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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS **TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**

NAME

HISTORIC

CHANDELEUR LIGHT AND/OR COMMON

N/A

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

	BRETON NATIONAL	WILDLIFE REFUGE	NOT FOR PUBLICATION	
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DIST	RICT
	NEW ORLEANS	X VICINITY OF	FIRST	
STATE	LOUISIANA	CODE 22	COUNTY ST. BERNARD	CODE 087

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENTUSE
_DISTRICT	X_PUBLIC		AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
BUILDING(S)	PRIVATE		COMMERCIAL	PARK
<u>A</u> STRUCTURE	ВОТН		EDUCATIONAL	PRIVATE RESIDENCE
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	XGOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	NO	MILITARY	OTHER:

AGENCY

REGIONAL 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

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Land Management

CITY, TOWN

Washington,

STATE D.C.

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 **DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK C	DNE
EXCELLENT X_GOOD FAIR	DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED	X_UNALTERED ALTERED	X_ORIGINAL MOVED	SITE DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wrought iron skeleton tower with enclosed stairwell built in 1896. The light is accessable only by boat. The lighthouse is unmanned and is currently used as an automated aid to navigation.

- 1. Approximate dimensions Base 30 ft. to top, 99 ft. above sea level.
- 2. Material construction Wrought Iron
- 3. Form of Lighthouse Wrought Iron pipe columns with metal stair tube and lantern
- 4. Type of Illuminate and Lens Maxiluma 300
- 5. Color of Lighthouse Brown with Black Lantern
- 6. No Special Signaling Devices
- 7. Additional Structures Walkway
- 8. No Alterations to existing Light
- 9. No Special Features

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AF	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH	IECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW	
PREHISTORIC 1400-1499 	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE XARCHITECTURE ART	COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC	RELIGION SCIENCE SCULPTURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER
<u>X</u> 1800-1899 1900-	COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY INVENTION	PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT UNKNOWN

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CHANDELEUR ISLAND (1848)

The Chandeleur Island Light is significant for its architecture. Its design embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction common to the 1890's. It is one of only four similarly designed lighthouses in the Gulf Coast region. Its level of significance is at the state level.

The Chandeleur Islands appear on charts as the moon in its final phase, an arc running north-to-south and buldging at the center toward the east.

Congress appropriated \$12,000 in 1847 for a light on South Chandeleur Island to help guide vessels to the Ship Island and Cat Island anchorages, due north. The light, 55 feet above sea level, was visible 14 miles to sea. Completed in 1848, it was destroyed in 1854.

A whitewashed brick tower finished the next year was placed on the north end of the island chain. The light was abandoned at the outbreak of the war, but Union forces reexhibited the entrance to New Orleans. The dwelling at the station was raised on five screwpiles. An additional dwelling for an assistant keeper was added in 1890.

On October 1, 1893, a storm washed away much of the sand from the lighthouse foundation, canting it from the perpendicular by several feet. Due to the importance of the light for vessels seeking a safe anchorage, \$35,000 was requested to relocate it.

An iron skeleton tower, its Third Order lens 102 feet above sea level, was built in 1896. The old tower was demolished and used as rip-rap around the foundation.

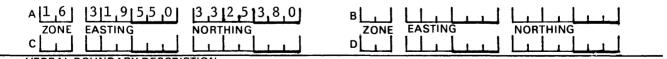
The light list today notes that the present lens is 99 feet above sea level, visible for 10 miles. The skeleton tower is now painted brown.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

10GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .006 acres or 50'X 50' of land under the light UTM REFERENCES



VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude: 30-02-54 North Longitude: 88-52-18 West The lighthouse is located at the northwestern end of Chandeleur Island. Only the light tower and land directly beneath the structure is nominated.

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FORM PREPARED BY			
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ORGANIZATION			DATE
Commander, Eighth Coast	Guard Distri	ct	
STREET & NUMBER			TELEPHONE
Hale Boggs Federal Build	ding, 500 Cam	p Street	504-589-2121
CITY OR TOWN			STATE
New Orleans,			Louisiana 70130
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