

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Beaufort	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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**1. NAME**

COMMON: Hunting Island State Park *South Carolina*

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Island*  
Hunting Lighthouse

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 16 miles east of Beaufort on U.S. 21 *17 miles if straight on*

CITY OR TOWN: Hunting Island *Beaufort area*

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

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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 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) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: State of South Carolina

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia 29200 STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Beaufort 29200 STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local

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: South Carolina CODE: 45

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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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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 1/4 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, 1/4 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.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input 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"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

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.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Anonymous, South Carolina State Parks & Campgrounds, Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Julien, Carl and Martin, Chlotilde, Sea Islands to Sand Hills, University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, 1954

Neuffer, Claude Henry, Names In South Carolina, Volumes I-XII, State Printing Company, Columbia, South Carolina, 1967

**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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	32° 22' 31½"	80° 26' 15"		
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Norman McCorkle, Historic Resources Assistant (Linda Lake, Archives)**

ORGANIZATION: **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**      DATE: **August**

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

CITY OR TOWN: **Columbia 29211**      STATE: **South Carolina**      CODE: **45**

**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  
Charles E. Lee

Title Director, South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date April 15, 1972

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