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February 2009

Bob Davis, with appreciation to Jerry McCaffery for his advice during the development of this narrative.

For further information please see Lighthouse by Jerry McCaffery (2001) and United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, "Lighthouses of California," November 5, 1990. Both were sources for the above material.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE CALIFORNIA

Date Entered JUL 14 1977

Name

Location

Point Pinos Light Station

Pacific Grove
Monterey County

Also Notified

Hon. Alan Cranston
Hon. S. I. Hayakawa
Hon. Leon E. Panetta
Mr. Robert F. Crecco, DOT
Mr. Clarence Lee, U.S. Coast
Guard

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

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January 18, 1977

J. L. Hair
Lieutenant Commander
Marine Environmental Protection Branch
12th U. S. Coast Guard District
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, California 94126

Dear Lieutenant Commander Hair:

Enclosed is a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for Point Pinos Lighthouse in Marin County. Herbert Rhodes, State Historic Preservation Officer for California, has certified this nomination.

If we may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Dr. Knox Mellon

Dr. Knox Mellon
Historic Preservation Coordinator

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Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

MAILING ADDRESS:
Commander (mep)
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San Francisco, CA 9412
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16452
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,

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Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Marine Environmental Protection Branch, Acting
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(2) USGS Map and Plot Plan(1)
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DESCRIPTION

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<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 -- 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	
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		<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 rebuilding 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".

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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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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

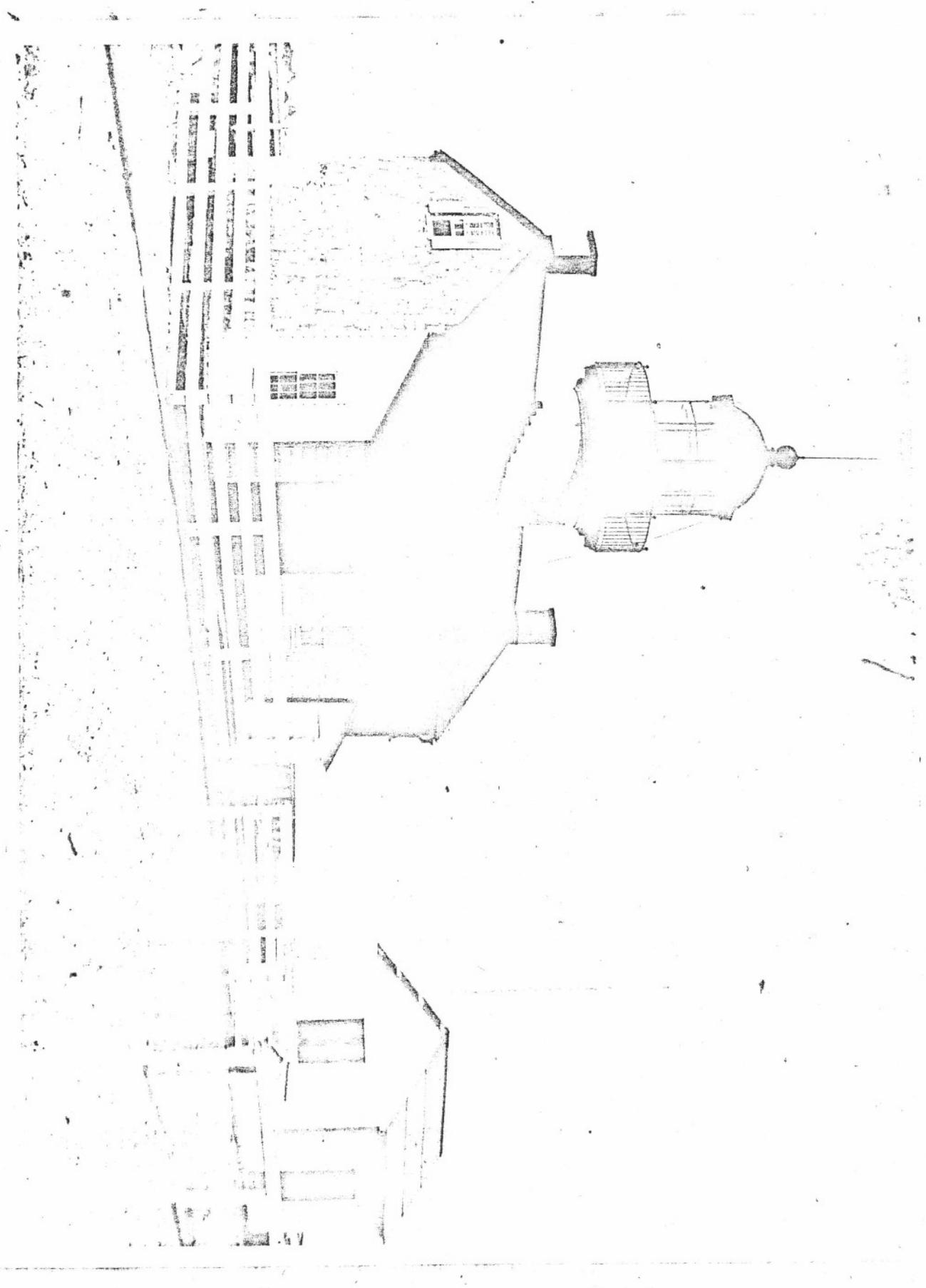
NAME / TITLE
 for LCDR J. I. HAIR
 ORGANIZATION
 U. S. COAST GUARD
 STREET & NUMBER
 Twelfth CG District, 630 Sansome Street
 CITY OR TOWN
 San Francisco
 DATE
 15 December 1976
 TELEPHONE
 (415) 556-1380
 STATE
 CA

