

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property

County and State

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

Section number _____ Page _____

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 86001554

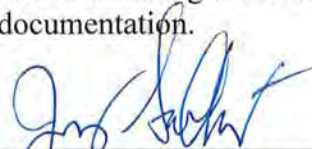
Date Listed: 7/9/1986

Property Name: Pass Machac Light

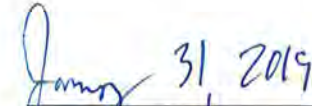
Parish: Tangipahoa

State: LA

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper



Date of Action

Qualities which caused the property to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed.

The Pass Machac Light has been demolished.

The property is hereby removed from the National Register.

The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED

FEB 24 1984

DATE ENTERED

7-9-86

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC

PASS MANCHAC LIGHT

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

WESTERN END LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ponchatoula

 VICINITY OF

SIXTH

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

LOUISIANA

22

TANGIPIHOA

105

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**
 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT
OWNERSHIP
 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED
 N/A
STATUS
 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO
PRESENT USE
 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:
4 AGENCYREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U. S. COAST GUARD COMMANDER, EIGHTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

STREET & NUMBER

HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING, 500 CAMP STREET

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NEW ORLEANS

— VICINITY OF

LOUISIANA 70130

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Executive Order dated May 24, 1837

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

A masonry tower built in 1859. The light has a 250mm plastic lens mounted on the lantern gallery and powered by batteries. It has been unmanned for a number of years and upkeep has been minimal. It is still used as an automated aid to navigation.

1. Approximate Dimensions - Base 20 ft. to top, 40 ft. above sea level
2. Material construction - Brick
3. Form of Lighthouse - Brick cylindrical
4. Type of illuminate and Lens - ESWA 250 mm
5. Color of Lighthouse - White
6. No Special Signaling devices
7. No Additional Structures
8. No Alterations to existing lighthouse
9. No special features

PASS MANCHAC LIGHTHOUSE

State of Louisiana, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development comments:

It appears that the present Pass Manchac Lighthouse dates from just after the Civil War. Its circular brick tower design represents the earliest type of lighthouse which was built along the Gulf Coast. Most brick lighthouses have not survived; however, because the swampy soil common to the region would not support them. The Pass Manchac Light is one of only four which remain intact in Louisiana. Hence it is eligible for the National Register because it represents an early type which has largely disappeared.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input 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 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

PASS MANCHAC (1837)

The Pass Manchac Lighthouse is significant because of its architecture. Its design embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction common to the 1850's. It is the only lighthouse of its design in the Gulf Coast region. Its level of significance is at the state level.

Pass Manchac, like the Rigolets, is a narrow neck of water. It connects western Lake Pontchartrain to Lake Maurepas.

A lighthouse was authorized for \$6,000 in 1834 and was completed in 1837.

This tower was rebuilt in 1846 and stood 32 feet high, elevating the lens 34 feet above sea level. The steady red light with nine lamps was visible for 13 miles. The first three lighthouses were built on the same general site. The first two were apparently brick towers. The third was a dwelling with a light centered on top.

The third lighthouse, begun in 1857, held its light 45 feet above sea level but was visible only 10 miles. The light was first exhibited in February 1859, with a Fourth Order lens. Built just prior to "the rebellion" the structure was heavily damaged by armies of both sides. The damage probably led to the building of the fourth and present Pass Manchac Lighthouse.

The keeper's dwelling which was attached to the light was razed in 1952 and only the foundation remains.

The fourth tower is still active, although the original lens is no longer in use. A 250 mm plastic lens mounted on the lantern gallery and powered by batteries now guides shipping to the pass.

