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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: Florida
 COUNTY: Franklin
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: SEP 10 1974

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME
 COMMON: Cape St. George Light (~~ACLL 134~~)
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: ~~St. George Island~~
 Southernmost point of Little St. George Island at west end of
 CITY OR TOWN: Little St. George Island CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second Congressional District
 STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Franklin CODE: 037

3. CLASSIFICATION

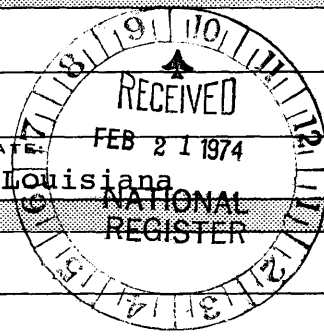
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Lighthouse</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: Eighth Coast Guard District
 STREET AND NUMBER: Custom House, 423 Canal Street,
 CITY OR TOWN: New Orleans STATE: Louisiana CODE: 22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Franklin County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Apalachicola STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: Eighth District, No. 243
 DATE OF SURVEY: April 13, 1847 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Franklin County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Apalachicola STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

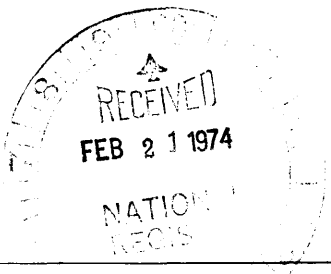
✓ The Cape St. George Lighthouse, built in 1852, is a white brick conical tower located at the southernmost point of Little St. George Island which is situated at the west end of St. George Island in Franklin County, Florida. The Island lies between Apalachicola Bay and the Gulf of Mexico off the north-western coast of Florida. Unlike the former towers which occupied the site and were subsequently destroyed, the St. George Lighthouse rests on pilings due to the need for a deeper and stronger foundation. Tower height is 70 feet; diameters of the base and top are 25 feet and 12 feet, respectively. Wall thickness at the base is four feet and uniformly graduated to two feet at the top. A soapstone deck, five inches thick, has a diameter of 14 1/2 feet. On one side of the deck is a 24 x 20 inch scuttle which permits entry to the lantern. The door to the lantern is a copper-covered iron frame. Interior and exterior walls of the tower are laid in hydraulic cement (a mixture of lime and clay which hardens under water). Six windows, containing twelve 8 x 10 inch lights, are reinforced by strong frames and iron bars over each. The tower door is 6 by 3 feet, and comprised of double-inch boards cross nailed with sturdy hinges, lock and latch. The ground floor is paved with brick. A circular stair leads from the ground floor to within six feet of the lantern. From the top of the stairs to the entrance of the lantern is an iron ladder with steps 2 1/2 inches wide.

✓ In constructing the lantern, the contractor, Mr. E. Bowden, utilized some of the materials remaining from the former tower. French plate glass was used in reglazing the old lanterns. Lantern posts were set five feet into the stone and secured with anchors.

✓ During the late 1930's or early 1940's the light was converted from kerosene to dry cell batteries (Edison type SY 301). This lighthouse is maintained and serviced regularly by the U.S. Coast Guard, and continues to function to the present time. Its light extends for a distance of 14 miles.

The entire Lighthouse Reservation originally included the following buildings in addition to the tower: a single-story wood frame dwelling built in 1880; a two-story brick dwelling; several small out buildings erected between 1890 and 1939 which served as pump house, stable, storeroom, oil storage, privy, and generator building. Also on the site were several underground cisterns. In 1961, these structures were destroyed by fire.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1851-1852

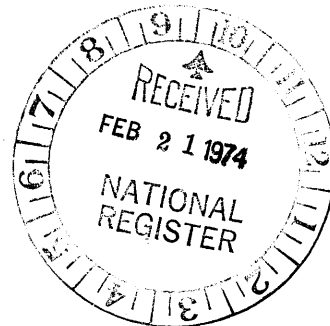
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833, a tower at Cape St. George, near the entrance to Apalachicola Bay went into service. This tower was rebuilt in 1847, damaged by destructive winds in 1851, and replaced by the present tower which was erected in 1852. Although damaged by rebels during the Civil War, the tower was repaired and continues to serve as an operative light.

The method of construction on the present tower differed from the former towers, the foundations of which were only 18 inches deep. Need for a stronger and deeper foundation was finally recognized when the 1852 structure was planned and constructed. The present foundation and structure has endured the elements of damaging winds and seas for over 120 years, and its continual service to the present time places it among the most significant structures of its type.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

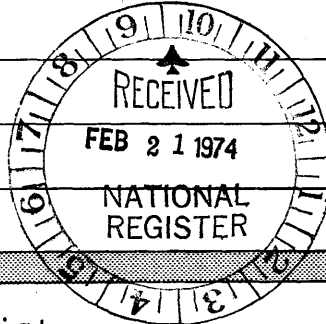
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		29° 35' 15"	W80° 02' 50"	
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A		N/A	
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary K. Evans, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Dept. of State; Div. of Archives, History, & R.M. DATE: 9/4/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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 *Robert Williams*

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date February 6, 1974

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

A.R. Montross
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/10/74

ATTEST:
Charles O. Henry
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9.6.74

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9. Bibliography

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