

HA-1845

## Fishing Battery Lighthouse

### **Architectural Survey File**

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Fishing Battery Light Survey Number: HA-1845

Project: Determination of Eligibility USCG Agency: U.S. Coast Guard

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This lighthouse is one of three remaining battery lights of this design in the Chesapeake Bay where the light is located on top of the light keeper's house. One of these has deteriorated to the point of becoming a ruin. Our reference material indicates that Fishing Battery Light was demolished. The fact that it still exists means that there are 25 remaining lighthouses in the Bay rather than the 24 previously studied. Our reference also dates this lighthouse to 1853 which appears to be likely based on its architectural design. This would indicate that it is one of the earlier lights in the Bay. Fishing Battery Light is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C because it is part of a thematic group of the few remaining historic lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay and for its unique architectural design in Maryland.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: project files

Prepared by: U.S. Coast Guard

J. Ellen Greene  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 5/11/92

NR program concurrence  yes  no  not applicable  
A. Andrews  
Reviewer, NR program Date 12 May 92

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Transportation/Navigational Aid/Lighthouse

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL 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

AND/OR COMMON

Fishing Battery or Battery Island Lighthouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Estimated 5,500 yards south  
of Concord Light,  
Havre de Grace

n/a NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Harford

CODE

025

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                    |
| <input 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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                  | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS        | <input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED        | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC              |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED  | <input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED      | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION          |
|   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER vacant |

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable) Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

STREET & NUMBER

1 Gateway Center, Suite 700

CITY, TOWN

Newton Corner

n/a VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts 02158

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Not known

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

R/A 1745

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED

GOOD             RUINS

FAIR              UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

Unknown

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED      DATE n/a

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This old three story lighthouse is comprised of living quarters, boat storage and general storage. Basic construction is brick exterior and wood interior.

# **IB SIGNIFICANCE**

40 1345

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>navigation |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |

SPECIFIC DATES

Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Principal importance of this facility is as an historical landmark dating back to the era of the Civil War. "Fishing Battery Light" has been a well known mark to sailors of the upper Chesapeake Bay since that time. This was also the site of an early shad fish hatchery during the early 1900s.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGR. HISTORICAL REFERENCES**

HA-1045

Files maintained at Blackwater N W R

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY building located on approximately 3 acre island

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |                  |                     |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|------------------|---------------------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | 1, 8 | 4, 0, 4, 8, 1, 5 | 4, 3, 7, 2, 0, 5, 8 | B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING          | NORTHING            |   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C |      |                  |                     | D |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This lighthouse is located on a very small island in the Chesapeake Bay approximately 4 miles southeast of Havre de Grace, Maryland which is located at the confluence of the Susquehanna River with the Chesapeake Bay.

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

|                 |  |           |                       |
|-----------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| NAME / TITLE    | <u>John D. Schroer, Refuge Manager</u>     | DATE      | <u>7/16/81</u>        |
| ORGANIZATION    | <u>Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge</u> | TELEPHONE | <u>301-228-2692</u>   |
| STREET & NUMBER | <u>Rt. 1, Box 121</u>                      | STATE     | <u>Maryland 21613</u> |
| CITY OR TOWN    | <u>Cambridge</u>                           |           |                       |

**12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES X NO \_\_\_\_\_ NONE \_\_\_\_\_

*M. A. L.* 5-24-85  
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

TITLE

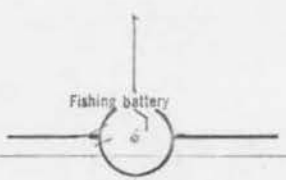
DATE

|  |      |
|--|------|
| <b>FOR NPS USE ONLY</b>  |      |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER | DATE |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION                 | DATE |
| ATTEST:  | DATE |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  |      |

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GICAL SURVEY

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SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE

FISHING BATTERY LIGHTHOUSE  
HARVE DE GRACE, MD.  
UMT REFERENCE:  
18/404815/4372058



