

The Castle

A Neil D. Novello Production

38 Minute/Historical Documentary 2008 New Hampshire Film Festival

“The Castle” tells the story of an obscure prison still standing on a bluff in the Piscatiqua River which separates southern New Hampshire and Maine.

The Portsmouth Naval Prison has been fixture along the Pascatiqua River since it opened in 1908. The Prison has been empty since 1974. In 1972, the US Navy’s Photo Optical Center produced a film about the prison.

“The Castle” weaves the film and interviews with former Marine and Navy personnel and the wife of the last Marine commander of the prison together to tell the story of the Navy’s only maximum-security prison worldwide.

