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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mobile Bay Light is one of Alabama's few navigational landmarks and is by far the most interesting. The one and a half story hexagonal light is unusual in that it was constructed as both a residence and a light. Reputedly constructed as a replica of the Hooper's Strait Light off the Maryland Coast, is thought to be one of only a few remaining lights of this type.

On march 3, 1883 an Act was approved appropriating \$19,000 to mark the recently completed Mobile ship channel. Under this appropriation the Mobile Bay Light station was established in December of 1885. At that time the light exhibited a fixed white light varied by a red flash every 30 seconds.

In 1905 the light was rebuilt and it is believed that it is a duplicate of the original light. In 1935 the light was automated and the structure has been vacant since that date.

The light was saved from demolition in 1967 by the efforts of concerned citizens and is currently being restored.



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