990

Street & Number: 55 Van Dyke Avenue Telephone: 203-547-0268

City or Town: Hartford State: CT ZIP: 06106

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New Haven, CT

Five Mile Point Lighthouse, which was placed in service in 1845, is an octagonal brownstone tower with white-painted walls (Photograph 1, 2). Some 30 feet east of the lighthouse stands the keeper's dwelling, (Photograph 1, 9, 10), a brick building erected during the War of 1812, when an earlier lighthouse was in place at this site. Five Mile Point Lighthouse (so-named because it stands about five miles from the center of New Haven) marked the eastern side of the entrance to New Haven Harbor from Long Island Sound. The lighthouse was decommissioned in 1877, when Southwest Ledge Lighthouse, which stands on a breakwater south of this site, was placed in service. The lighthouse and dwelling stand in the city-owned Lighthouse Point Park, which includes an early 20th-century carousel, a ranger station and bathing pavilion of recent construction, and several acres of waterfront property; this nomination includes only the lighthouse and keeper's dwelling.

The lighthouse is built on top of a ledge outcropping (Photograph 3). It is about 80 feet tall, and each of its sides is approximately 10 feet wide at the base. The walls, foundation and steps are all built of large brownstone blocks. The west side of the tower, which faces the harbor, has three small rectangular window openings, one at ground level, one halfway up, and one immediately below the lantern deck; the sash has been removed and the openings are filled with brick or plywood. The entrance, facing south, is a simple rectangular opening fitted with a steel security door (Photograph 3). The tower is surmounted by a round lantern made up of cast-iron plates bolted together; the lantern has a conical roof. The lantern was probably installed in the late 1860s or early 1870s, when American lighthouse technology began to use prefabricated iron components.

The tower is lined with brick, and the total wall thickness is approximately 3-1/2 feet at the base (Photograph 4). The walls taper to a thickness of about two feet at the top. The stone walls and the brick lining are tied together by means of brownstone blocks placed at regular intervals around the tower (Photograph 6). The circular stairway consists of large granite winders, each of which has a central lobe to accommodate stacking (Photograph 5). Inside the lobes there is probably a doweled or keyed joint, but no such feature is visible. The outside edge of each step is let into the brick lining. The back sides of the steps are chiseled to make a gracefully curving helix. Iron eye-bolts in the brick lining are all that remain of the railing (Photograph 7). The steps ascend continuously with no landings to the watch-deck immediately below the lantern, where they end in a floor made of a single granite slab. From the watch-deck, an iron ship's-ladder

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provides access to the lantern, which has vertical beaded-board walls below the windows (Photograph 8). There is no historic equipment in the lantern. An iron door in the base of the lantern permits access to the gallery surrounding the lantern.

The keeper's dwelling is a gable-roofed, 2-and-1/2-story brick house with flat granite lintels. Its south-facing facade features three symmetrically placed bays with a central entry; a 20th-century porch obscures the first story (Photograph 9). A cross-gabled ell extends from the back of the house. Both the main body and the ell have simply molded, partially returned wooden cornices, above a frieze of raised brick. A low frame shed is attached to the rear of the ell (Photograph 10); when the light was in operation, this shed was probably used to store illuminating oil and other supplies.

The structural system of the lighthouse is unaltered; thus despite the loss of such details as the sash and door, railing, and illumination apparatus, the lighthouse retains a high degree of historic integrity. The porch is the only visible alteration to the keeper's dwelling; now a private residence for New Haven Recreation Department personnel, its interior is not accessible.









