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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
POMHAM ROCKS LIGHT STATION

AND/OR COMMON
(Same)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Riverside Road — NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
East Providence — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1 Hon. Fernand J. StGermain

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Rhode Island	44	Providence	007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
X STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	X GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*
Commandant (G-FLP)

STREET & NUMBER
US Coast Guard

CITY, TOWN
Washington, DC — VICINITY OF

STATE
DC 20590

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
City Clerks Office of East Providence, East Providence City Hall

STREET & NUMBER
60 Commercial Way

CITY, TOWN
East Providence

STATE
Rhode Island

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
East Providence, Rhode Island P-EP-1

DATE
September 1976 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission

CITY, TOWN
Providence

STATE
Rhode Island

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	_ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pomham Rocks Light Station consists of approximately ½ of an acre situated atop of promontory approximately 200 yards off the mainland of East Providence at the upper reaches of Narragansett Bay in what is called the Providence River.

Electricity and telephone services to the Island are provided by underwater cables running from the mainland. Sewage disposal is by septic tank.

The main dwelling is wood frame on a granite base 28 ft X 28 ft with a wooden light tower attached 34 ft high. Dwelling and tower were constructed in 1871.

Adjacent to the main dwelling and light tower is a wood/brick frame storage built in 1871 which was internally converted to a generator building in 1957.

On the opposite side of the main dwelling from the generator building is an active modular galvanized light tower which was erected in 1974.

At the lower end of the island is a 12 ft X 130 ft concrete seawall built in 1939 annexed by a timber on pile L shaped wharf.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Navigation	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1871 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pomham Rocks was acquired by the US Government in 1871 and the dwelling, storage buildings, light towers and fog signal were installed shortly after. The Light Station was then established by the Treasury Department's Lighthouse Board in the same year. The Light Station is situated on ½ of an acre, approximately 200 yards off the mainland of East Providence, at the upper reaches of Narragansett Bay, in the Providence River.

The light and keepers quarters are combined in a single masonry structure of handsome proportions and High Victorian design.

The Light Station is among one of the oldest stations situated on Narragansett Bay and has long served as both a functional and picturesque landmark for the East Providence community. For the past 107 years the station has guided ships in the main channel leading into Providence Harbor.

Electricity was first brought to the island 15 years ago. Until the spring of 1974, it served as a manned Light Station. In May, 1974 the Coast Guard constructed a new modular galvanized light tower adjacent to the original light station. With this new construction the original station was decommissioned and vacated by the Coast Guard.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A	19	301010	4627620
B			
C			
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The entire body of land known as Pomham Rocks being situated on the east side of the Providence River just north of Sabine Point, at a latitude of 41 degrees 46.6 minutes north and a longitude of 71 degrees 22.2 minutes west

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Commander (flp)

ORGANIZATION
First Coast Guard District

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
150 Causeway St.

TELEPHONE
223-6903

CITY OR TOWN
Boston

STATE
Massachusetts

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES____ NO____ NONE____

2/19/79

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

DATE

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

DATE

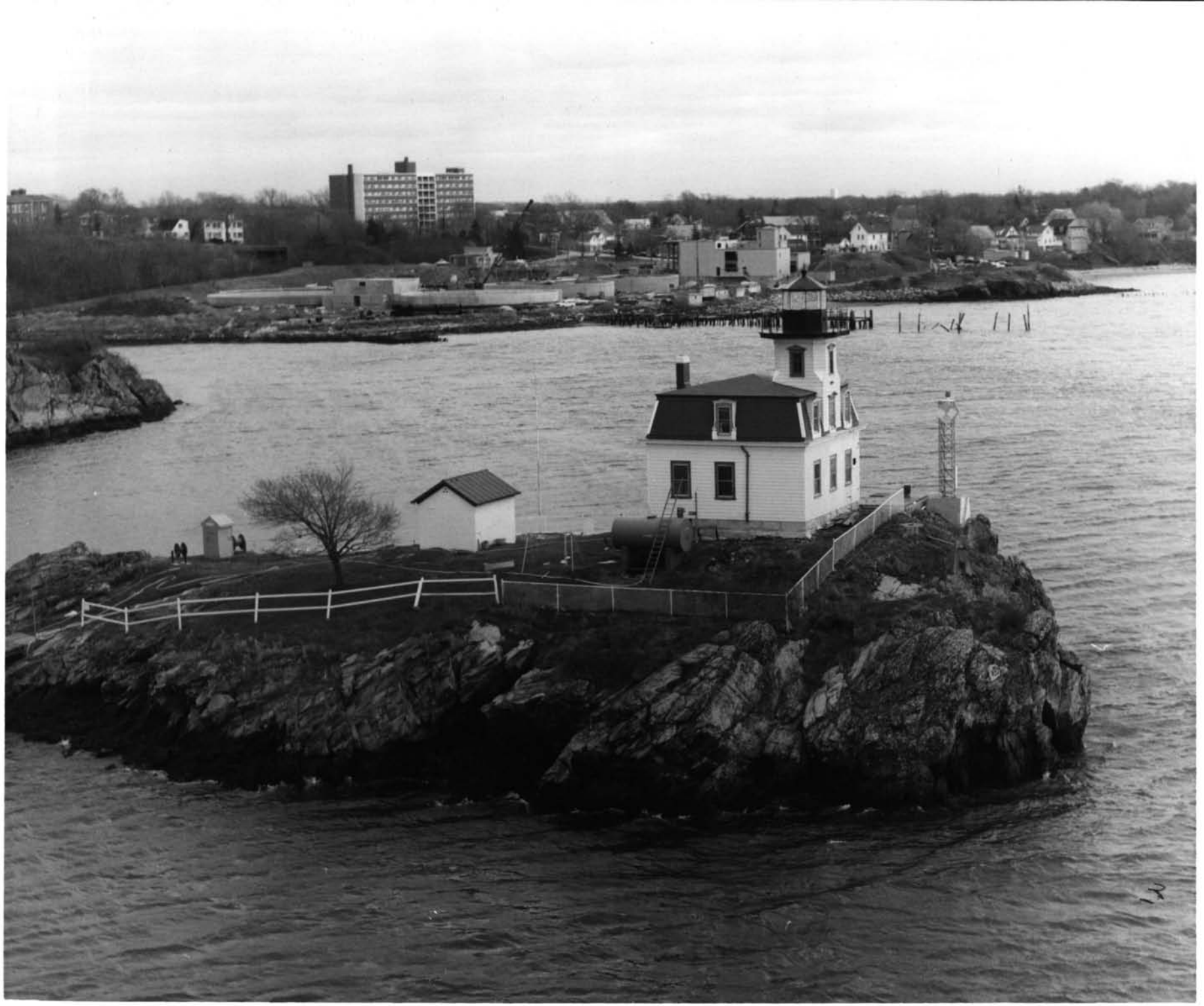
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