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION
 YES NO NONE
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE
 [Signature] 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

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



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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

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Point Pinos Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Pacific Grove

____VICINITY OF

COUNTY Monterey

STATE Calif.

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S.

SCALE 1:24000

DATE 1947

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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Commander (nep)
Twelfth CG District
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA 94126

5922/1
1 March 1976

Mr. Vernal Yadon
Director, Museum of Natural History
165 Forest Ave.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Dear Mr. Yadon:

Concerning our conversation of 25 February 1976 regarding restoration work being planned by you for the Pt. Pinos lighthouse, it has come to my attention that the City of Pacific Grove use permit for the property very specifically states that while maintenance costs shall be borne by the user, any alteration, modification or restoration of the lighthouse or grounds requires the prior approval of the Coast Guard. I would therefore suggest that with the City of Pacific Grove you initiate a request for approval in writing, detailing all exterior and interior work that you wish to do, the costs anticipated and the method(s) of funding for the project that you have proposed.

Sincerely,

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

Copy to:
Mr. William Podgett
Historic Preservation Specialist
Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 2390
Sacramento, CA 95811

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January 14, 1976

Mr. Vernal L. Yadon, Director
Museum of Natural History
165 Forest Avenue
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Mr. Yadon:

We have received your letter of January 4, 1976 requesting information with regard to matching grants-in-aid under the National Historic Preservation Act for the Point Pinos Lighthouse.

Our records show that the Point Pinos Lighthouse is not currently on the National Register of Historic Places. We had obtained a nomination from the Coast Guard prepared in compliance with Executive Order 11593 on June 1, 1973. However, our records do not show that the site was actually placed on the Register by the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C. as a result of that nomination. I would suggest that you contact Dr. Nancy Bell, 12th Coast Guard District, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California 94126, with regard to the Coast Guard nomination and any subsequent progress towards listing. Her telephone number is (415) 556-1380.

Enclosed is a summary description of the grants-in-aid program. If, after the site is placed on the National Register, you wish to obtain the full application materials, we would be pleased to supply them.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
William E. Padgett

William E. Padgett
Historic Preservation Specialist

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Enclosure

WEP

cc: Dr. Nancy Bell
12th Coast Guard District
630 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA. 94126

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Amendment

Ken Hinshaw

From: "Correia, Jay" <jcorr@parks.ca.gov>
To: "Ken Hinshaw" <KenL@redshift.com>
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 4:44 PM
Subject: RE: Pt. Pinos Lighthouse

Ken,

Download a copy of National Register Bulletin 16A, entitled "How to Complete the National Register Registration Form." In my edition the instructions for amending nominations begins on page 71. The continuation sheets that are referred to in this bulletin are available through links on our website:

http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/pages/1069/files/master%20nr%20app_.doc

I recommend that you read through the entire bulletin, and perhaps more importantly, read Bulletin 15 "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation." The process can be cumbersome to folks not familiar with historical writing, but we are here to answer questions.

