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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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15 December 1976

Mr. Herbert Rhodes  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Post Office Box 2390  
Sacramento, California 95811

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Dear Mr. Rhodes:

In compliance with Section 2(a) of Executive Order 11593, the Twelfth Coast Guard District herewith resubmits for State certification, the nomination forms required for listing the Point Pinos Lighthouse District in the National Register of Historic Places. The original nomination forms prepared on this property were returned to us by the Keeper of the Register due to insufficient information; nevertheless, Point Pinos is currently recognized as a property potentially eligible for listing in the Register.

Sincerely,

*J. L. Hair*  
J. L. HAIR

Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Marine Environmental Protection Branch, Acting  
By direction of the District Commander

Encl: (1) Form 10-306(1)  
(2) USGS Map and Plot Plan(1)  
(3) Photograph (1 photo)

# 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 accomodate 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
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Garage	1907	- Relocated back of new Qtrs housing
Station Qtrs.	1939	- Stucco, Tile Peaked roof
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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.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL 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

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	None	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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

NAME / TITLE

for LCDR J. I. HAIR

15 December 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

U. S. COAST GUARD

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE

San Francisco

CA

**12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

YES

NO

NONE

*[Signature]*  
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE  
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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

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
 ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES ENCLOSE WITH PHOTOGRAPH



**NAME**

HISTORIC

Point Pinos Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON



**LOCATION** (on earlier documentation the site is listed as Monterey)

CITY, TOWN

Pacific Grove

—VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Monterey

STATE

Calif.



**PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT C. K. Tuttle

DATE OF PHOTO circa 1878

NEGATIVE FILED AT Museum of Natural History, Pacific Grove, California



**IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

View direction Northwest

