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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

1 NAME

HISTORIC *Light*
Barnegat City Public School
AND/OR COMMON
Barnegat Light Museum

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
501 Central Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Barnegat Light VICINITY OF
STATE New Jersey CODE 034 COUNTY Ocean CODE
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input 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 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Borough of Barnegat Light
STREET & NUMBER
Borough Hall, 10th Street
CITY, TOWN
Barnegat Light VICINITY OF
STATE New Jersey

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Courthouse, Recorder of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Toms River STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory 231.3
DATE
1974
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Department of Environmental Protection
CITY, TOWN
Trenton STATE
New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The building was constructed in 1904. Originally there had been essentially just one big room, with "conveniences" out-of-doors. There were separate cloakrooms and entrances for boys and girls. These entrances were consolidated and indoor plumbing added later. The building is 34' x 19 1/2' on the Northeast side and 21 1/2 feet on the Southwest side. It has a brick base that is 3 feet 4 inches from the top of the base to the roofline is 13 feet. It has a slanted cedar shingle roof. The exterior sides are covered with asbestos siding. There have been few changes since its construction. The only ones are the bell tower was removed; the north stairway and entryway removed, a bathroom has been added and an oil heater was installed in the back room.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The one-room schoolhouse was used until 1951 when the Long Beach Island Consolidated School was established. The school was used by children from the whole northern end of Long Beach Island. The schoolhouse has deep association with the history of the area. After this the building became the Barnegat Light Museum.

The school room itself seems to have changed very little, although the desks have been removed. Originally, there were rows of student's desks running down the room; from south (the front of the room) to north, each row made up a class. The higher classes were in the eastern most row and the teacher's desk was usually the Southeastern quadrant of the room. The lower classes were along the western wall, here the blackboards were lower for the younger pupils. An old wood stove heated the room, it is still in the northwestern corner of the classroom.

Initially, all the classes up to the eighth grade received their lessons there, but by 1942, it had gone down to the fifth grade. At its height the school probably had about thirty students from Barnegat City and Harvey Cedars.

The school boasted one supply room and the consignment of books, tablets, pencils, crayons, chalk and the whole school was taught together. However, the pupils helped to teach each other: fifth graders helped the kindergarten children with their lessons, so everyone was usually aware of what the other classes were being taught.

The schoolhouse has always been the scene of great activity. This is evidenced in the School Record which runs for 252 pages, from Volume 1, Number 1, September 26, 1902 to Volume 6, Number 8, November 9, 1908. The Record begins when school sessions took place in one of two little houses, the other was rented, exactly alike. The school first opened September 22, Howard R. Strelman, a teacher in the school, wrote the first entry. All but one child of school age in the community was present that day. An unsigned entry on November 16, 1903 states, "school was begun in the new schoolhouse on Monday, and it is a very pleasant change from the old schoolhouse." Most of the entries in the record are of

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- "School Days in Barnegat City, 1902-1908", The Beachcomer, July 3, 1975.
- "'Back to School Night' for Barnegat Light Residents", Beach Haven Times, October 23, 1974.
- "Back to School: A Rousing Success", The Beachcomer, October 24, 1974.
- Portions of Barnegat City School Record, Volume 1-Volume 3.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY lot

quarter of an acre

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Research: Barnegat Light Historical Society
Historic Sites Section (Nanci Kostrub)

ORGANIZATION Department of Environmental Protection DATE

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1420 TELEPHONE (609) 292-2023

CITY OR TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection DATE DEC - 8 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
Acting <u>Cory L. ...</u>	DATE <u>6/9/76</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>6-2-76</u>
ATTEST: <u>...</u>	DATE
OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>KBR for WJM 6/2/76</u>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

important events happening on local, national and even world levels. Eight items were noted in the front of the record which were to be included each week:

1. The weather for the week;
2. Record of attendance for week, together with those scholars named who deserve special mention for good lessons and deportment;
3. Anything new on school work;
4. Local news of interest;
5. National news of interest
6. Criticism of any grammatical errors noticed at school;
7. Name of the editor for the following week;
8. Quotation or selection from some good author.

Barnegat Light Schoolhouse is no longer used as a school, but has retained much of the appearance it originally had over 70 years ago. It is significant because it represents the beginnings of public school education in Barnegat Light. Also it tells a little about the way of life in this community at the turn of the century.