There are no other structures of its kind in the Eighth Coast Guard District.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lighthouses and Lightships of the Northern Gulf Coast
Department of Transportation, U. S. Coast Guard

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *negligible less than an acre*

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0 acres (The light is in water)

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 5 | 7 5 9 9 0 0 | 3 3 5 4 5 7 0 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | | | | | |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C | | | | | | | |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D | | | | | | | |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

Latitude: 30-17-48 North
Longitude: 90-17-54 West

The lighthouse lies in the western end of Lake Pontchartrain due east of Pass Manchac. Only the structure and lake bottom immediately beneath the structure is nominated.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|-------|------|--------|------|

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
|-------|------|--------|------|

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

E. L. RICKS, CWO3, USCG *E. L. Ricks*

ORGANIZATION

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District

STREET & NUMBER

Hale Boggs Federal Building, 500 Camp Street

CITY OR TOWN

New Orleans,

DATE

11/14/83

TELEPHONE

504-589-2121

STATE

Louisiana

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Philip W. DeBlau
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE *John H. ...*

TITLE *STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER*

DATE

2/14/84

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Schlayer

DATE

2/9/86

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

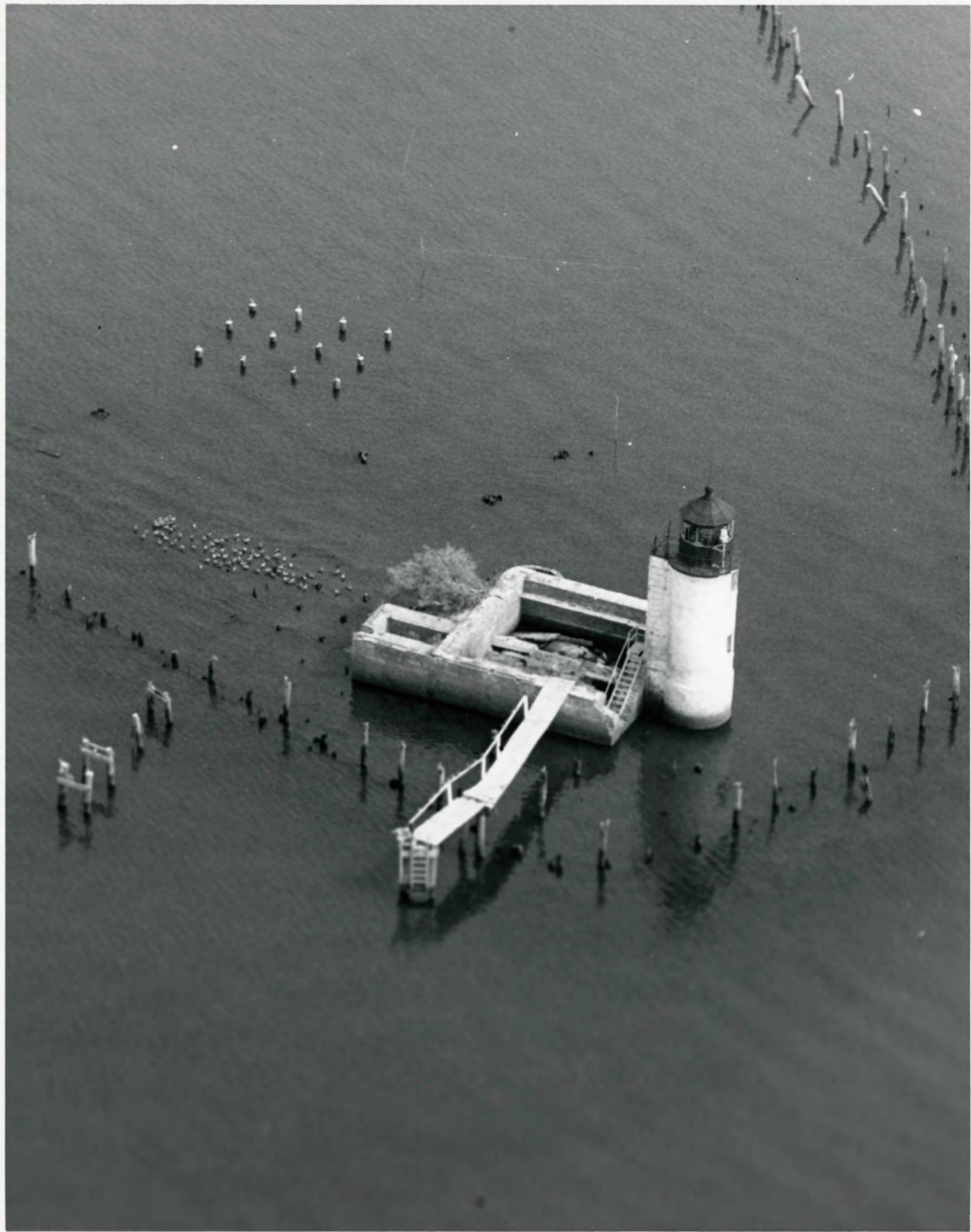
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Pass Manahac Light

