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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 Whitlocks Mill Light Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number South Bank of St. Croix River N/A not for publication
city, town Calais, X vicinity
state Maine code ME county Washington code 029 zip code 04619

3. Classification

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

Eileen S. Fitzmaurice 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 H. Curran 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. Amy Schlager 1/21/88
 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 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 (Tower)

Domestic: Camp (Dwelling)

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick (Tower)

Stucco (Dwelling)

roof Asphalt

other Iron deck and lantern on tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Situated on the south bank of the St. Croix River, Whitlocks Mill Light Station consists of a detached conical brick tower, a two-story stuccoed, gambrel roofed keeper's house, as well as a brick oil house, a pyramidal bell house and a hip roofed shed. The entire complex was built in 1909.

1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The light tower rests on a granite base. Its brick shaft rises to a narrow iron walkway with railing that projects beyond the conical tower. Behind the railing is an octagonal lantern with a polygonal roof and spherical ventilator. A door is located in the west face of the brick shaft.

2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The L-shaped keeper's house, which faces the river, is composed of a projecting two-bay gambrel roofed east end and an enclosed porch carrying across the recessed wall of the ell. Four six-over-six windows, a pair on each story, occupy the north gambrel end along with two small attic windows. There is one pedimented dormer on the recessed ell and a pair on the two-bay east elevation. The fenestration pattern in the south gambrel end is similar to the one on the facade.

3. SHED - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

A rectangular hip roofed shed adjoins the house's east elevation. It is sheathed in wood shingles.

4. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

To the northeast of the dwelling is the brick oil house. Typical of other similar surviving buildings at Maine light stations, it features a gable roof and a centrally located door surmounted by a narrow vent in one end.

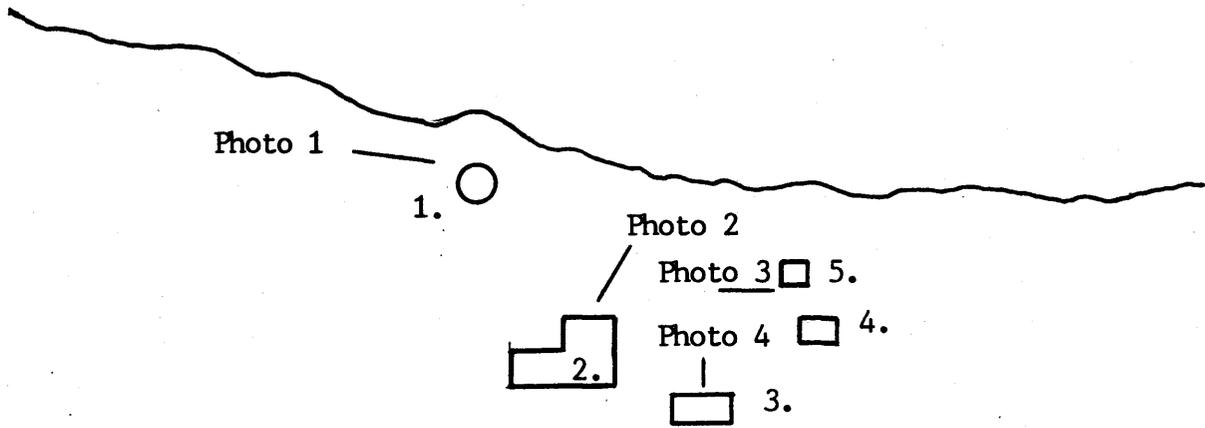
5. BELL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

One of only a few extant pyramidal bell houses in Maine, this wooden frame building is covered in wood shingles. Its south facing front elevation contains a door and narrow rectangular vent.

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Sketch Map

Whitlocks Mill Light Station
Calais 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)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>1909-1937</u>	<u>1909</u>
<u>Engineering</u>	_____	_____
<u>Transportation</u>	_____	_____

_____	Cultural Affiliation
_____	<u>N/A</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Significant Person	Architect/Builder
<u>N/A</u>	<u>U. S. Army Corp. of Engineers, Designer</u>
_____	_____

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

Whitlocks Mill Light Station was established in 1909 as a guide to the upper St. Croix River and the harbor at Calais. It was the last station built in Maine. The complex retains integrity of design, setting and association that meet the requirements for registration as described in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". The significance of Whitlocks Mill has been evaluated with respect to the associated historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

During the nineteenth and early twentieth century the St. Croix River was a heavily trafficked waterway on which vessels of all types carried a variety of cargoes from commercial centers located along both the United States and Canadian sides of the river. The construction in 1856 on Dohet Island of the St. Croix River Light Station (destroyed) underscores the significance of the waterway. Beginning in the 1820s Calais, situated just to the northwest of Whitlocks Mill light, developed into an important lumber shipping terminal. By the turn of the century the community contained a long and varied list of general merchants and manufacturers. Despite access to the Washington County Railroad much of the city's commerce continued to be dependent on maritime transportation. Not until 1892, however, had the Light-House Board placed an aid to navigation at this site. The red lantern affixed to a tree was finally replaced by the present light station in 1909. The light has been automated and the ancillary buildings sold to a private citizen.

The light station at Whitlocks Mill 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(s) of the Light-House Board. Washington, D.C.: U.S.G.P.O., various issues.

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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
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

National Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 1

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Calais, Tax Map 18, Lots 28 (buildings) and 28A (tower).

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Whitlocks Mill Light Station embrace the buildings, tower and immediate physical setting historically associated with the complex.

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