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The station is located on a three-acre section of property adjoining the Hillsboro Country Club at Hillsboro Beach. The Coast Guard purchased this property in 1903 and the complex, constructed in 1907, consists of a lighthouse, light keeper's quarters, senior officer recreation quarters, shop and garage building, timer and generator building and the crews' barracks building. Of these, the first four structures are presently being utilized by the Coast Guard in operation of the station.

The light tower was built in 1907. It is an octagonal, pyramidal iron skeleton tower with central stair cylinder and is 132 feet high. The light is still operational.

The keeper's quarters is occupied by the caretaker who lives aboard the property and was built in 1907. It is a frame, one story structure.

The recreation quarters are used to house senior Coast Guard officers and was built in 1907.

The crews' barracks is a one-story frame structure built in 1907. The building contains k,737 square feet, is situated on 12' brick foundation and has an asphalt shingle roof. Originally, it was used as a station administration building and later it was used to house the station's crew until the light until the light was automated in 1974.

The garage building, a wood frame, single story structure, was used for storage and to house the government vehicle when a car was assigned. This building is approximately 750 square feet and was built in 1907.

The timer and generator building was used to house equipment to operate the light and was built in 1942 and contains approximately 342 square feet.

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The lighthouse structure itself is the most significant entity in the complex and should be eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Due to close association with the operation of the light, their proximity to the light, and their distinctive architecture, the light keeper's quarters and the senior officers recreation quarters are probably eligible. The other buildings, due to their ancillary nature, removed distance from the light and their nondescript and ordinary architecture are of little important to the historical significance of the property.

With the exception of the timer and generator building, all the buildings seem to date from the original construction of the complex and seem to survive with only minor alterations. This is somewhat unusual and a unique situation in Florida.

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	PORCHES, VERANDAS, GALLERIES AND BALCONIES: north and south entry porches
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STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S)	wood frame	856==
FEATURE OF STRUCTURE (94	2):	
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Statement of Significance (use continuation sheet if necessary)

The <u>Hillsboro Light</u>, which marks the northern limit of the Florida Reef, has long been a welcomed navigation sight to seafarers traveling along the Atlantic Ocean. This <u>132</u> foot beacon has cast the brightest light of any lighthouse in Florida throughout most of the 20th century. The Hillsboro Light structure and complex have a unique history and have been well-preserved.

The Hillsboro Light was assembled by a Chicago steel firm for exihibition at the 1904 great St. Louis Exposition; the light was made in Paris, France in 1880 and is of the Second Order Classical type. At the end of the exposition the United States government bought the light and its tower and the structure was disassembled and shipped to its present site (Land, p. 63). The Hillsboro Inlet site was purchased by the federal government on November 9, 1903 (Florida Titles No. 53). The U.S. Lighthouse Service contracted George W. Brown of West Palm Beach to build the keeper's dwelling and other buildings for \$21,500 in 1905. Russell Wheel and Foundry of Detroit, Michigan contracted to complete the metal work on the tower for \$24,000 and in January, 1906 the J.H. Gardner Construction Company of New Orleans, contracted to erect the tower and foundation (Abstract of Contracts. R.G. 26). The light went into operation in March, 1907 with Alfred A. Berghell as its first keeper (National Archives Reference Report).

The original kerosene lamp which rotated on a mercury filled reservoir was converted to electricity in the late 1920s, increasing the candlepower to 550,000 and making it the most powerful light on the east coast at that time. In 1966 a 1,000 Watt quartz-iodine bulb was installed increasing the intensity to 2,000,000 candlepower. The light is now the brightest light in Florida and can be seen from 18 to 20 miles offshore on a clear night (Land, p. 63).

The outer <u>buildings</u> built by George W. Brown <u>remain virtually</u> <u>unaltered since their construction in 1905-1907</u> and add to the <u>integrity of the lighthouse site</u>.



HISTORIC SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

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	ROOF STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
	MAIN ENTRANCE: north, central double doors in vestibute
	WINDOW PLACEMENT:
	WINDOW SURROUNDS AND DECORATION: curved diamond pane glass around lantern
	PORCHES, VERANDAS, GALLERIES AND BALCONIES: iron balustrade
	EXTERIOR ORNAMENT AND COLOR: lower half of tower and cylinder white, upper and lantern, black
	INTERIOR COMMENTS: cast iron circular stairway, wood floor an ceiling in watchroom
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Archives, History and Records Management DS-HSP-3EE 6-76 Site No. 8Pd179 Site Name Hillsboro Light

Present & Original Physical Appearance (use continuation sheet if necessary) (935==):

The Hillsboro Light complex is located on a three acre section of property adjoining the Hillsboro Country Club at Hillsboro Beach. The U.S. Government purchased the property in 1903; the complex consists of a lighthouse, keeper's quarters, senior officer recreation quarters, shop and garage building.

The lighthouse is an octagonal pyramidal structure consisting of an iron skeleton tower with a central stairway cylinder. Painted white and black, the beacon is 132 feet high and has an entrance through double doors located within a small vestibule (north). A cast iron circular stairway leads up to the watchroom which has a wooden floor and ceiling. Five two-over-two double hung sash windows are located around the watchroom. An iron balustrade divides the watchroom from the lantern.

Curved diamond panes of glass form the lantern section of the beacon. The lens, housed within the lantern, was made in Paris in 1880 and is of the Second Order Classical type. Now automated, the light makes one complete revolution every 40 seconds. Crowning the beacon is a cast iron pyramidal roof with a finial.

Two identical one story wood frame buildings are located on the tree-shaded grounds just north of the lighthouse. The T-shaped white clapboard buildings were constructed in 1905-1906 as the keeper's quarters. Supported by brick piers and capped by a green gable roof, these buildings have had only minor alterations since their construction.

A wood frame, single story garage and shop building completes the significant structures at the Coast Guard Station. Originally, the redwood shingle roof garage and shop was a horse stable used by the Beach Patrol.



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