Before you get too far, please realize that the National Register imposes no restrictions on your resource. In other words, embarking on a preservation plan, or undertaking a restoration project, is not dependent upon updating your National Register document. However, I applaud your desire to update the nomination. Good documentation will help in the long run and perhaps get everyone in your organization "pointing in the same direction."

I'll get those papers in the Mail ASAP.

Jay

Jay Correia
State Historian III
Supervisor, Registration Unit
California State Office of Historic Preservation
916-653-9054

From: Ken Hinshaw [mailto:KenL@redshift.com]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2008 3:46 PM
To: Correia, Jay
Cc: Bob Davis
Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos Lighthouse

Jay: We look forward to receiving the nomination papers. You could mail it to:

Ken Hinshaw
747 Short St.
Pacific Grove, Ca. 93950

How does the process work? Do we propose the period of significance, backed up by a document and then your office approves (or not) the proposal?

Thanks for your help.

Ken

----- Original Message -----

From: Correia, Jay
To: Ken Hinshaw
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 4:52 PM
Subject: RE: Pt. Pinos Lighthouse

Staff is copying. Where do you want it sent?

Sincerely,

12/20/2008

Subj: **RE: Period of Significance Statement**
Date: 10/27/2008 2:55:15 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: jcorr@parks.ca.gov
To: RTDavis@aol.com

Hello Mr. Davis,

It is important that you read former National Register Bulletin 15, now more commonly just referred to by its title "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation."

The link to this document:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins.htm>

Pay close attention to section V "How to Evaluate A Property Within Its Historic Context."

Even more helpful, read the guidelines for selecting the period(s) of significance in national Register Bulletin "How to Complete the national Register Registration Form," formally Bulletin 16A. It is page 42 in my edition. It is also available at the above link.

Also, you will be pleased to know that historic contexts have been developed for specific types of resources, such as lighthouses:

<http://www.nr.nps.gov/multiples/64500058.pdf>

Sincerely,

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From: RTDavis@aol.com [mailto:RTDavis@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Correia, Jay
Subject: Period of Significance Statement

Members of the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove, CA, in cooperation with the City of Pacific Grove, is developing plans to renovate/restore the Pacific Grove Point Pinos Lighthouse, the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the west coast. As part of these plans, we need to prepare a statement of architectural significance which will place the restoration in a specific time frame. So far, we have had great difficulty in finding the perimeters or content specifications of such a statement. In other words, what must/should be included in such a statement?

Can you be of any help in providing the specifications for such a statement or samples of similar statements? Or can you direct me to a source where I can find such statements?

You can contact me by E-mail at rtdavis@AOL.com or by fax at 831-649-3776, which is also my home telephone number.

I would very much appreciate any help you can give me.

Bob Davis, Member
Planning Commission of the City of Pacific Grove
Board of Directors, Heritage Society of Pacific Grove

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Ken Hinshaw

From: "Correia, Jay" <jcorr@parks.ca.gov>
To: "Ken Hinshaw" <KenL@redshift.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 8:48 AM
Subject: RE: Pt. Pinos Lighthouse

Ken,

According to the National Register database, the lighthouse was listed in 1977. I would be very surprised if there isn't a period of significance—it is one of the basic requirements for a nomination. You are correct, though, today's historical writing standards and the standards for writing nominations have improved dramatically.

Our Central Records Office holds copies of the nomination. When you are ready to move forward let me know and I can get a copy to you. I also just reviewed page 71 of National Register Bulletin "How to Complete the National Register Registration Form" (formerly known as Bulletin 16A) to review the procedure for amending nominations. Your preparer should download the same bulletin, as well as Bulletin 15: "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation." Those are the two basic documents used to prepare National Register nominations. I would simply Google the documents, or follow the links on our website.

