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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 Goat Island Light Station
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Goat Island, Cape Porpoise Harbor — N/A not for publication
city, town Cape Porpoise, — [X] vicinity
state Maine code ME county York code 031 zip code 04014

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[ ] private	[ ] building(s)	3	____ buildings
[ ] public-local	[X] district	____	____ sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site	1	____ structures
[X] 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 [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 — SHPO — Date 10/30/87

Maine Historic Preservation Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [X] 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 — ~~[illegible]~~ CST/P-14
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

[X] entered in the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet. — Patrick Andrus — 3/23/88
[ ] 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 Brick
walls Brick
Wood: Weatherboard
roof Asphalt
other Iron and Steel Lantern and Deck on Tower

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Goat Island Light Station consists of a detached cylindrical brick tower, a one-and-a-half-story frame keeper's house, boathouse and a brick oil house. The dwelling and tower were formerly connected by way of a long covered passageway.

1. LIGHT TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The round configuration of the tower, built in 1859, clearly indicates its mid-nineteenth century date of construction and thereby its relationship to a number of other Maine lights. The tower is twenty-five feet in height from its base to the center of the octagonal lantern. Its west face is punctuated by a single window near the base. A circular walkway and railing surmount the tower. The lantern is crowned by a spherical ventilator. Jutting from the north of the tower is a small brick workroom containing two doors. It was formerly connected to the long covered passage that extended to the house. An open wooden walkway has replaced this feature.

2. KEEPER'S HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Facing north, the L-shaped 1859 keeper's house, which is sheathed in clapboards, has a three-bay facade and a pair of gable roofed dormers. A pair of replacement bay windows flank the small, centrally placed gable roofed vestibule. Replacement windows, two on each story, are located in the gable ends. The one-and-a-half-story ell telescopes from the southwest corner. It has a gable roofed dormer on its west side and a one-story wing extending to the south. The rear elevation features a short, enclosed hip roofed porch and a dormer. Documentary photographs of the house show that when it was first built it was covered in board-and-batten siding and had no dormers.

3. BOATHOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing to the west of the dwelling is the 1905 frame boathouse complete with its boat slip. It has a door on its east gable end, windows on both side elevations and is covered in clapboards.

4. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The brick oil house is located midway between the light tower and boathouse. It has a typical early twentieth century configuration featuring a gable roof and a door and vent in one gable end.

[X] See continuation sheet

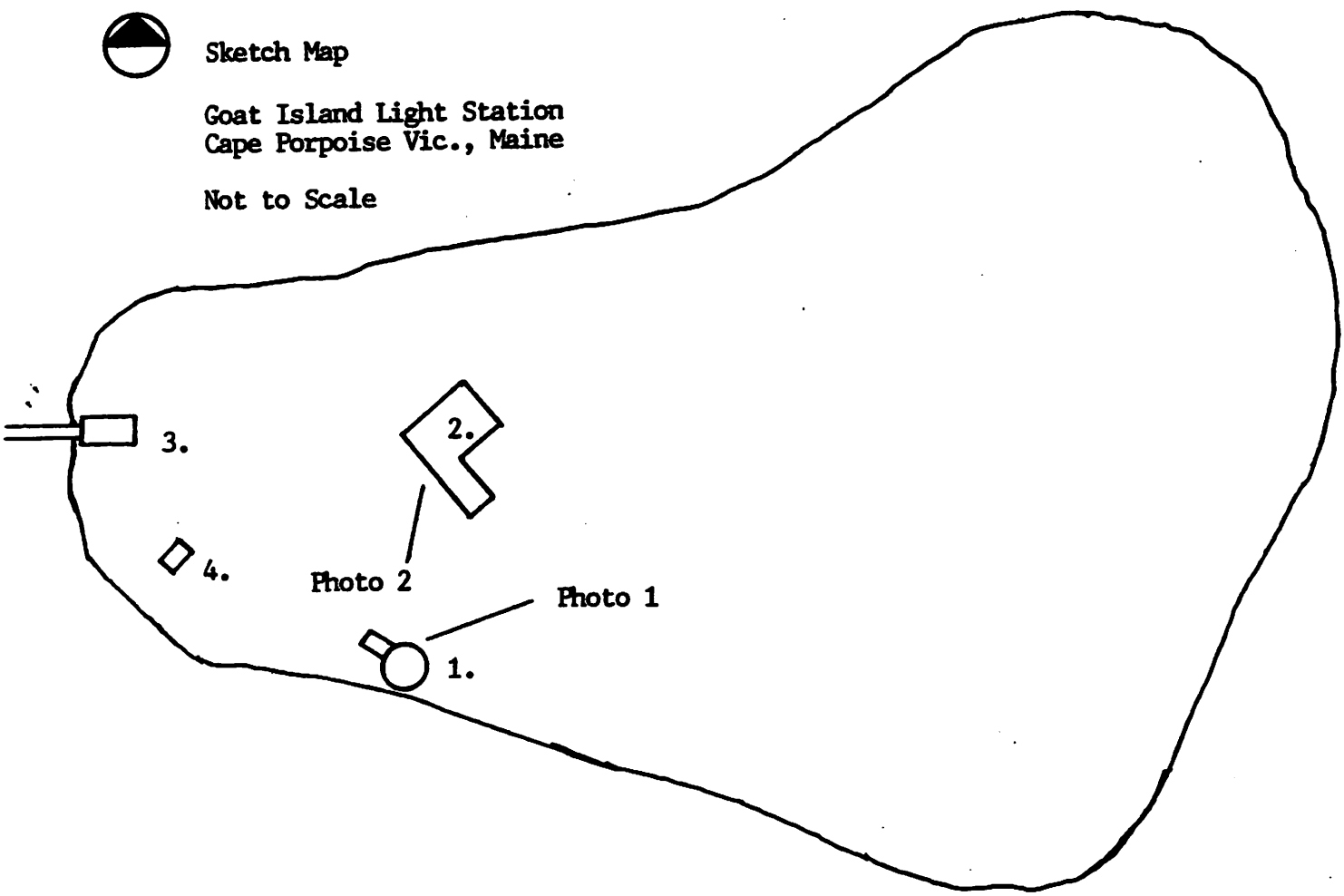
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8. Statement of Significance

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
1833-1937

Significant Dates
1859

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 light station at Goat Island was established in 1833 as a guide to the harbor of refuge at Cape Porpoise. Despite recent alterations to the dwelling, the station maintains its integrity of design, setting and association and meets the requirements for registration as set forth in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine". The significance of the complex at Goat Island is associated with and more fully described in the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca. 1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

Located on the south side of treeless Goat Island, the light station serves not only as a navigational aid to the entrance of Cape Porpoise Harbor but also as a warning beacon to the numerous small islands and rock shoals that populate this short stretch of coast northeast of Kennebunkport. The original configuration of the station is not positively known, although the 1848 light list indicates that the tower was approximately twenty feet in height. In 1859 the tower and dwelling were pulled down and their present replacements built. Goat Island Light Station is one of the few remaining manned lights in Maine.

Goat Island 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 primarily reflects mid-nineteenth 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.

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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: U. S. Coast Guard

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 7.7

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	19	384460	4801320
B			
C			
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of 7.7 acres occupies the Town of Kennebunkport, Tax Map 29, Block 5, Lot 4.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Goat Island Light Station embraces the buildings and shallow island historically associated with the complex.

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