Tanjungpura Parish
LA

Sept. 1983



Pass Manchae light
Tangyeboon Paris, hA



Pass Manchar e

OFFICIAL U. S. COAST GUARD PHOTOGRAPH
Eighth Coast Guard District

SW

NAME-----PASS MANCHAC LIGHT

LOCATION----LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN, LOUISIANA

PHOTOGRAPHER-----U.S. COAST GUARD

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH-----AUGUST 1978

LOCATION OF NEGATIVE-----U.S. COAST GUARD

DIRECTION TAKEN-----SOUTHWEST

Tangipahoa Parish, LA



PASS MANCHAC LIGHT

08-081978-1-11

Tangipahoa Parish, LA

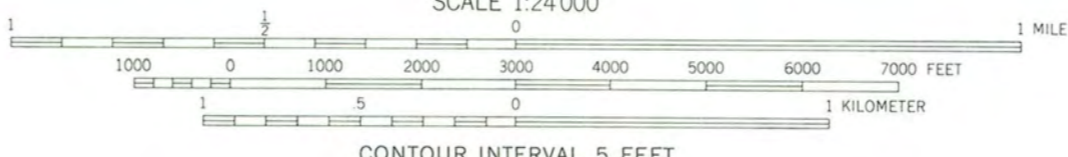
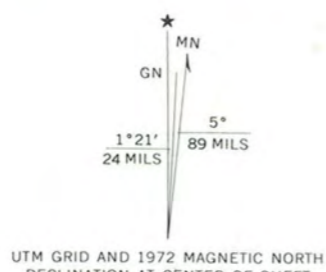


Gass Manchae Light
Tangyebeia Parish, L.A.



PASS MANCHAC LIGHT
UTM REFERENCE
15 759900 / 3354570

Maped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1965. Topography by planetable surveys 1968
Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Chart 1269 (1967)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Louisiana coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1972. This information not field checked



SCALE 1:24,000
CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1/4 FOOT
THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
AND BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
No roads or trails in this area

PONCHATOULA SE, LA.
SE/4 PONCHATOULA 15' QUADRANGLE
N3015—W9015/7.5

1968
PHOTOREVISED 1972
AMS 7944 IV SE—SERIES V885

NEW ORLEANS MAP CO., INC.
3130 Paris Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70119

15 759900
3354570

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Pass Manchac Light
Tangipihoa Parish
LOUISIANA

~~Historic Landmark~~

Working No. FEB 24 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 3/22/84 - 4/9/84
Action: RETURN 3/26/84
 ACCEPT
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: US Coast Guard

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: C. 1860 masonry light, significant in transportation history & as example of a type.
Various technical problems.

Recom./Criteria ELIGIBLE A,C/
Reviewer DUBIE
Discipline HIST
Date 3/26/1984
see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category Ownership Public Acquisition Meanfield in blank Status Accessible Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no Please Check one

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unaltered altered original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

~~What is the rectangular foundation / stand located to the left of the lighthouse tower in the photo? Is it related and, if so, should it be included in the boundary?~~

X 8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

X Specific dates Builder/Architect Please fill in blanks
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

Please note that much of #8 discusses previous structures at the site. However, the opening paragraph and SHPO summary support eligibility.

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

X Acreage of nominated property _____ Please provide acreage
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

Can a clearer photo be obtained?

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to CAROL DUBIE

Signed Carol Dubie Date 3/26/1984 Phone: 202-343-9841

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Pass Manchac Light
Tangipihoa Parish
LOUISIANA

Working No. 224-86
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/3/87
Date Due: 7/9/86
Action: ACCEPT 7-9-86
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: US Coast Guard

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Nomination is difficult to read -
c. 1860 light is significant in
transportation history and as example
of type & acreage is very very
small - just below*

Recom./Criteria Accept A, C
Reviewer A. Schidgel
Discipline Arch Hist
Date 7/9/86
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below *the light*
 substantive reasons discussed below *< than above.*

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| | | | |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
| | Public Acquisition | Accessible | |

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

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- 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

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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: _____



**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

MAY 23 1986

Jerry Rogers, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are the National Register of Historic Places nomination forms for Pass Manchac Light, Tangipahoa County, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Chandeleur Light, St. Bernard County, New Orleans, Louisiana which are being resubmitted with the additional information (see NPS review form) you requested.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Crecco
DOT Historic Preservation Officer

MAY 28 1986

National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Correspondence related to removal

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 12/17/2018 Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: 1/31/2019 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

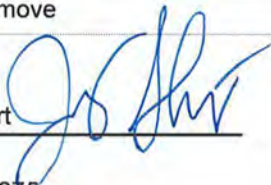
Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept Return Reject 1/31/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Jim Gabbert  Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date 1.7.19

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

Nicole Hobson-Morris

From: Kristin Sanders
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Nicole Hobson-Morris
Subject: FW: Pass Manchac Lighthouse
Attachments: Conveyance Document from Federal Government.pdf

Nicole,

Please see the below email and the attached document. Are you available for a call Friday? Do you know any additional background on this? If so, we can catch up sometime before the call.

Thanks,
K

Kristin P. Sanders
Interim Assistant Secretary/Attorney
Office of Cultural Development | Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism
225.342.8200 Main | 225.219.9772 Fax
ksanders@crt.la.gov | www.louisianahp.org

From: Sean Porter [<mailto:Sean.Porter@la.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Julia George Moore <jgeorge@crt.la.gov>
Cc: Kristin Sanders <ksanders@crt.la.gov>; Jonathan Robillard <Jonathan.Robillard@la.gov>
Subject: RE: Pass Manchac Lighthouse

Kristin,

If you have some time later this week, Jonathan Robillard (from the Office of State Lands) and I would like to meet to discuss status of the Pass Manchac Lighthouse. Specifically, we would like to talk about its status in light of 1) the lantern room being relocated to a nearby museum in the early 2000s, and 2) the destruction of the remaining structure in 2012 by Hurricane Isaac. Attached is the conveyance document from the federal government in which the State is tasked with preserving the lighthouse, said requirement being waivable upon application to the SHPO.

Please let us know a few times on either Wednesday or Friday when you might be able to talk. A teleconference will probably suffice, but we are right next door to you at CRT, so we don't mind walking over to meet face-to-face if you prefer that.

Thanks,

Sean Porter
Attorney
Office of General Counsel
Division of Administration

From: Julia George Moore [<mailto:jgeorge@crt.la.gov>]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:22 PM
To: Sean Porter <Sean.Porter@la.gov>



BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

BILL CODY
DEPUTY SECRETARY

August 28, 2017

Jonathan Robillard
Public Lands Administrator
Office of State Lands

RE: Pass Manchac Lighthouse
Tangipahoa Parish, LA
Via email

Dear Jonathan,

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 18, 2017, and as follow-up to our phone conversation that day. The Pass Manchac Lighthouse was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986 for statewide significance due to its architecture. Specifically, its design embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction common to the 1850s, and it was the only lighthouse of its design in the Gulf Coast region.

The Historic Preservation Covenant attached as Exhibit B of the Quitclaim Deed that transferred ownership of the lighthouse to the State of Louisiana requires certain oversight and approvals from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The purpose of this is to ensure the historic integrity of the lighthouse is retained, thus maintaining its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

However, the lighthouse was completely destroyed by Hurricane Isaac in 2012, as documented by the photographs provided with your letter. Based on this information, it is the SHPO's determination that the State of Louisiana has no further obligations under Exhibit B of the Quitclaim Deed. Further, Jessica Richardson, National Register Coordinator, will begin the process to delist the Pass Manchac Lighthouse.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 225.342.8200 or ksanders@crt.la.gov, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin P. Sanders".

Kristin P. Sanders
Interim Assistant Secretary/Attorney
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer



BILLY NUNGESSER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KRISTIN P. SANDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 11, 2018

Mr. Robby Miller, President
Tangipahoa Parish
P.O. Box 215
Amite, LA 70422

RE: Delisting of Pass Manchac Lighthouse, Tangipahoa Parish, LA

Dear Parish-President Miller:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register, still extant, and maintain integrity per National Register Criteria. In many cases, buildings were destroyed many years ago and the official delisting paperwork was not completed.

The Pass Manchac Lighthouse was listed on the National Register on July 9, 1986. According to the Federal National Register regulations [36 CFR 6-.15 (a)(1)], a property may be delisted if it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing on the National Register because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed. Sadly, the Lighthouse was destroyed during Hurricane Isaac in August of 2012. Because the building, and its qualities that caused it to have been listed, are destroyed, this property will be proposed for removal from the National Register. The final delisting decision will be made by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The regulations [36 CFR 60.15 (g)] also require that the property's owner be given an opportunity to comment and the chief elected official notified of the proposed action. If you choose to comment, please respond via letter by **November 26, 2018** to the following address:

Kristin P. Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer
Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation
PO Box 44247
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

If you have questions concerning the delisting petition or any other National Register issue, please contact National Register Coordinator, Jessica Richardson, by email at jrichardson@crt.la.gov, or by phone at 225-219-4595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin P. Sanders".

Kristin P. Sanders
State Historic Preservation Officer



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State of Louisiana
OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION & TOURISM
OFFICE OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

RICHARD H. HARTLEY
DEPUTY SECRETARY

KRISTIN P. SANDERS
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

October 11, 2018

Johnathan Robillard
Public Lands Administrator
Office of State Lands

RE: Delisting of Pass Manchac Lighthouse, Tangipahoa Parish, LA

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The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intent to petition for the removal of the above referenced property from the National Register of Historic Places, a process known as delisting. This step is important as we strive to maintain an accurate record of properties in our state that are listed in the Register. As we have already discussed, in our correspondence of August 28, 2017, the lighthouse was completely destroyed by Hurricane Isaac in 2012.