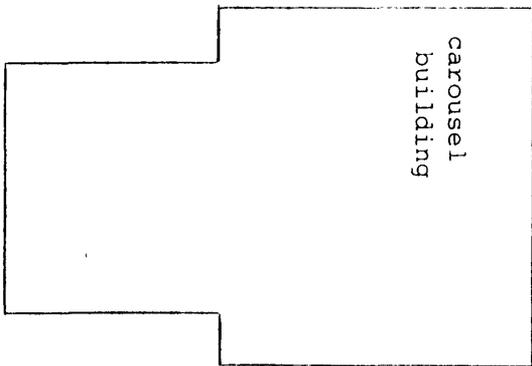
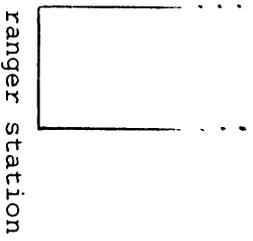
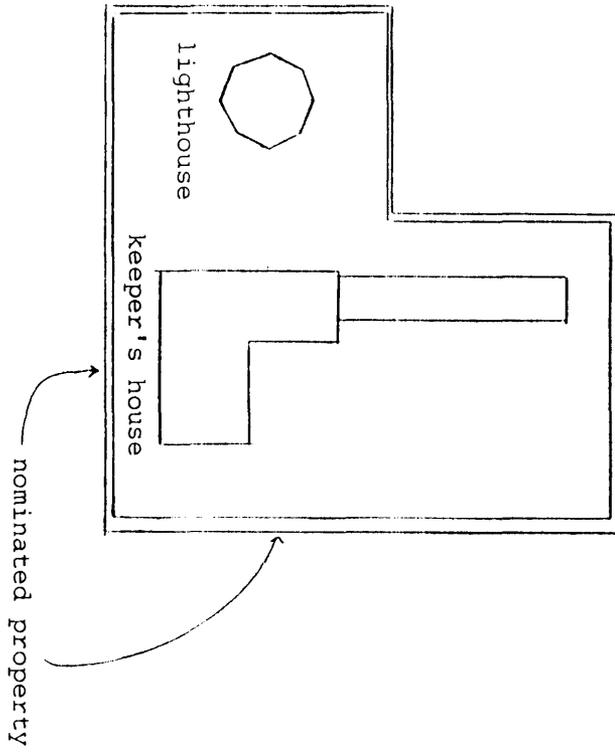




New Haven Harbor

FIVE MILE POINT LIGHTHOUSE  
Lighthouse Point Park  
New Haven, CT.

1" = 50'

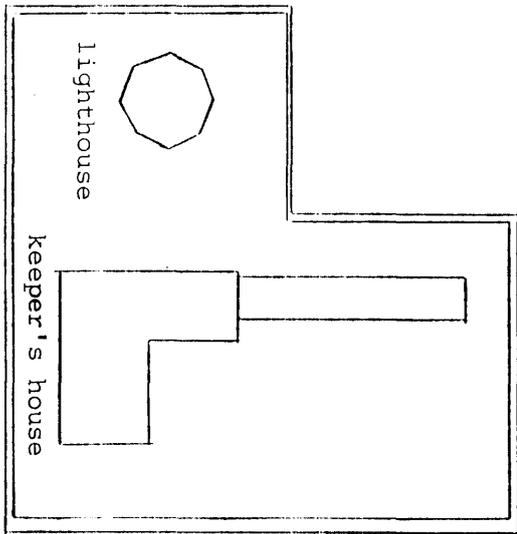




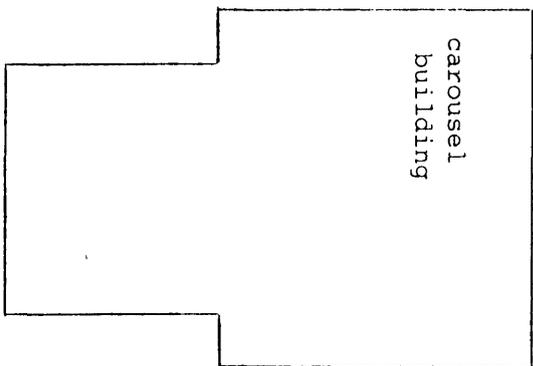
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ranger station

