**1. NAME**

**COMMON:**
Hunting Island State Park

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**
Hunting Island Lighthouse

**2. LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
16 miles east of Beaufort on U.S. 21

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Hunting Island

**STATE CODE COUNTY:**
South Carolina 45 Beaufort 013

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Park
- Museum
- Transportation
- Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNER'S NAME:**
State of South Carolina

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Columbia 29200

**STATE CODE:**
South Carolina 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:**
Beaufort County Courthouse

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Beaufort 29200

**STATE CODE:**
South Carolina 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (Preliminary)

**DATE OF SURVEY:**
1969

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
1430 Senate Street, Box 11,188, Capitol Station

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Columbia 29211

**STATE CODE:**
South Carolina 45
One of the sea islands near Beaufort, Hunting Island has lush, unspoiled vegetation and wild beauty. It was formerly accessible only by boat, but is presently connected to the mainland by a bridge and causeway. Now a state park, Hunting Island provides facilities for camping, picnicking, swimming, fishing, and other recreational activities.

The original lighthouse, a wooden structure built about 1859, was destroyed by beach erosion. In replacing the lighthouse, the U.S. Coast Guard built a tower 136 feet tall. Made of cast-iron plates, this was located about ¼ mile from the shore line, and was designed for relocation if necessary. The new lighthouse complex, completed in 1875, included the keeper's dwelling, a fire-proof oil house, and several other storage buildings.

By 1889 the sea had cut away the northern end of the island, and did necessitate relocation of the lighthouse to its present site, 1½ miles south of the old site.

Before its abandonment by the U.S. Lighthouse Service in 1933, Hunting Island Lighthouse cast a 120,000 candle power beam out to sea.
### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the important ports of Beaufort and Charleston were located in the coastal low country of South Carolina, and Savannah was very near, this area was very active commercially. Hunting Island Lighthouse was necessary as a guide to sailing vessels - pleasure as well as commercial - along the jagged coast of the island.

The chronic problem of soil erosion caused the lighthouse to be rebuilt in 1875 and relocated in 1889. It was used by the U.S. Lighthouse Service until 1933.

Still in sound condition, the lighthouse is now used as an observation platform for visitors to Hunting Island State Park, providing a magnificent view of the unspoiled coastline. It also serves as a landmark for the more daring yatchmen who choose the alternate route of the Intercoastal Waterway from St. Helena Sound to Royal Sound.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Assistant (Linda Lake, Archives)

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Columbia 29211

STATE:

South Carolina

CODE:

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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

Charles E. Lee

Title

Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date

13. NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

4/13/72

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

4/15/72