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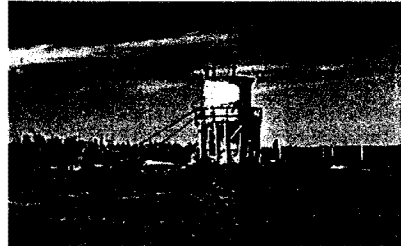
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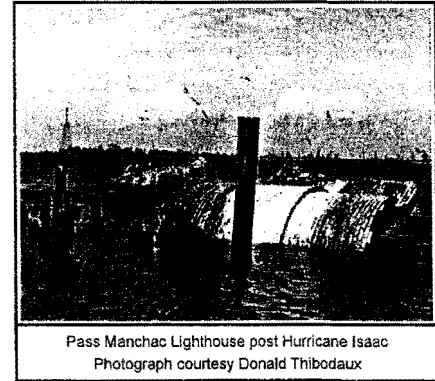
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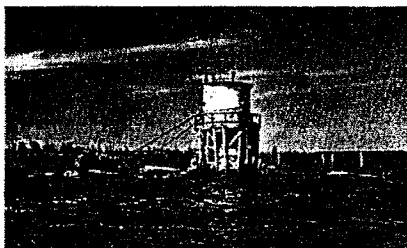
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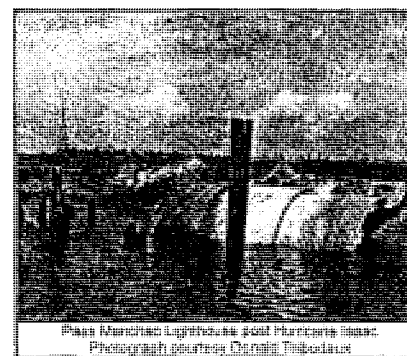
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Location: Located in Lake Ponchartrain, just offshore from where Pass Manchac leads west into Lake Maurepas.

Latitude: 30.2967

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A landmark in Tangipahoa Parish is emerging as the latest victim of Hurricane Isaac.

The Pass Manchac Lighthouse was based in the waterway that connects Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain, around the community of Manchac.

Now, 175 years of history sits crumbled in the water.

Al Dranguet, a professor of History and Political Science at Southeastern Louisiana University, said, "The community that depended, for so many generations, on the light itself, as just a beacon for safety, is going to be sorely disappointed."

When the structure was first put up in the 1800s, it was used to guide commercial boat traffic. Damage from the Civil War, and mother nature, led to heightening and rebuilding projects, which left the lighthouse sturdy for decades as a pinpoint for sportsmen and swampers living off the land. A twin still stands in Madisonville.

Robert Moreau with Southeastern's Turtle Cove Environmental Research Station, said, "Lighthouses are one of those icons or structures that you can always gauge wetland loss by."

And there's been a lot of it. That coupled with Hurricane Katrina put the lighthouse on its last leg and Isaac finally did it in, along with many of the camps around it.

Dranguet said, "The lighthouse and its demise is just another casualty of our coastal erosion process and something needs to be done because we're going to lose more than lighthouses"

Even though this light house has been rebuilt after several events, there's a little hope that will happen again this time.

"It can be reclaimed and restored, but that would be a big effort and during these economic times, pretty difficult," said Moreau.

The top part of the lighthouse, called the Lantern Room, was saved before Hurricane Katrina and is in the Maritime Museum in Madisonville.

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In recent history, a group of people created a group to save the lighthouse, after it began leaning to one side. Others talked about raising it in place or moving the lighthouse to a new location. Right now, there are no plans to rebuild.

"It was kind of a landmark for everybody," said Allen.

Not all is lost, however. A piece of the lighthouse remains in the Maritime Museum in Madisonville.

MANCHAC - An historical landmark that once guided ships through the Lake Ponchartrain and Maurepas causeway has washed away.

The Pass Manchac Lighthouse has been around since the 1800's, but it wasn't strong enough to withstand high waters from Hurricane Isaac.

Virgil Allen's great-grandfather and grandfather looked after the lighthouse in the 1930's. The two rode a boat out to the lighthouse each night to light an oil lamp so boats could see the waterways at night.

"Our whole history of my family and the house is centered around that lighthouse," said Allen. "It's gone."

Originally set on 17 acres of land, the lighthouse was rebuilt three separate times after fire and storm damage. Hundreds of boaters used the lighthouse to weave themselves through miles of water.

"It guided all the schooners that came from New Orleans up here to bring flour and foods," said Allen.



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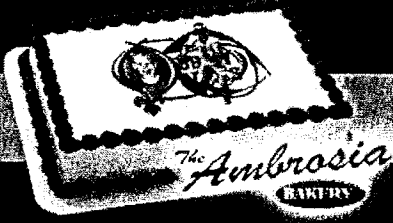
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Dear Mr. Gabbert:

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