

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Point Pinos Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Asilomar Blvd. and Lighthouse Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY/TOWN

Pacific Grove

VICINITY OF

16

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

California

CODE

06

COUNTY

Monterey

CODE

053

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

## 4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (if applicable)

U.S. Coast Guard, Commander 12th C.G. DISTRICT

STREET &amp; NUMBER

630 Sansome Street

CITY/TOWN

San Francisco

STATE

California

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Monterey County Recorder

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Court House Bldg.

CITY/TOWN

Salinas

STATE

California

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY/TOWN

STATE

## DESCRIPTION

CONDITION:

 EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DESCRIPTION:

The Point Pinos Lighthouse, constructed from local materials and basement entrance, England cottage. A small area and is designed rising from the center from the 1905 earthquake along the same plans order Fresnel purchase having been first light finally to electricity came from the east coast 89 feet above sea level.

A number of improvements to the tower. These include an indoor bathroom on the south facing side of the building provided on the second floor, circa 1899.

The original plans

Qtrs & Lighthouse Bldg.  
Oil Storage Bldg.

Storehouse  
Storehouse  
Garage  
Station Qtrs.  
Station Qtrs.  
Coastal Lookout  
Fog Signal Bldg.

Of the above buildings are suggested for comparative recent lighthouse. It is suggested the lighthouse be listed as the present site is a voluminous tourist attraction.

## DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Point Pinos Lighthouse was completed and lighted on February 1, 1855. It is a 20 x 30 foot peaked roof story and a half building constructed from locally quarried stone. A painted wood kitchen shed and basement entrance is attached. The appearance is that of a New England cottage. A cistern is located in the center of the basement area and is designed for holding roof run-off. The original tower, rising from the center of the building, was of brick, but due to damage from the 1906 earthquake, was reconstructed with reinforced concrete along the same plans as the original. The lighting mechanism is a third order Fresnel purchased in France. It remains in operation to this day having been first lit with whale oil and later converted to Kerosene and finally to electricity. The woodwork and fittings of the building all came from the east coast around the horn. The focal plane of the light is 89 feet above sea level and may be seen from fifteen miles at sea.

A number of improvements were accomplished with the rebuilding of the tower. These include: An enclosed entry porch on the seaward (west) side of the building (1907), extension of the kitchen shed to accommodate an indoor bathroom (1907). An additional window was provided in the south facing stone wall (date unknown, circa 1900) and a watchroom was provided on the attic level. Dormer windows were later additions to the second floor, circa 1937.

The original property dating to 1855 consisted of the following:

Qtrs & Lighthouse bldg.	1855	- Destroyed 1906, rebuilt 1907
Oil Storage Bldg.	1899	- Now the Station Paint Locker, No change to original building.
Storehouse	1907	- Demolished 1962
Storehouse	1907	- Demolished 1962
Garage	1907	- Relocated back of new Qtrs housing
Station Qtrs.	1939	- Stucco, Tile Peaked roof
Station Qtrs.	1959	- Stucco, Tile Peaked roof
Coastal Lookout	1942	- Demolished 1962
Fog Signal Bldg.	1945	- Concrete construction

Of the above only the lighthouse building and the oil storage building are suggested for National Registry. All other buildings are of comparatively recent construction and placed considerably apart from the lighthouse. It is proposed that only the immediate acreage surrounding the lighthouse be listed with the National Registry. The remaining acreage is the present site of an 18 hole golf course and a scenic drive with voluminous tourist traffic.

## SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- C
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY PREHISTORIC
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS
	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING
	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION
	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS
	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION
	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING
	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION SETTLEMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION

### SPECIFIC DATES

### BUILDER/ARC

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Point Pinos Lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse on the west coast. Its construction completed in 1855, shortly after Alcatraz

The station was damaged in the 1906 building of the tower in 1907. The reconstruction original plans. Additions have enhanced

The history includes 40 years of fame. Robert Louis Stevenson records his visit in "Old Monterey".

# SIGNIFICANCE

CHECK ONE  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWN PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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<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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Point Pinos Lighthouse is the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the west coast. Its construction and lighting was completed in 1855, shortly after Alcatraz Light.

The station was damaged in the 1906 earthquake necessitating re-building of the tower in 1907. The reconstruction followed the original plans. Additions have enhanced the building's appearance.

The history includes 40 years of feminine lighthouse keepers. Robert Louis Stevenson records his visit to the Point Pinos Lighthouse in "Old Monterey".

**PHOTO LITHOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hussey, John A., Editor Point Pinos Lighthouse #2 Early West Coast Lighthouses. The Book Club of California Keepsakes. Arlen H. Philpott, Tamal Lane Press, Fairfax, California  
 Holland, Francis Ross, Jr. America's Lighthouses, Their Illustrated History since 1716. The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vermont 1972

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.291  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	10	5195	430 1228	40	54	54	0	B							
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING								
C					D										

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	None	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**FORM PREPARED BY** Mr. Vernal Yaden, Museum of Natural History, Pacific Grove, CA

for LCDR J. I. HAIR 15 December 1976  
 ORGANIZATION U. S. COAST GUARD DATE  
 STREET & NUMBER Twelfth CG District, 630 Sansome Street TELEPHONE (415) 556-1380  
 CITY OR TOWN San Francisco STATE CA

**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION  
 YES  NO  NONE   
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE [Signature] DATE JAN 12 1977

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 [Signature]  
 TITLE Environmental Officer Assistant DATE 2/15/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
 OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
 ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 7/14/77  
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DATE 6/2/77



Dr. William J. Keener of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Murt

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The Designation of this property to the National Register of Historic Places is hereby certified.

Enclosures



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