GPO 899-214



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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE OF PHOTO November, 1975

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET
North side of the island

PHOTO NO. 1



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West side of the island



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South side of theisland (doorways of the dwelling are on the south and southeast sides)



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Southeast side of the island



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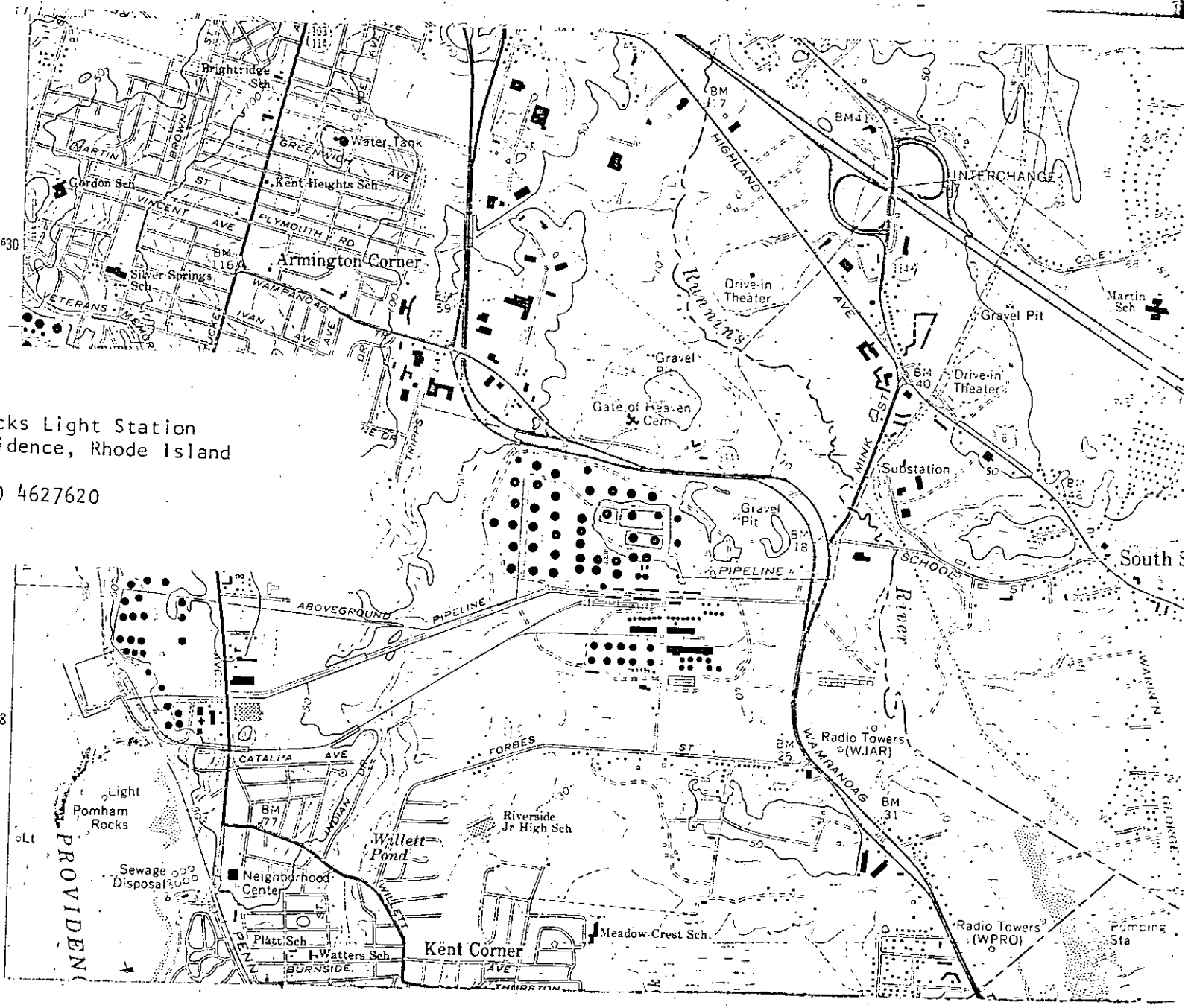
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PHOTO NO. 5

South side of the island



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3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S. East Providence, MA, Rhode Island

SCALE 1 : 24000 DATE 1971

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES