

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

CHANDELEUR LIGHT

AND/OR COMMON

N/A

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

BRETON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

NEW ORLEANS

VICINITY OF

FIRST

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

LOUISIANA

CODE

22

COUNTY

ST. BERNARD

CODE

087

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"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 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,

— VICINITY OF

STATE

LOUISIANA 70130

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bureau of Land Management

STREET & NUMBER

Department of the Interior

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

STATE

D.C.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

Wrought iron skeleton tower with enclosed stairwell built in 1896. The light is accessible only by boat. The lighthouse is unmanned and is currently used as an automated aid to navigation.

1. Approximate dimensions - Base 30 ft. to top, 99 ft. above sea level.
2. Material construction - Wrought Iron
3. Form of Lighthouse - Wrought Iron pipe columns with metal stair tube and lantern
4. Type of Illuminate and Lens - Maxiluma - 300
5. Color of Lighthouse - Brown with Black Lantern
6. No Special Signaling Devices
7. Additional Structures - Walkway
8. No Alterations to existing Light
9. No Special Features

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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CHANDELEUR ISLAND (1848)

The Chandeleur Island Light is significant for its architecture. Its design embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction common to the 1890's. It is one of only four similarly designed lighthouses in the Gulf Coast region. Its level of significance is at the state level.

The Chandeleur Islands appear on charts as the moon in its final phase, an arc running north-to-south and bulging at the center toward the east.

Congress appropriated \$12,000 in 1847 for a light on South Chandeleur Island to help guide vessels to the Ship Island and Cat Island anchorages, due north. The light, 55 feet above sea level, was visible 14 miles to sea. Completed in 1848, it was destroyed in 1854.

A whitewashed brick tower finished the next year was placed on the north end of the island chain. The light was abandoned at the outbreak of the war, but Union forces reexhibited the entrance to New Orleans. The dwelling at the station was raised on five screw-piles. An additional dwelling for an assistant keeper was added in 1890.

On October 1, 1893, a storm washed away much of the sand from the lighthouse foundation, canting it from the perpendicular by several feet. Due to the importance of the light for vessels seeking a safe anchorage, \$35,000 was requested to relocate it.

An iron skeleton tower, its Third Order lens 102 feet above sea level, was built in 1896. The old tower was demolished and used as rip-rap around the foundation.

The light list today notes that the present lens is 99 feet above sea level, visible for 10 miles. The skeleton tower is now painted brown.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lighthouses and Lightships of the Northern Gulf of Mexico
 Department of Transportation, U. S. Coast Guard

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .006 acres or 50' X 50' of land under the light

UTM REFERENCES

| | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------------|---------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1 6 | 3 1 9 5 5 0 | 3 3 2 5 3 8 0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude: 30-02-54 North
 Longitude: 88-52-18 West

The lighthouse is located at the northwestern end of Chandeleur Island. Only the light tower and land directly beneath the structure is nominated.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E. L. RICKS, CW03, USCG *E. L. Ricks*

DATE

11/14/83

ORGANIZATION

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

New Orleans,

STATE

Louisiana 70130

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

J. B. DeLoach
 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 *Fred Quinn*

TITLE

DOT HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

2/14/84

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Amy Schlage

DATE

6/25/86

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER