

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Wisconsin	
COUNTY:	Door	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	
70-10-5510006	10/15/70	

1. NAME

COMMON:

Eagle Lighthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

3.5 miles north of Wis. 42 on Shore Road, in Peninsula State Park

CITY OR TOWN:

Fish Creek*Vicinity*

STATE

Wisconsin

54212

CODE

COUNTY:

48

Door

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP			STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC						
	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public			<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Object											

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <i>Working lighthouse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Public: Federal/State (U.S. Coast Guard; Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

(state) Madison

STATE:

Wisconsin

CODE

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STATE:
WisconsinCOUNTY:
Door

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Sturgeon Bay

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

NoneDATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered				<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A two-story house and lighthouse tower combined into one building made of cream colored brick. The house has a moderately steep gabled roof with a slight shallowing of pitch near the lower end of each face. At both gable ends, vertical ornamental posts or finials extend from the top level of the second story windows through the ridge of the roof and terminate in spires above the ridge. Near the lower end of each finial is a horizontal supporting crosspiece attached to the verge boards. Such gable end ornamentation, which gives the appearance of having a structural supporting function, is an interesting and attractive Gothic Revival architectural touch.

The lighthouse is a square structure oriented diagonally to the walls of the lightkeeper's house and built into the side of the house at the northeast end. There is a cast iron circular stairway leading from the basement of the lighthouse to the cupola, with landings at the floor levels of the house proper. At the second story landing is the only closet in the entire building. There is access to the house at each floor level. At the top of the tower is a square deck with an iron rail. The glazed cupola which houses the light is a decagonal structure set in the center of the deck. An alteration has been made in that the original oil burning, hand-operated light has been replaced by an electric, fully automatic light which needs no attendant except when the need for repairs or maintenance arises.

Near the back of the house is a massive square chimney oriented diagonally to correspond with the tower. This chimney arrangement makes it possible for more rooms to have stove chimney outlets at each floor level. There were stove openings in the parlor, dining room and kitchen downstairs and in a large bedroom upstairs.

The kitchen and dining room have wainscoted walls. (Fortunately, during the restoration, a nearby lumber company was found to have enough wainscoting still in storage from years past when it was occasionally in demand, to replace original parts of wainscoting where needed.) Because of the thickness of the walls of the house, window casings were set deep, giving extra depth to the sills.

The structure is original and was faithfully restored in 1961-1963. The original plans were available and used in making the structural restoration authentic. In order to preserve the original plaster, however, it was decided best to scrape off as much old calcimine and paint as possible and, after applying patching plaster where needed, to cover the walls with wallpaper appropriate to the period.¹ This alteration and that of replacing the old wood shingles with more weather resistant asphalt shingling should be made a matter of record, although neither is considered to be of more than minor importance so far as taking away from the structure's integrity is concerned.

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SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1868; 1961-1963**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1868, the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse was one of the earliest lighthouses on the Door County peninsula and marked the east passage of Green Bay to Lake Michigan.¹ It was therefore of significance to both commerce and transportation as there was much use of the difficult Green Bay water route in transporting both travelers and goods and supplies to and from the city of Green Bay. The light is still in use but is now automatic, requiring no lighthouse keeper.

The building is used as a museum of marine history of the area, concentrating on depicting the living conditions and duties of early lighthouse keepers on the Door peninsula on Green Bay and Lake Michigan; only the cupola containing the beacon is inaccessible to the public.

Architecturally the structure is unique in its combination of lighthouse tower and lighthouse keeper's house into a single building. It is an excellent example of functional design for efficient utilization of combined working and living quarters for a lighthouse keeper.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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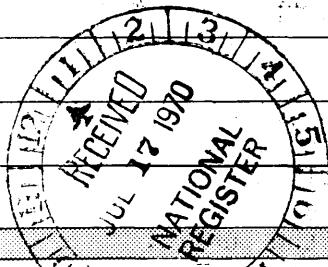
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	OR	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	OR	LONGITUDE
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		N 45° 10' 07"	W 87° 14' 49"		
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SE	° ' "	° ' "					
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.0

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

D. N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:

816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Madison

STATE

CODE

Wisconsin 53706

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

Richard A. Erney
Richard A. Erney

Title

Acting Director
State Historical Society of Wis.

Date

July 14, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
OCT 15 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Murphy
Keeper of The National Register
AUG 20 1970

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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