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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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 Halfway Rock Light Station

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Casco Bay, Off Bailey Island — N/A not for publication

city, town South Harpswell, — [x] vicinity

state Maine code ME county Cumberland code 005 zip code 04079

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
[ ] private	[ ] building(s)		buildings
[ ] public-local	[ ] district		sites
[ ] public-State	[ ] site	1	structures
[X] public-Federal	[X] structure		objects
	[ ] object	1	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 — Date 12/17/87

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 1/25/88

U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

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.

[ ] determined eligible for the National Register. [ ] See continuation sheet.

[ ] determined not eligible for the National Register.

[ ] removed from the National Register.

[ ] other, (explain:)

Amy Schlagel — 3/14/88

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 Stone: Granite
roof Metal: Cast Iron
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Standing on a rock outcropping in Casco Bay, the Halfway Rock Light Station, built in 1871, is composed of a tall tapered granite tower connected to a boathouse. The complex formerly had a skeleton fog horn tower, an elevated pyramidal oil house, a second boathouse, and a fog signal.

The Halfway Rock light tower rises to a height of nearly sixty-six feet from its base to the middle of its prominent lantern. Its quarry faced granite shaft is punctuated by a vertical row of four windows on both the north and south faces, and a single window in the west side. The base is crowned by a molded granite cornice that is capped by a steel deck and railing. The interior stair leads into the cast iron base that supports the lantern. A door opens off of this base onto the deck surmounting the tower. From here a ladder rises to the narrow walkway which enframes the twelve-sided lantern and its dome shaped iron roof. The tower contains within its walls the keeper's house and storage facilities.

Projecting from the north face of the tower the boathouse is a rectangular brick building. Small windows punctuate each side elevation and a door, formerly sheltered by a narrow shed roofed vestibule, is positioned on the west elevation. A boat slip extends from the gable end of the building.

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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.

☐ 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 2 Acres

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	19	416350	4836960
B			
C			
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property of two acres [illegible] occupies the shallow rock outcropping of Halfway Rock and referenced in the Maine Coastal Island Registry as 55-5c-502.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the Halfway Rock Light Station embraces the light structure and the immediate setting of Halfway Rock; the area historically associated with this station.

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HALFWAY ROCK LIGHT STATION
SOUTH HARPSWELL VIC., MAINE
KIRK F. MOHNEY
11/87
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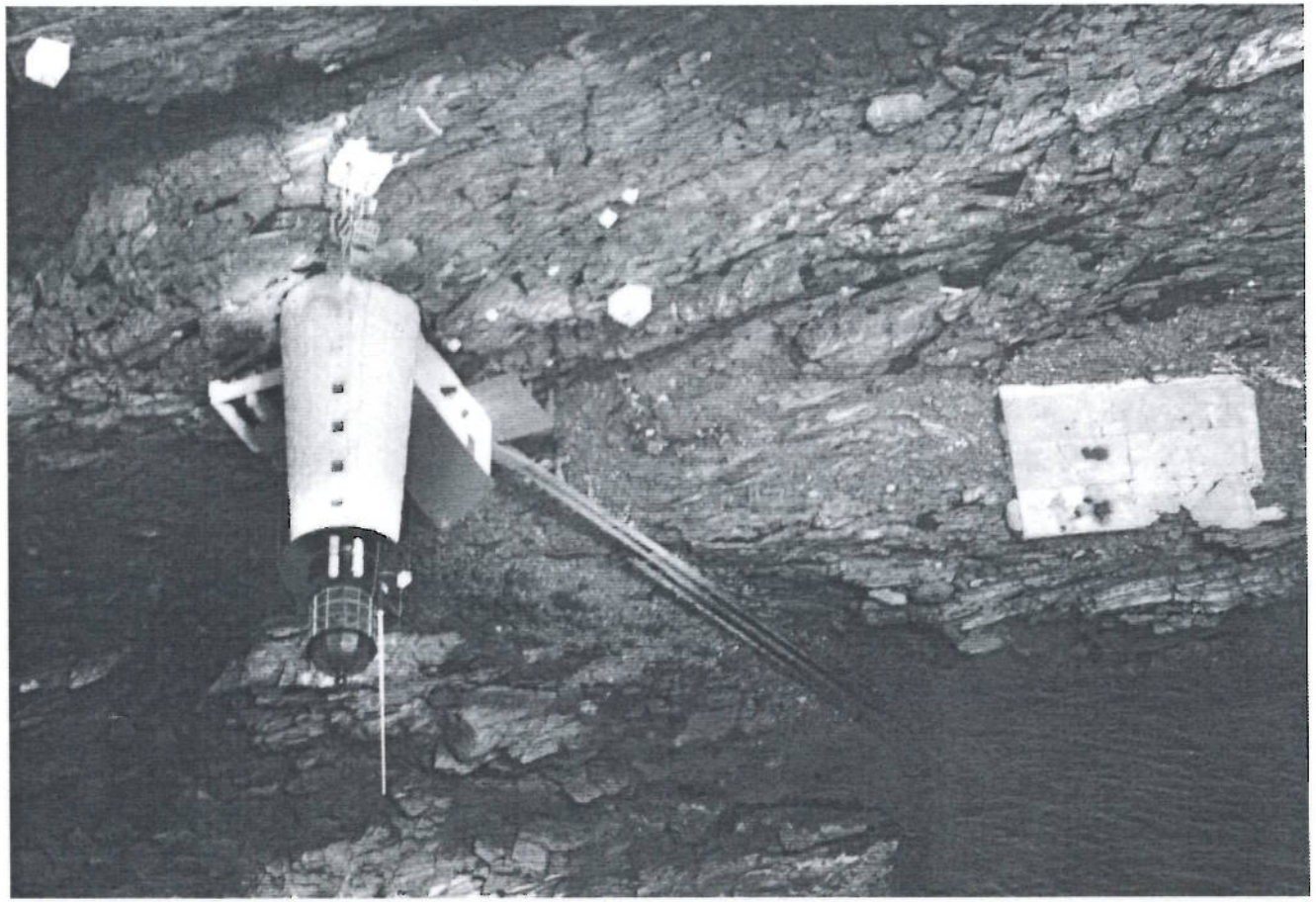
VIEW FROM NORTHEAST
PHOTO 1



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