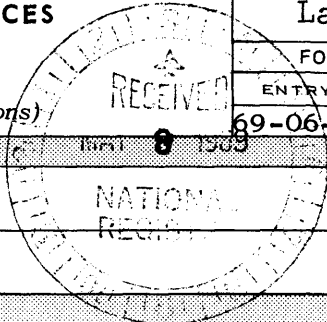


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Lake	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-06-22-0002	DATE 6/23/69



1. NAME

COMMON: Split Rock Lighthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
38 miles northeast of Duluth, Minnesota on

CITY OR TOWN:
U. S. Highway No. 61

STATE Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Lake	CODE 075
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Federal Gov't., Administered by Region VI G.S.A.

STREET AND NUMBER:
1500 East Bannister Road

CITY: Kansas City	STATE: Missouri	CODE: 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Lake County Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Two Harbors	STATE: Minnesota	CODE: 22
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites of Minnesota - State wide survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 - 1962 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul,	STATE: Minnesota	CODE: 22
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This historic site, which is located on a 7.6 acre tract, includes 9 buildings. The buildings, all constructed in the summer of 1909, are very similar in nature being constructed of brick, poured concrete, wood and steel. The signal facilities consist of the octagonal brick light tower, which houses the original two-paneled lens manufactured in Paris, the attached service building and the fog signal building. These two structures were built on a solid rock dome which rises 15 feet above the land behind. Back of these two buildings is the original fuel oil storage building now used for paint and general storage. Of the remaining six structures three are two-story brick dwellings and three are wood frame barns. Except for minor changes in the use of some of the buildings, such as the barns being used as garages and the introduction of electric lights in the mid 1900s, there have been no major changes at this site in the last 60 years.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

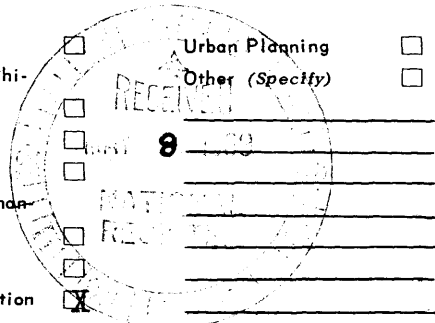
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1909

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Split Rock Lighthouse, a nationally famous, scenic point of interest on Lake Superior's North Shore Drive is one of Minnesota's last two lighthouses still standing. The other is a small lighthouse at Two Harbors, Minnesota, built in 1892.

As early as 1857, the territorial legislature of Minnesota petitioned Congress for the Split Rock Lighthouse by formal memorial. It wasn't until 1907, after Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range had been in operation for over five years and after many years of constant demands by mariners, that Congress finally authorized construction of the light. The main reason the light was required on the west end of Lake Superior was that the cargoes of high grade iron ore coupled with the iron ore deposits in the lake basin caused the compass needle to deflect greatly from true north. This deviation from true north caused more than one ship, relying on the compass reading and not knowing where they were, to run aground in the shallows of the rocky coast.

Construction of the lighthouse and buildings was begun in June and finished in October, 1909. The construction of this complex was an engineering and logistics feat in itself since there were no roads in this wilderness of swamps, forests, and underbrush. This meant that all men and materials had to be brought over the lake and hauled up the face of the 124 foot cliff.

The lighthouse started operations in August 1910 with a staff of three under the administration of the Bureau of Lighthouses. The U.S. Coast Guard took over operation of the light in 1939 and later, in the early 1940s, cut the crew to two men. This lighthouse has been maintained in immaculate condition over the years with no buildings added or removed from the original plan.

The U.S. Coast Guard has declared the lighthouse surplus to their needs and removed their personnel from the site. The property is now in the hands of the General Services Administration for disposal.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Adamson, Hans C., Keepers of the Lights
 (N.Y., Greenberg, 1955) p. 430
 "Gopher Historian", Fall 1964, Vol. XIX, No. 1, pp 1-5

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	47° 12' 04"	91° 22' 05"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	47° 12' 04"	91° 21' 58"				
SE	47° 12' 00"	91° 21' 58"				
SW	47° 12' 00"	91° 22' 05"				

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John R. Ferguson

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **4/23/69**

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota 55101** CODE: **22**

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 Russell W. Fridley
Russell W. Fridley

Title Director, Minn. Hist. Soc.
State Liaison Officer for Minnesota

Date April 23, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Conrad Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JUN 23 1969

