

LIGHTHOUSES OF MASSACHUSETTS
THEMATIC GROUP NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSE INFORMATION FORM

NUMBER 28

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

PHOTOGRAPH KEY

N.L. Salzman, 1981, MHC

1) Tower from east & Oil house

HISTORIC NAME: Ned Point Light

TOWN: Mattapoissett

LOCATION: end of Ned Point Rd. on east side harbor.

COUNTY: Plymouth CODE: 023

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 10th

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Plymouth County Courthouse Book 190,
p. 36 original deed 8/18/1837

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

See Coast Guard site plan; includes tower
and oil house.

SKETCH MAP



LAT./LONG.: 41°39'24"N 70°48'49"N

UTM COORDINATE: 19/352/500/4612/000

USGS QUADRANGLE: Prov. RI., Mass., Conn.

SCALE: 1:250,000

ACREAGE: 4 acres

OWNER(S): United States Coast Guard-tower
and 0.177A right of way; Town of Mattapoissett
Oil house and remaining acreage.

STATUS: _____

Unmanned/Active

RECORDED BY: N. Salzman

ORGANIZATION: MHC

DATE: October 13, 1981

SITE DESCRIPTION

Ned Point Light is located at the northeast end of Mattapoisett Harbor on Buzzard's Bay in an open park owned by the town. The Coast Guard maintains a right of way over a drive into the park. Near the entrance is a masonry oil house. A busy port in the mid-19th century, Mattapoisett tended to be frozen over for long periods. In 1930, the frame keeper's house originally on the site was floated by barge to Wing's Neck in Pocasset (Bourne) across Buzzard's Bay and placed alongside the Wing's Neck Light (# 41).

MAJOR ELEMENTS DESCRIPTION

1837, 35 foot whitewashed stone tower with sloping sides surmounted by an iron lantern. The oil house (1837) is intact, also built of stone blocks and whitewashed. The foundation is circular and of concrete construction. The door is applied to the exterior with no frame and set into an opening at ground level. It is composed of two narrow cast iron doors, attached with wide straps. Its stone lintel is whitewashed. The three windows in the light are now closed up with stone; all have stone sills.

The balcony is of cast iron, resting on a ledge rather than brackets. The railing is of a later date with a vertical grid of plain square balusters within two horizontal rails and an upper rail (nine balusters to a section).

The lantern room is a conventional eight sided cast iron structure with a round ventilator ball and a lightning rod. The original copper lightning ground strap leads from the tower to the ground.

LIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

1837 - fixed white light. 11 lamps, 13 1/3" reflectors.

11/1975 - present optical is obsolete and parts unobtainable.

3/1977 - candlepower reduced 6600 to 2680, 375 mm lens 250 mm, single to duplex CG 181 12vDC flasher

2/18/1981 - daylight control Y6 3305D8 Fisher Pierce; flasher same; lamp Y120v-250w-CC8-TH filament; 250 mm plastic lens, omni-directional, lampchanger 32v-FA147 12 mile range

Interior - not accessible during survey (1981)

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

8/18/1837 - Barnabus Hiller, guardian for H.H. Edwards, sold 4 acres to the United States for \$240.

1837 - 35' stone tower topped by 5' 8" cast iron lantern built for \$4500 by Leonard Hammond, Government Lighthouse contractor. Also oil house, Keeper's Dwelling, and barn constructed.

3/21/1838 - lamps lighted (11 fixed white lights).

1869 - sea wall destroyed.

1888 - sea wall rebuilt.

1880's - Second Keeper's House built- standard wood frame, cross gable plan with one story rear ell (see Wing's Neck Light, # 41); original main facade contains on L1 a single window with tab hood and, in L2 gable, a single window. Porch (left): original door; stair window under eave; on adjacent wall and at right angles is a 6/6 window. Rear porch is one story with a modern double window; the porch has been enclosed. Side elevations contain original 6/1 window on L2; L1 window is a modern replacement.

1920 - house moved by lighter across Buzzards Bay to Wing's Neck, Pocasset (Bourne).

3/10/1952 - part of property sold for \$3000.

2/14/1949 - act to cede land to U.S. Government.

1955 - additional sale of land for \$5690.

6/30/1958 - all land and structures except 0.1774 acres (tower and right of way) sold to town of Mattapoissett for public park (present use).

6/1/1961 - Reactivate light, "CG has a continuing need for this navigational aid as well as the underlying land."

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE/RELATION TO NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

Ned Point Light (Mattapoissett) possesses integrity of design, location, materials, setting, and workmanship as well as important associations with the development of aids to navigation in Massachusetts. Dating from 1827, the remaining light and oilhouse are well preserved examples of masonry construction, which retain their relationship to each other and to Mattapoissett Harbor. Ned Point Light meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places on the state level as well as survey criteria 1e, 4a.

