

1. SITE I.D. NO

HAER INVENTORY

Historic American Engineering Record
Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

2. INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

TRANS: MARINE: Nav. Aids

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3. PRIORITY

2

4. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT) YES NO UNKNOWN

6. GOVT SOURCE OF THREAT

OWNER

ADMIN

5. DATE
1891; 1897

7. OWNER/ADMIN

United States Coast Guard, DOT

8. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

La Pointe Light Station

9. OWNER'S ADDRESS

400 7th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 2059010. STATE
COUNTY

W I

COUNTY NAME

Ashland

CITY/VICINITY

Vic. of Bayfield

CONG.
DIST.STATE
COUNTY

COUNTY NAME

CITY/VICINITY

CONG.
DIST.

11. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

Northwest shore of Long Island, in Chequamegon Bay

12. EXISTING
SURVEYS NR NHL HABS HAER-I HAER NPS CL6 CONF STATE COUNTY LOCAL OTHER

13. SPECIAL FEATURES (DESCRIBE BELOW)

 INTERIOR INTACT EXTERIOR INTACT ENVIRONS INTACT

14. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN
1 5	6 6 9 2 8 0	5 1 7 7 2 0 0	
UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	SIGN

SCALE

 1:24 1:62.5 OTHER

QUAD

NAME Long Island

SCALE

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NAME

15. CONDITION. 70 EXCELLENT 71 GOOD 72 FAIR 73 DETERIORATED 74 RUINS 75 UNEXPOSED 76 ALTERED 82 DESTROYED 85 DEMOLISHED

16. INVENTORIED BY

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AFFILIATION

HAER-Great Lakes Lighthouse Survey

DATE

7/5/1979

17. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), HISTORICAL DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, EXTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ENGINEERS, ETC.

The first La Pointe Lighthouse was constructed in 1856, but the present structure was built in 1896-1897 at the same time the Chequamegon Point Lighthouse (see other card) was reconstructed. The old La Pointe Lighthouse was discontinued on 11 October 1897, the new lighthouse placed into service, and the old lens moved to Chequamegon Point. Originally, this lighthouse exhibited a Fourth Order Fresnel lens, but it now equipped with a modern DCB-10 airport-type beacon. This structure is a pyramidal skeletal iron tower supporting a round cast iron watchroom and an octagonal cast iron lantern. The four corner posts, which are 19 feet 5 inches from center to center, consist of sections of 6½ inch, 5 ¾ inch, and 5 inch cast iron pipes, braced with 4 ⅜ inch and 3 ¾ inch pipes as horizontal struts, and diagonal tension rods of 1 ⅜ inch steel. The watchroom, 9 feet 6 inches in diameter, is surmounted by the octagonal lantern, with an inscribed diameter of 7 feet. There is also a cylindrical

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18. ORIGINAL USE

Warning Beacon and Fog Signal

PRESENT USE

Warning Beacon and Fog Signal

ADAPTIVE USE

19. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

United States Department of Commerce and Labor, Light-House Establishment, "Description of Buildings, Premises, Equipment, etc.," Record Group 26, National Archives, Report of 11 November 1909; Clippings Files from the Annual Reports of the U.S. Lighthouse Service, Record Group 26, National Archives.

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20. URBAN AREA 50,000
POP. OR MORE? YES NO

21. HCRS REGION

22. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY

 YES, LIMITED YES, UNLIMITED NO UNKNOWN

23. EDITOR

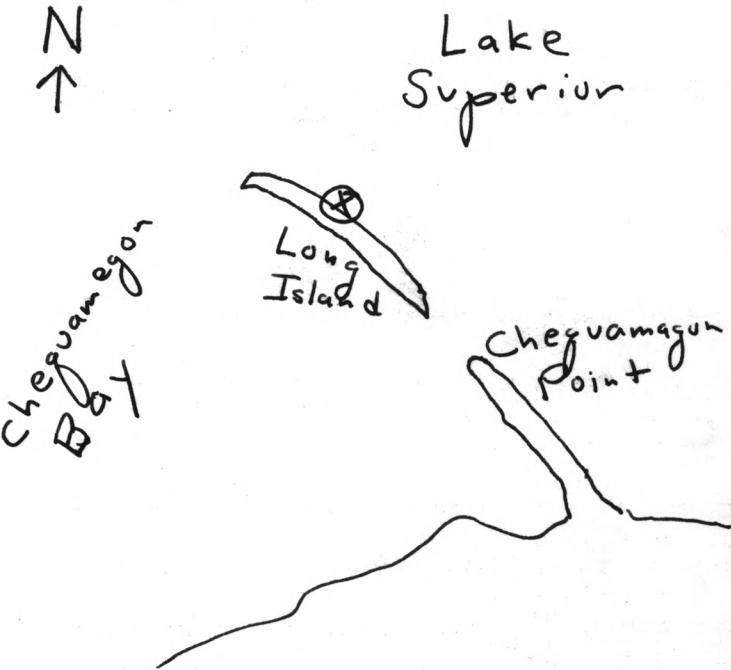
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24. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

 YES NO

NAME

DISTRICT I.D. NO



DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

cast iron stair tower, which supports the circular staircase, with an outside diameter of 6 feet, consisting of cast iron plates 11/32 inch thick. Overall, the lighthouse is 65 feet 3 inches tall from the base to the top of the ventilator ball, while the focal plane of the lens is 70 feet above the mean low water level of the lake. In addition, there is a rectangular frame building, 22 feet by 40 feet, with a gabled roof and corrugated iron siding, built in 1890-1891 to house the fog signal equipment, none of which is extant.

REFERENCES (CONTINUED)

VBD: see map, approx 2 acres

This is one of the oldest skeletal lighthouses on the Great Lakes and it played an important role in the development of transportation on Lake Superior.

ABSTRACT

HAER NO	LC	TECH REPORT	HIST REPORT	CONTEMP PHOTO	HIST PHOTO	CONTEMP DRWG	HIST DRWG	COLOR PLATE	PHOTOGRAM	SW	FILM

LA POINT LT.

Approx. 2 acres

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WELL POINTS

#3
BOAT-HOUSE

TO BE RETAINED
BY COAST GUARD

4" FIELD TILE
OPEN JOINTS

4" FIELD TILE
TIGHT JOINTS

FLAG POLE

C.I. SOIL PIPE

#11

POLE

125 FT. VERTICAL
RADIATOR ANTENNA
#10

LIGHT
TOWER

#5

UNDERGROUND POWER &
TELE. CABLE

#2

FOG
SIGNAL
HOUSE

DIESEL TANK
5000 GAL.

DIESEL TANK
5000 GAL.

#1
THREE
FAMILY DWELLING

CONCRETE
GREASE TRAP

VENTILATION & CLEANOUT

4" VIT TILE

OIL SHIELD

#6

DIESEL TANK
500 GAL.

#8

#7

POOL
SHED

5