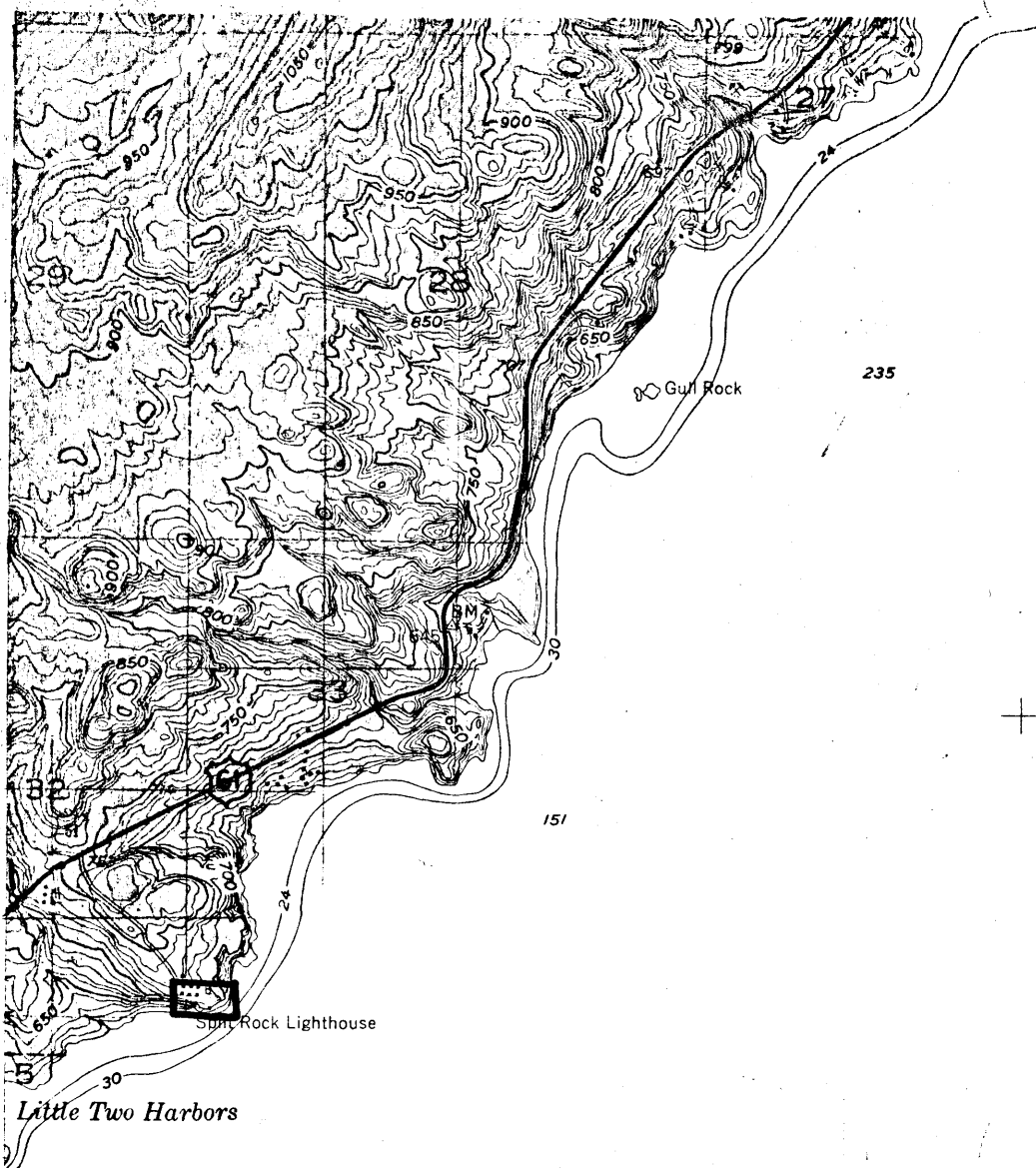
ATTEST:

William J. Swartz
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 23 1969

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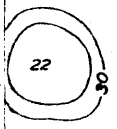


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LAKE SUPERIOR

APPROXIMATE MEAN



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

SPLIT ROCK POINT NE, MINN.
NE/4 SPLIT ROCK POINT 15' QUADRANGLE
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1956

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

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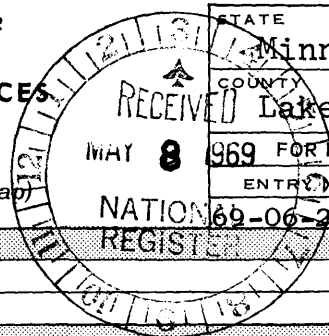
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.