Site Considerations: This light is located in a picturesque position in a town owned and maintained park.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Lighthouses of Massachusetts TR
State MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

1. Minot's Ledge Light

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Melrose Byers 6/15/87

Attest

2. Nauset Beach Light

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3. Ned Point Light

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4. Newburyport Harbor Light

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5. Newburyport Harbor Front Range Light

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6. Nobska Point Light Station

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7. Race Point Light Station

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8. Sankaty Head Light

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9. Scituate Light

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10. Straightsmouth Island Light

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Ned Point Light (Lighthouses of Massachusetts TR)
Plymouth County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. 4/28/82
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/89
Date Due: 6/18/87
Action: ACCEPT 6-15-87
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: USCG-DOT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Returned to
National Register

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



NED POINT LIGHT

MATTAPOISSETT #29

Light houses of Mass, the

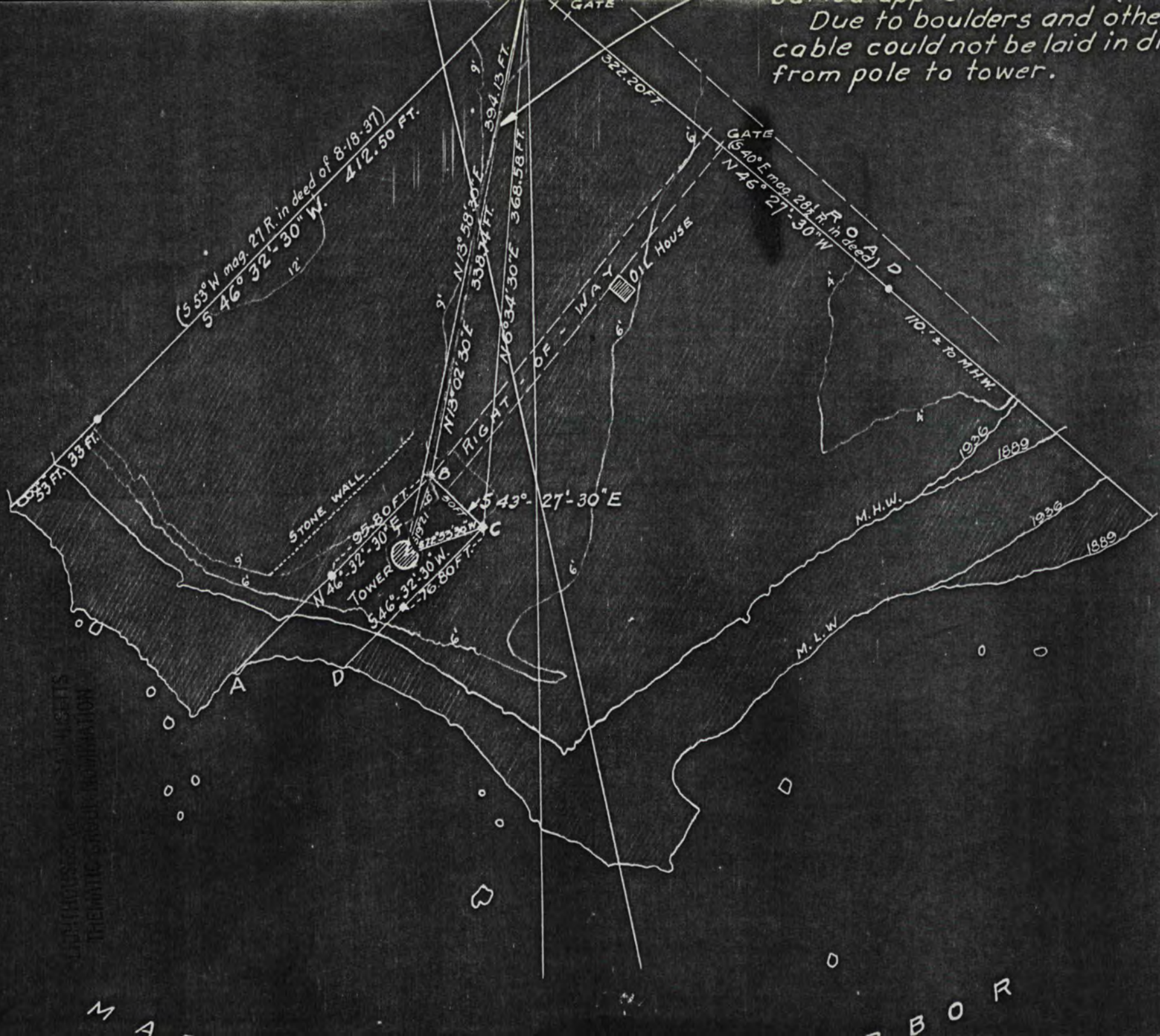
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by Berkeley

Sage Prints

OCT 1981

Due to boulders and other obstructions cable could not be laid in direct line from pole to tower.



UNITED STATES
THEMATIC SURVEY INFORMATION

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NEED POINT LIGHT STATION
MATTARDETT, MA
U S C G PLOT PLAN

NEED PT

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000282