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Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 7:51 PM
To: Correia, Jay
Cc: Bob Davis
Subject: Pt. Pinos Lighthouse

Jay Correia: Here in Pacific Grove we are working with a planning staff that is inexperienced in all things historic. I am working with Heritage Society board member Bob Davis trying to "update" the period of significance for our lighthouse. Our preservation non-profit is trying to create a plan for preserving our landmark. Preservation consultants will begin developing a ten year preservation plan in February. The nomination for the national register was done in the 60's, apparently none of the paperwork still exists locally. As I understand it the process has changed dramatically since that period. I have been assured by the individual involved in the original nomination that a period of significance was not part of the original requirements. We would like to bring things up to date so that we can start work on the building. I have seen your message to Mr. Davis: I think he has created a well thought out period of significance statement. As I imagine it the next step would be to get the "owners" (the city of Pacific Grove) to accept/endorse the period of significance at a public hearing. Would then the statement be vetted by your office and added to the original nomination documents? Any guidance you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

Ken Hinshaw, coordinator
Lighthouse Preservation Committee
Pacific Grove Heritage Society

12-15-08

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November 2008

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From: "Jerry Mccaffery" <jerrymccaffery@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Ken Hinshaw" <kenl@redshift.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 10:43 AM
Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos

how about sometime tomorrow or Sunday so we can at least sit and talk a little bit about this. I could meet almost anytime. I have voicemail on my cellphone so if I do not pick it up, I will listen to the message later, so pick a day and a time and let's sit down for 30 minutes. Or we could meet out at the lighthouse in the parking lot. I have a grey car, blue jacket and golf cap. If we wanted to walk around inside the grounds, we would have to do this between one and four. We could also sit and talk in the golf clubhouse. My number is 831-920-7281. Over to you.

P.S. The front porch facing south went in in about 1914. The upstairs dormer windows facing east went in in 1936 I think. If one of the requirements is to keep the building true to its period, then we are going to have to choose some time after that. The landscape can be fudged somewhat.....although major changes in landscape could take years, unless the Crespi Pond committee report is in. That is what held up changes in the yard up until 2007. We did want to reconstitute the yard but couldn't because of the pending study.

Also there was a garage out back through WWII where the keeper cleaned his automobile...so I do not think you are ever going to get a perfect match of building to period. Let's talk.

Best Regards
 Jerry

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From: Ken Hinshaw <kenl@redshift.com>
To: Jerry Mccaffery <jerrymccaffery@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Bob Davis <RTDavis@aol.com>; Dennis Tarmina <Dennis@Tarmina.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 7:26:22 PM
Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos

Jerry: Is there any reason we couldn't bump the date up to 1914 so that the dormers could be kept? Which upstairs windows are you saying were put in around 1937 the ones in the gable ends? Coffee in PG sounds good. What is a good day and time for you?
 Ken

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Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 9:27 AM
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When you get the statement from John O on Pt Sur maybe we could meet and talk about this. I am in PG every day for one reason or another so it would be no problem for me to meet, maybe at the bookstore/coffeeshop or wherever

Best Regards,

Jerry

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From: Ken Hinshaw <kenl@redshift.com>
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Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 8:58:55 AM
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Jerry: If 1909 or 1910 is the period of significance what exterior changes to the building would be necessary to achieve its proper appearance? We are also interested in taking the landscape back to that time. What would it have looked like? A consultant met with us yesterday and emphasized the value of developing the period of significance statement. Thanks for your help.
Ken Hinshaw

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Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos

Ken,

I am here now and struggling thru the first week of courses. I concur with your thoughts on lighthouse. Certainly will want to do the Emily Fish period, and probably a year after the tower was repaired from the earthquake and the summer kitchen converted into a real kitchen and bathroom. This would make it around 1909 or 1910, which is what most the lighthouse is now restored too. I will have to do a little research on this. How do you propose we go forward?

I am teaching Federal budgeting: how the defense department prepares its budget and what happens to it in the budgetary process, along with some defense budget execution and financial management and acquisition.

Best Regards

Jerry

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From: Ken Hinshaw <kenl@redshift.com>
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Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2008 8:24:02 AM
Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos

Jerry: We could use help picking a date that would reflect an interesting period in the history of the lighthouse, and one that would allow us to use as much of the building as it is. I was thinking that it could be after the rear addition was put on and after the stone exterior was painted. I would imagine replanting some of the cypress trees to complete the ring hedge that was once part of the grounds. We could possibly replace windows that do not reflect the period of significance. These are just some of my tentative thoughts, and you probably will have other (and better) ideas. I was thinking that we could get one other person to look into what the technical requirements for the period of significance are and to put the document together, while you advise. What will you be teaching at the NPS? When do you arrive?

Ken

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From: Jerry Mccaffery
To: Ken Hinshaw
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2008 1:35 PM
Subject: Re: Pt. Pinos

Ken,

7/21/2008