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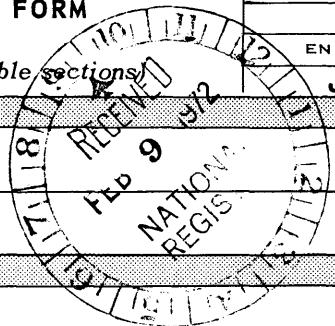
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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1. NAME

COMMON: St. Marks Lighthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: State Road 59 at terminating point, north side

CITY OR TOWN: Apalache Bay

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Wakulla CODE: 129

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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: U.S. Coast Guard

STREET AND NUMBER: Headquarters, 7th Coast Guard District

CITY OR TOWN: Miami STATE: Florida CODE: 12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Wakulla County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Crawfordville STATE: Florida CODE: 12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1959 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Division of Archives, History and Records Mgt.

STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State - The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

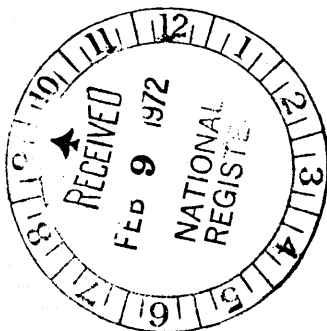
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. Marks Lighthouse is composed of a tower and an attached residence for lightkeepers. The structure is constructed of limestone and brick coated with cement and painted white. The tower itself is conical in shape extending to a height of eighty feet. It widens slightly at the top to accommodate a small polygonal superstructure housing the light and a catwalk on a round platform. At intervals on the side of the tower are small, shuttered windows spaced to coincide with a circular staircase within.

The most notable features of the rectangular keepers' residence are the slanting facades of the long sides. In the seaward side are seven windows, irregularly spaced which are cut high in the walls and are shuttered and barred. On the other side of the keeper's house is a high porch extending nearly its entire length. In the middle of this porch is another projection, a little wooden room, dividing it into two sections. In each of these sections is a door and a wooden stairway. The pitched roof supported by wooden posts extends over the porch. The gable end of the house opposite the tower has one central window, barred and shuttered. The wall extends above the roof line in a parapet which rises to a sharp point in the center and is stepped on each end. These stepped projections are repeated at the opposite end of the house where it connects to the tower. The light itself is now an automatic oscillating white 2000 CP light which stands 82 feet above the water and is visible for 15 miles.

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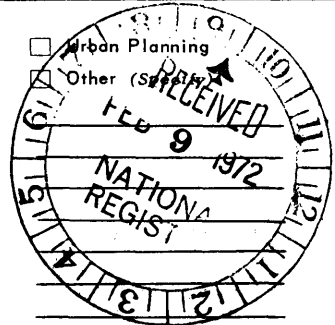
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <i>Other</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In response to initial steps taken in 1827 and 1828 requesting action on behalf of Congress, federal funds were appropriated for a lighthouse at St. Marks. The structure which was begun in 1829 and completed in 1831 was erected by Winslow Lewis, the official "lighthouse builder" for the national government. It is reported that the limestone blocks used for construction of the lighthouse were taken from the nearby ruins of the old Fort of San Marcos de Apalache (or from a limestone quarry located near the site of that fort but across the Wakulla River.

Like many other lighthouses constructed during that period, the St. Marks lighthouse was built too close to the sea. During the winter of 1841-42 it was, therefore, relocated a short distance inland in order to avoid further damage by the sea. In doing this the lighthouse was taken down and rebuilt, again by Winslow Lewis. Further modifications were made in 1860.

In November 1843, a contract was made with David Carey to construct a small keeper's dwelling at the lighthouse. Frances Gibbons was contracted to build the seawall the next year. A breakwater was constructed in 1853 as well as the more substantial keeper's house.

During the Civil War, the St. Marks Lighthouse played a role in military affairs primarily because of its strategic position on the coast. From the spring of 1862 to early in 1864, coastal raids comprised the great bulk of hostile action by federal troops against the Confederacy in Florida. Thus a raid at St. Marks in June, 1862 was typical of the military activities of the period. At that time, the woodwork on the lighthouse and the keeper's house adjoining was burned. In response to the danger of raids of this nature Confederate Army pickets were positioned in or near the lighthouse on a fairly regular basis, and skirmishes with Federal troops occurred from time to time. In March, 1865, one of the largest raiding efforts launched against the interior of West Florida began with a landing of one thousand Federal troops at the St. Marks Lighthouse on March 4. This was a prelude

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	
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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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mildred L. Fryman, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, Records Mgt. DATE: 7/25/71

STREET AND NUMBER: Department of State - The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 William

Title: February 2, 1972

Date: _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert W. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/31/72

ATTEST:

Alfred Woodford
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/21/72

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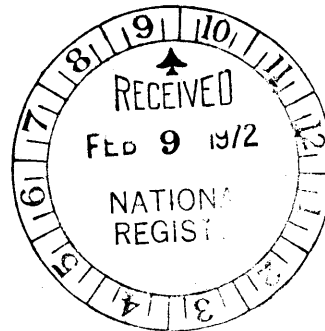
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to the Battle of Natural Bridge near Tallahassee on March 6, 1865.

After the Civil War, the lighthouse continued to serve the coastal area as a manned light until the nationwide transfer of all lighthouses to the supervision of the Coast Guard in 1939. The light is presently an automatic light, and the building itself is closed to the public. The lighthouse now occupied a 65.60 acre site within the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (the lighthouse property is still under the auspices of the U.S. Coast Guard) and as such is part of a tourist attraction of some importance to the West Florida area. Its picturesque qualities and its location on a main traffic thoroughfare would lend themselves to a public recreation or education facility of some sort, and its relation to the development of transportation and commerce in the area and to the military history of Florida give the lighthouse sufficient historical significance to warrant preservation.



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