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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 Hendricks Head Light Station
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Hendricks Head, Southport Island N/A not for publication
city, town West Southport, X vicinity
state Maine code ME county Lincoln code 015 zip code 04576

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>2</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>3</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.
James L. Fitzpatrick Signature of certifying official 9/23/87 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.

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. Patrick W. Andrews 11/20/87
 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)
Domestic: Single Dwelling
Transportation: Water-Related

7. Description

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

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

Wood-Shingle

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Hendricks Head Light Station is composed of a square tapered brick light tower connected to a large two-story keeper's house by way of a covered passageway. A second walkway leads to the bell tower and a frame shed and brick oil house stand to the northwest of the house. The present complex replaces the original 1829 structure that employed a rubble stone dwelling surmounted by a lantern.

1. LIGHT TOWER, KEEPER'S HOUSE AND BELL TOWER - CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURE

The light tower and keeper's house, built in 1875, is similar in form to others built in Maine during the 1870s. A door, sheltered by the wood shingled covered passage, punctuates the north elevation below a six-over-six window. A second window is located on the tower's south side. The tower is capped by an iron deck with a railing. At the center of this deck is the octagonal lantern whose conical roof is crowned by a spherical ventilator. The covered walkway extends to a much longer passageway which at one end meets the house and at the other end is connected to the tapered bell that was built in 1890. The latter is supported by four iron posts and originally had a pyramidal skeletal frame.

Sheathed in wood shingles, the T-shaped keeper's house has an enclosed hip roofed porch carrying across its west elevation below two windows in the second story and one in the attic. Both gable ends of the main block, whose facade faces east, contain two six-over-six double-hung sash windows on each story and a smaller attic window. A narrow shed roofed vestibule shelters a door located between the first story windows on the north elevation. Documentary photographs of the house show that the present two-story ell was enlarged from a one-story structure covered by a hip roof. At the time that this alteration was made, the second floor fenestration pattern in the north and south gable ends was changed from a single large window with sidelights to the present pair of openings. These photographs also show that the house and passageways were originally covered in clapboards.

2. SHED - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

Standing to the north of the dwelling is the rectangular frame shed. It is covered in clapboards. Alterations include the addition of a shed roofed dormer on the south side and a brick flue. There are a pair of windows on the west gable end, a pair of doors on the south side and two windows and a large opening on the north elevation.

3. OIL HOUSE - CONTRIBUTING BUILDING

The brick oil house, built here in 1895, consists of a narrow door located in one gable end and a ridge ventilator. This particular configuration is typical of 1890s oil houses at Maine light stations.

