

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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NOT FOR PUBLICATION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

1 Hon. Fernand J. St Germain

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Rhode Island

CODE

44

COUNTY

Providence

CODE

007

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pomham Rocks Light Station consists of approximately 1/2 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			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Navigation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 1/2 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.

A. Lynch

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	119	301301010	46127161210	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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

NO 9530 12

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

Robert Williams
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

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE OF PHOTO November, 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT

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150 Causeway St.

Boston, MA 02114

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 1

North side of the island



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PHOTO NO. 3

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



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PHOTO NO. 4

Southeast side of the island



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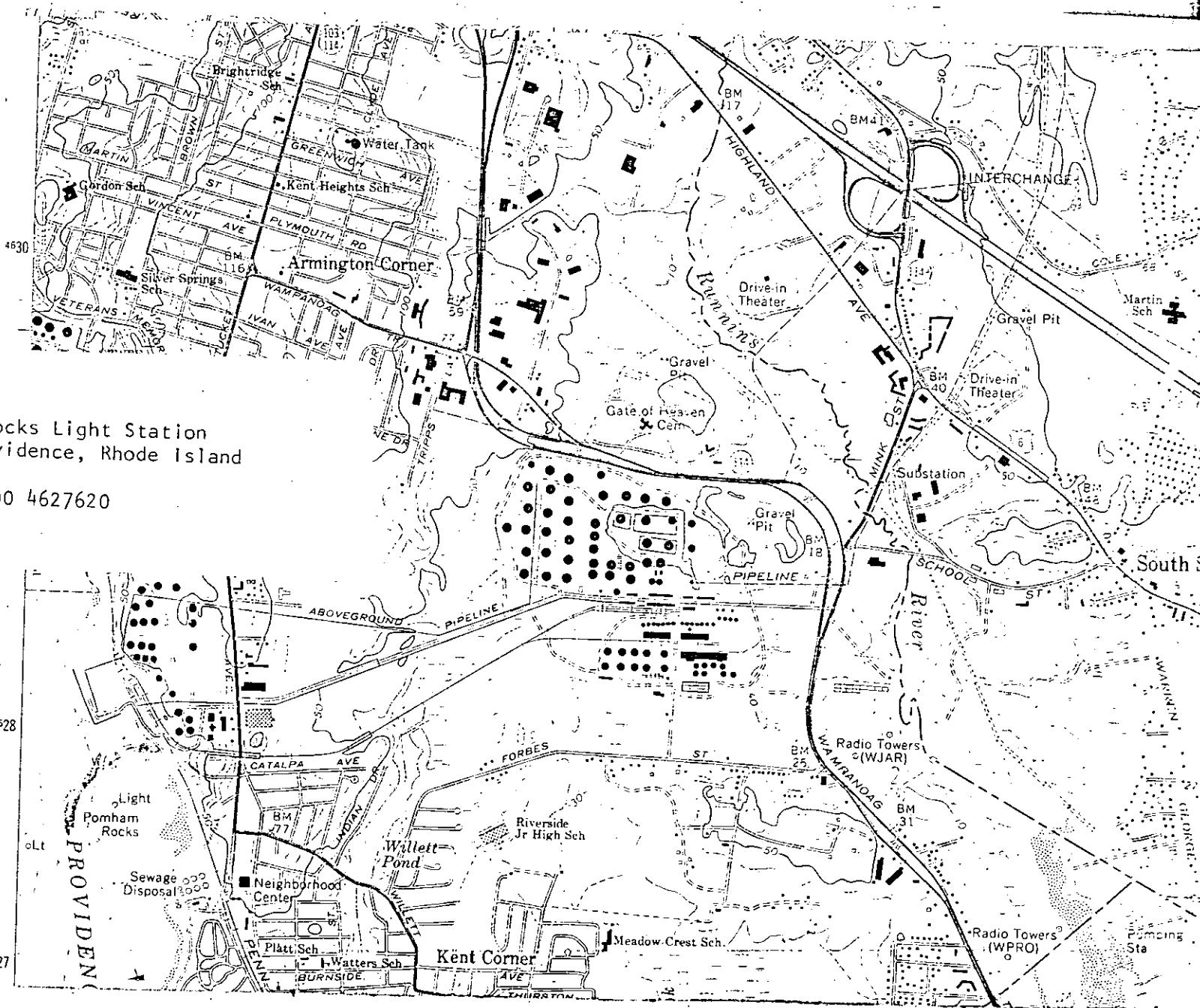
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PHOTO NO. 5

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