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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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: Doubling Point Light Station
other names/site number:

2. Location

street & number: West Side of Arrowsic Island — N/A ☐ not for publication
city, town: Bath, — ☒ vicinity
state: Maine code: ME county: Sagadahoc code: 023 zip code: 04530

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ private	☐ building(s)	3	____ buildings
☐ public-local	☒ district	____	____ sites
☐ public-State	☐ site	1	____ structures
☒ public-Federal	☐ structure	____	____ objects
	☐ object	4	0 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 of certifying official: SHPO — Date: 10/30/87

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.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date: 12/7/87

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. ☐ See continuation sheet. — Carry Schlayer (SLR) — 1/21/88

☐ 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

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)
Other: Light Station

Materials (enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone: Granite
walls Wood: Shingle
Wood: Weatherboard
roof Asphalt
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Like the other Kennebec River lights built at the turn of the nineteenth century, Doubling Point Light Station consists of an octagonal wooden frame tower, a detached keeper's dwelling, a shed, and a brick oil house. The light tower, which stands offshore on a square granite base, is linked to the mainland by means of a three span wooden truss foot-bridge.

1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

Erected in 1898, the tower is a tapered octagonal structure covered in wood shingles. A wooden walkway rings the tower off of which a door opens into the interior workroom. There is a single window in the north face and the bell support apparatus on the west side. A ladder rises to the bracketed iron walkway that is located below the octagonal lantern. Three granite piers support the foot-bridge. The tower was reoriented in 1899 but the original location is not known.

2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Doubling Point's dwelling house is a one-and-a-half-story L-shaped building sheathed in clapboards. Like the tower, it was erected in 1898. The leg of the L plan faces west toward the river. It has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern of three windows and is flanked by short hip roofed porches that shelter doors. The main block has a pair of windows on both gable ends. In 1901 the dwelling was moved to a point nearer the tower.

3. SHED - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing near the house is a small gable roofed frame shed. It was built in 1898.

4. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The brick oil house, which was added to the complex in 1906, is a typical small gable roofed building with a door and vent in one end.

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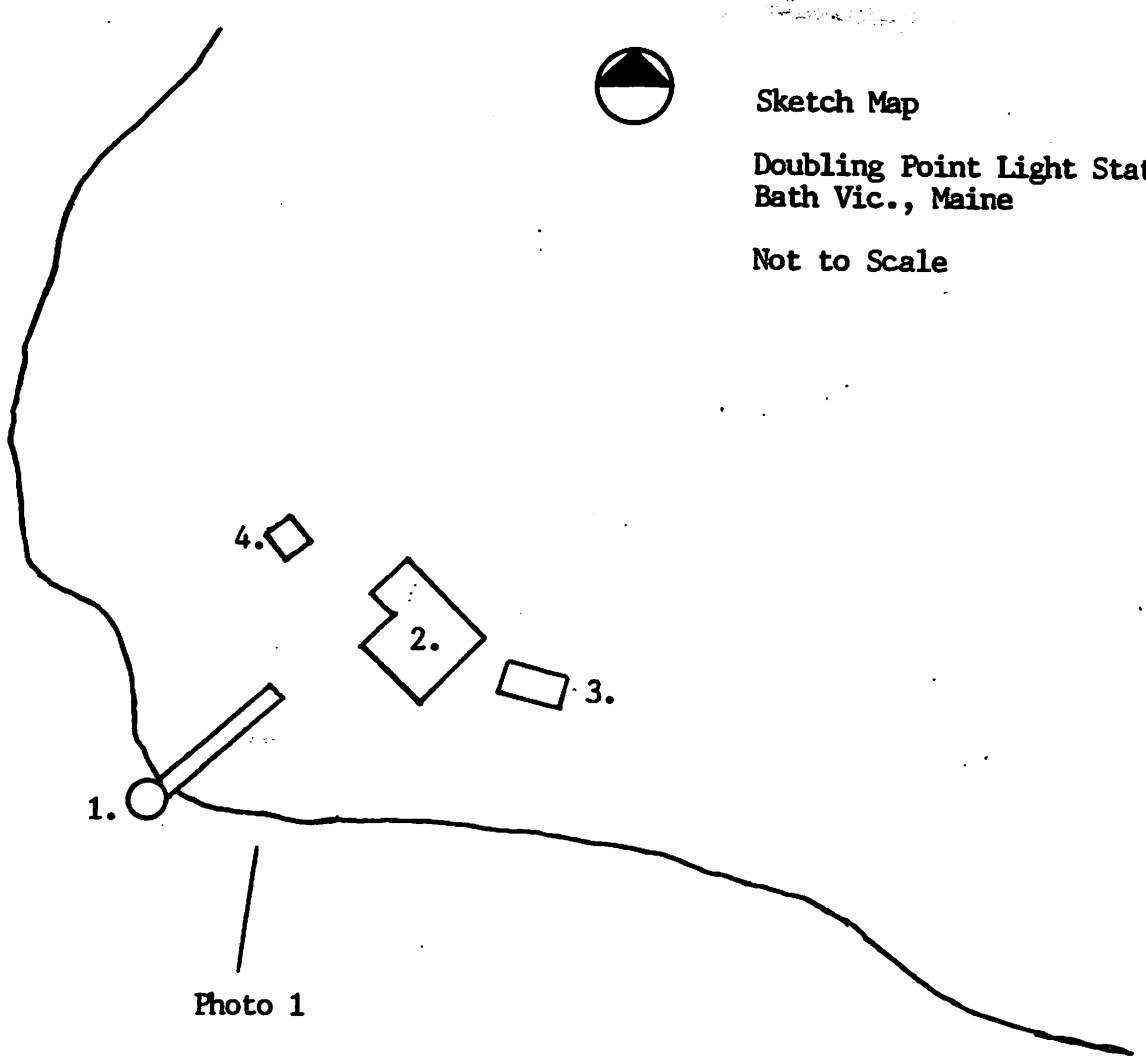

Sketch Map

Doubling Point Light Station
Bath 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
1898-1937

Significant Dates
1898

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Designers

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

The Doubling Point Light Station is situated on the west side of Arrowsic Island in the Kennebec River. Northernmost of the four-station system erected in 1898 on this important river, the complex retains integrity of setting, design, materials and association that meet the registration requirements set forth in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". Its significance is defined in the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

In 1892, the Annual Report of the Light-House Board carried a lengthy statement of the need for light and fog signals in the Kennebec River. Gateway to the important harbor at Bath and the upriver communities of Gardiner, Hallowell and the state capitol at Augusta, the Kennebec River carried the traffic of 3,137 vessels in 1891 excluding daily passenger steamers. Based on these statistics the Light-House Board requested appropriations for lights at Doubling Point, Squirrel Point, Perkins Island, and a set of range lights. It was not until 1895, however, that Congress appropriated the $17,000 needed for construction. In 1898 the system was completed and put into operation. Doubling Point light continues to provide an aid to navigation.

Doubling Point 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 reflects light station design along the Kennebec River at the turn of the century.

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Annual Report of the Light-House Board. Washington, D.C.: U. S. G. P. O., various dates.

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

Specify repository: U. S. Coast Guard

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Approximately 4

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	19	435140	4858910
B			
C			
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Arrowsic, Tax Map 4, Lot 31.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary embraces the buildings and property historically associated with the light station. There has been no non-related use of this site.

☐ See continuation sheet

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