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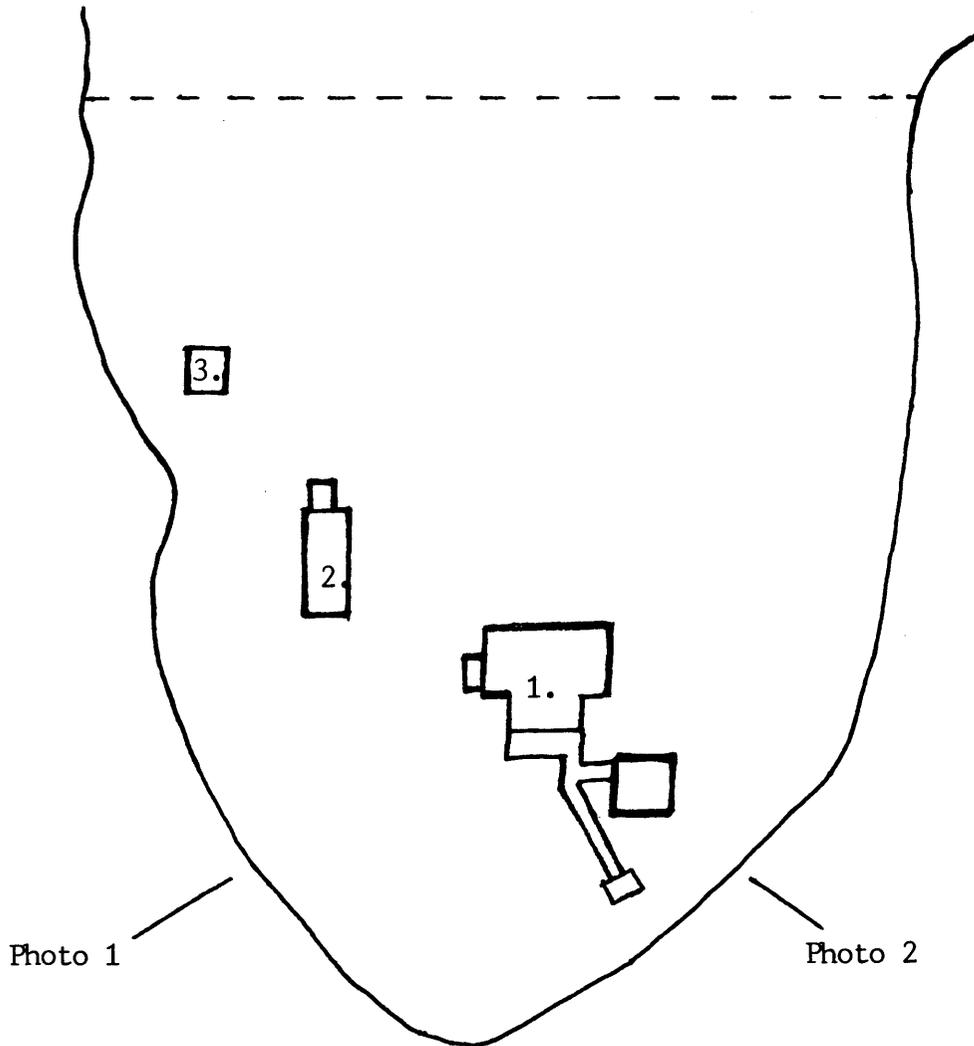
When constructed in 1829, the light station consisted of a low one-and-a-half-story rubble stone cottage that was three bays in width. Mounted atop one end of the gable ridge was the polygonal tower. In 1875 this structure was pulled down and replaced by the present brick tower and frame keeper's house.

The light was discontinued in 1933 and sold to W. Prichard and Mary L. Browne in 1935. In 1951 the Coast Guard recommissioned the light but the buildings remain in private ownership.

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Sketch Map

Hendricks Head Light Station
West Southport 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

1875-1933

Significant Dates

1875

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 Hendricks Head Light Station is a virtually intact complex whose design clearly illustrates the technological and architectural features of the early 1870s phase of lighthouse construction in Maine. Located behind a shallow rock ledge on the east side of the mouth of the Sheepscot River, the station possesses integrity of design, setting and association as outlined in the multiple property submission "Light Stations of Maine" and described by the historic contexts Maritime Transportation in Maine: ca.1600-1917 and Federal Lighthouse Management: 1789-1939.

The light station at Hendricks Head was established in 1829 as a guide to Sheepscot River and the important harbor at Wiscasset. Incorporated in 1802, Wiscasset enjoyed a brief period of prosperity in the early nineteenth century resulting in large part from shipbuilding activities at its deep sheltered harbor and maritime commerce. Its sister settlements on the Sheepscot, including Southport, Cape Newagen and Hendricks Head, were also keenly dependent on the local fishing industry and later in the century on tourism.

Hendricks Head 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 embodies light station design and construction of the 1870s.

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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.
Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual. Portland: Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, various dates.

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 # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than 10

UTM References

A

1	9	4	4	4	5	0	0	4	8	5	2	1	8	5
Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies the Town of Southport, Tax Map 30, Lot 25.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Hendricks Head Light Station embraces the buildings and immediate setting which have historically been associated with the complex. This site has not been compromised by change in use or modern alterations.

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