

Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: May 9, 2002 Inventory #: --
Date of group review: May 22, 2002 Area: Fort Constitution (FC)
DHR staff: Beth Town/City: New Castle
Property name: -- County: Rockingham
Address: peninsula at the mouth of Portsmouth Harbor
Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other
NOAA, UNH Facilities Design and Construction

Individual Properties		Districts	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligible
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Integrity: Location Design Setting Materials
Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture/Engineering
D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level: Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE NEEDED.

Fort Constitution is eligible for the National and New Hampshire State Registers of Historic Places as a historic district for its significant history as an important federal coastal defense installation from c.1808 to 1948. Defensive coastal fortifications are known to have existed on Fort Point as early as 1631; the earliest extant resources are the c.1808 brick and stone fort walls. Unexcavated archeological resources may document periods of significance prior to 1808. Contributing resources at the fort document the country's maritime and military history and evolving defensive threats and technological responses. Contributing resources in the district include all structures built between c.1808 and 1948, although, as noted, archeological resources may date from even earlier.

The eastern portion of Fort Constitution (approximately two acres) was listed on the National Register in 1973 as the historical site of the Sons of Liberty's 1774 raid on Fort William and Mary. This area form and determination of eligibility recognizes the entire fort's continuing significance through its deactivation in 1948. The eligible boundary for this district would include the current 6-acre Coast Guard Station, the 2+- acre Fort Constitution State Historic Site, and the 5.5 acre parcel recently transferred to UNH. Although they are not discussed in this area form, the 1.1 acre parcel retained for Coast Guard housing and the 1.85 acre parcel now owned by the town of New Castle at the western edge of Fort Point were historically part of the fort; it may be appropriate to include these two parcels as well within the district.

This area form would have been strengthened by the addition of current photographs of all contributing resources. The project area map proved very helpful, although some smaller structures are not labeled. Also, six additional structures should be noted as contributing on the boundary map: the 1877 light house, the 1872 keeper's house, the 1872 bos'n hole, the 1872 dory shed, and possibly the c.1940 residence.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: 14.45+ acres

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: c.1805 to 1948, occupation as a fort

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: archeology, engineering, exploration and settlement, maritime history, military, politics and government

BOUNDARY: as noted above

SURVEYOR: Preservation Co. for UNH

FOLLOW-UP: Notify surveyor and UNH.

Final DOE approved by:

(August 1994)

Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: May 9, 2002 Inventory #: NWC0003
Date of group review: May 22, 2002 Area: Fort Constitution (FC)
DHR staff: Beth Town/City: New Castle
Property name: Walbach Tower County: Rockingham
Address: Access Road, US Coast Guard Station
Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other
UNH/US Coast Guard

Individual Properties

Districts

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The Walbach Tower is eligible for the National and New Hampshire State Registers of Historic Places for its historical and engineering significance as a rare example of an early 19th century fortification known as a Martello tower and for its historical role in the development of Fort Constitution. It dates from the same defensive period as the c.1808 granite fort walls. Due to the difficulty of understanding this resource through photography, its individual eligibility may be clarified by a field visit.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: 14.5+ acres (district)

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: c.1805 to 1948, occupation as a fort (district)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: archeology, engineering, exploration and settlement, maritime history, military, politics and government (district)

BOUNDARY: encompassed by the Fort Constitution historic district

SURVEYOR: The Preservation Co., for UNH

FOLLOW-UP: Notify surveyor and UNH.

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Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: May 9, 2002 Inventory #: NWC0005
Date of group review: May 22, 2002 Area: Fort Constitution (FC)
DHR staff: Beth Town/City: New Castle
Property name: US Coast Guard Picnic Shelter County: Rockingham
Address: US Coast Guard Station Access Road
Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other
NOAA, UNH Facilities Design and Construction

Individual Properties

Districts

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Because it is less than fifty years old, this picnic shelter is not eligible for the National or New Hampshire State Registers of Historic Places. It may gain significance in the future, as the Coast Guard's use of Fort Constitution becomes part of this district's history. The shelter's eligibility could be re-considered at that time.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: less than one acre
PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: --
AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: --
BOUNDARY: --
SURVEYOR: Preservation Co., for UNH
FOLLOW-UP: Notify surveyor.

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