

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

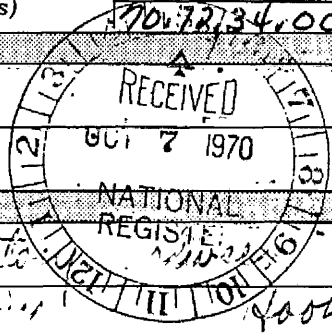
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:  
**New Jersey**

COUNTY:  
**Monmouth**

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ENTRY NUMBER: **101-72734-0006** DATE: **12/2/70**



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1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Twin Lights**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Navesink Lighthouse**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
*South of 1st on a promenade*

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Highlands**

STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **34** COUNTY: **Monmouth** CODE: **025**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <b>State-owned historic site</b>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 1390, John Fitch Plaza**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **08625** CODE: **34**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Monmouth County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Freehold** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **07728** CODE: **34**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #1457.2**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1961**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Historic Sites Section, Department of Environmental Protection**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza**

CITY OR TOWN: **Trenton** STATE: **New Jersey** CODE: **08625** CODE: **34**

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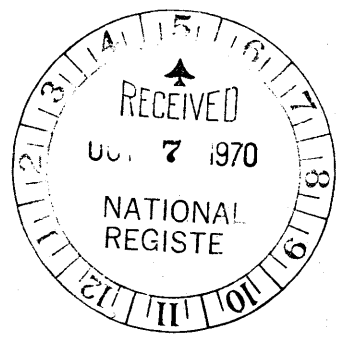
7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building consists of two towers 320' apart 73' high, and 25 1/2' above sea level. A fortress-like brick-lined stone structure containing 18 rooms connects the two towers. The entire structure is of brownstone brought from Belleville. The north tower is octagonal, the south square.

Originally the two towers were both separate and octagonal when built in 1826-27. They were reconstructed and joined in 1862.



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8. Statement of Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) (1841, 1898, 1899) , 1826, 1862 - construction

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		<u>nautical</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
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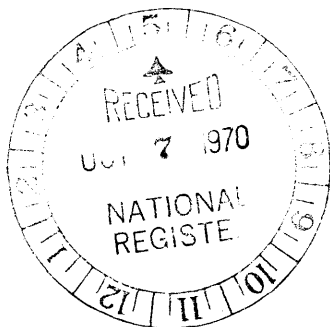
The site on the hill along the Atlantic was first used for a beacon to guide ships past Sandy Hook and into New York Harbor and to warn of the approach of French War Ships, around 1746. As early as 1750's the British authorities wanted to station a mechanical signal to transmit warnings. During the Revolution Washington stationed an outpost here to apprise him of movement of British fleet in New York Harbor.

The first Fresnel lens used in the United States was installed in the south tower in 1841 under the supervision of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry.

The lights were the most powerful in the county at the time. In 1898 the first electric, arc lamp used in a United States lighthouse was installed.

Giulio Marconi, inventor of the wireless telegraphy, set up a station to receive news from a sailing ship viewing the America Cup Races off the New Jersey coast in 1899.

This is a unique building in that twin lighthouses were seldom constructed. The twin design served to prevent confusion with the Sandy Hook Light located nearby.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cunningham, John T. New Jersey Shore; Rutgers University Press, 1958

Smith, Samuel S. Sandy Hook and the Land of the Navesink; Philip Freneau Press; Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, 1963

Periodical:

Asbury Park Evening Press, June 14, 1962

Courier Post, May 26, 1962

Red Bank Register, May 28, 1962

Visit Historic New Jersey #27, New Jersey Council, Trenton

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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NW	° ' "	° ' "		40° 23' 46"	73° 59' 10"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.887

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Charlotte Tomaszewski, Research Assistant, Historic Sites Office

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Office, Department of Environmental Protection

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 1420, John Fitch Plaza

CITY OR TOWN:

Trenton

STATE

New Jersey 08625

CODE

34

July, 1970

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

Richard Gulban

Title Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date September 11, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connelly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**DEC 2 1970**

Date

ATTEST:

W. M. Woolford  
Keeper of The National Register

Date

Nov-9-70

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