# Form No 10-306 (Rev 10-74)

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
**INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

**FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS

TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

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### NAME

**HISTORIC**

**TCHEFUNCTE RIVER RANGE REAR LIGHT**

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### LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

**NORTH SIDE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN**

**CITY. TOWN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**STATE**

**LOUISIANA**

**COUNTY CODE**

**22**

**COUNTY**

**ST. TAMMANY**

**CITY. TOWN**

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### CLASSIFICATION

**CATEGORY**

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**OWNERSHIP**

| PUBLIC |
| PRIVATE |
| BOTH |
| PUBLIC ACQUISITION |
| IN PROCESS |
| BEING CONSIDERED |
| N/A |

**STATUS**

| OCCUPIED |
| UNOCCUPIED |
| WORK IN PROGRESS |
| ACCESSIBLE |
| YES: RESTRICTED |
| YES: UNRESTRICTED |
| NO |

**PRESENT USE**

| AGRICULTURE |
| COMMERCIAL |
| EDUCATIONAL |
| ENTERTAINMENT |
| GOVERNMENT |
| INDUSTRIAL |
| MILITARY |
| OTHER |

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### AGENCY

**REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)**

**U. S. COAST GUARD COMMANDER, EIGHTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT**

**STREET & NUMBER**

**HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING, 500 CAMP STREET**

**CITY. TOWN**

**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**STATE**

**LOUISIANA**

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### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

**Register of Deeds**

**STREET & NUMBER**

**St. Tammany Parish Courthouse**

**CITY. TOWN**

**Covington, LOUISIANA**

**STATE**

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### REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

| N/A |

**DATE**

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**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

**CITY. TOWN**

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**JUN 25 1986**
A masonry Conical Tower built in 1867. Site occupied as a lighthouse since 1839. The lighthouse is presently unmanned and in automated service.

1. Approximate dimensions - Base 30 ft. to top, 100 ft. above sea level
2. Material construction - Brick
3. Form of Lighthouse - Brick Cylinder
4. Type of Illuminate and Lens - 250mm/condensing panel
5. Color of Lighthouse - White with a black vertical stripe
6. Special Signaling devices - None
7. No Additional structures
8. No Alterations to existing lighthouse
9. No Special Features
SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE

PREHISTORIC

ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

COMMUNITY PLANNING

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

RELIGION

1400-1499

ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC

CONSERVATION

LAW

SCIENCE

1500-1599

AGRICULTURE

ECONOMICS

LITERATURE

SCULPTURE

1600-1699

ARCHITECTURE

EDUCATION

MILITARY

SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

1700-1799

ART

ENGINEERING

MUSIC

THEATER

1800-1899

COMMERCCE

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

PHILOSOPHY

TRANSPORTATION

1900-

COMMUNICATIONS

INDUSTRY

INVENTION

OTHER

SPECIFIC DATES 1867

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

TCHEFUNCTE RIVER (1838)

The Tchefuncte River Range Rear Light is significant because of its architecture. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction common to the 1860's. Its level of significance is at the State level.

In the War of 1812, the Tchefuncte River (also spelled Chefunti, Chifuncta, etc.) distinguished itself as a Naval Yard. Madisonville, just above the mouth, remains as a small shipyard and yacht harbor.

A tower was erected at the mouth of the river in 1838 with a Fifth Order lens, its 10 lamps visible 11 miles. The lighthouse was rebuilt in 1857, about the same time as New Canal, across the lake. The 1886 light list shows the light on a 34-foot white tower, 38 feet above the lake and visible 11 miles.

Some rebuilding took place in 1867. Also that year, the lantern from the lighthouse at Cat Island was shipped to Tchefuncte. The Cat Island tower had been damaged by a hurricane and burned at the outset of the war. Installation of the lantern was halted for four weeks in August and September 1867, by the Yellow Fever epidemic that swept through the Gulf Coast. The rebuilding was completed in early 1868.

The Station received the usual minor repairs and renovations until August 19-20, 1888, when a storm swept away all but the keeper's quarters and the tower. The outside kitchen, woodshed, washhouse, boathouse, and picket fence were among the structures destroyed.

The lighthouse is presently in full service, although automated. A black vertical stripe on the white tower improves its visibility as a daytime range marker.
GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 60.008 acres (50' X 50' of land under the light)

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude: 30-22-36 North
Longitude: 90-10-12 West

The lighthouse is located on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain due west of the confluence of the Tchefuncta River and the lake. Only the light tower and land immediately beneath it are nominated.

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

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FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

STREET & NUMBER

Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Camp Street

CITY OR TOWN

New Orleans, Louisiana

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

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

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: 

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
SKETCH MAP

[Diagram of a house and garage with dimensions labeled]

MODERN GARAGE

HOUSE

LAKESHORE DR

[Notes on the diagram: Boundaries drawn 3 Ft. from the exterior walls of the house to exclude modern garage and extend recognition only to the house itself.]

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