

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**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  
 Point No Point Light  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 Point No Point Light

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
 Dameron

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 First

STATE  
 Maryland

CODE  
 24

COUNTY  
 St. Marys

CODE  
 037

**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 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	<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 Navigati

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)  
 Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District

STREET & NUMBER  
 431 Crawford Street

CITY, TOWN  
 Portsmouth

VICINITY OF

STATE  
 Virginia 23705

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Same as #4

STREET & NUMBER  
 Logistics and Property Branch

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Point No Point Light is located offshore 5 2/3 nautical miles NNE from Point Lookout Light or approximately 1 3/4 miles ESE of Point No Point, a point of land near the town of Dameron, Maryland. The octagonal brick tower with 11' sides sets atop a brown 30 foot diameter cylinder caisson in 22 feet of water.

The 52 foot high 2 1/2 story structure still stands on its original site, sporting a new coat of paint applied in April and May of 1978. The previous color scheme was followed, namely, black, black roof, white sides and brown caisson.

Boarding access to the main deck platform is afforded by a vertical iron rung-type ladder on the east side. The adjustable accommodation ladder was removed by the Coast Guard in 1964 because it presented a hazard to personnel in servicing the light. The landing platform and metal stairs once located on the west side have since been removed.

The iron life rail around the main platform deck is rusty and in some places is broken. The boat davits once located on the east and west side have been removed. One lone "fish" davit used to hoist equipment and supplies aboard still stands in the southeast corner. Structure of the privy extends out over the water on the southwest quarter but the seat and ornamental roof have passed to the ways.

The entrance on the west side is bricked closed possibly as a step to avert unauthorized entry after the light was automated in April 1962. The four over four windows on the first and second story, like the dormer windows have been covered over with plywood. The exhaust flue for the cook stove and heating has been removed. The 1000 pound fog bell was removed from the east eaves by a Coast Guard Buoy Tender on the 10th of November 1964.

Entering the interior from the door on the east side leads into a small foyer. Straight ahead and down leads to the concrete basement where the fuel tanks and water cisterns are housed. To the left of the foyer is a space 4' x 9' which appears to have been a storage room. To the right of the foyer is a 9' 19' room presumed to have been watchstander's quarters. The second story interior contained the kitchen and living room. Ascending more wooden steps leads up and into the light tower on the exterior 1/2 story where the air diaphragm fog horn is positioned. The original Fresnel lens has been removed and replaced with a 375MM lantern. The light shines out through 3' x 3' square clear panes.

# SIGNIFICANCE

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER SPECIFIC Navigation
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      24 April 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Maryland Act of April 6, 1874 authorized acquisition of approximately five acres of land for the establishment of lighthouses or such other aids of navigation as may be required.

In 1891, the Lighthouse Board first requested that a light be erected on the western side of the Chesapeake in that 30 mile stretch between Cove Point and Smith Point Lights. The estimated cost was \$35,000.00. The request was repeated in the next two years to no avail, and by 1894 the price had gone up. "The Board is now of opinion that only caisson structures should be used where such damage to screwpile structures by ice exists". Estimated cost not to exceed \$70,000.00. Finally, in 1901, \$65,000.00 was appropriated, bids sent out, and contracts awarded. In August 1902, work was started on the fabrication of the caisson which was towed to the site the next April. A temporary pier build by the contractors during the previous summer, gave way and the caisson turned over. After some of the cast-iron plates broke off, the caisson drifted down the Bay before a northwest gale. The contractor's tug followed and picked it up the next day off the mouth of the Rappahannock River, 40 miles to the south. It was towed back to Solomons Island for repairs. On October 22, 1903 it was floated into position and sunk in place. A year and a half later, on April 24, 1905 the light was first shown from the finished tower by the first keeper Anders Simonsen.

On October 26, 1938 the power source was changed from 10V battery pack to kerosene engine generating units. On July 1, 1939 when the Lighthouse Service merged with the Lifesaving Service, the lighthouse was transferred to the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.

Personnel were withdrawn and the light was automated on April 25, 1962.

The lighthouse is one of four lighthouses in the Chesapeake Bay built in the Twentieth Century and one of the three designed with mansard roof and arched dormer windows. ✓

The aid, visible for a nominal 11 miles serves as a guide to mariners in the area, flashing white every 6 seconds and sounds a 3 second blast every 30 seconds during the fog months of 15 September through 1 June.

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Point No Point  
AND/OR COMMON  
Point No Point

## 1 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN	<u>XX</u> VICINITY OF	COUNTY	STATE
Dameron		St. Marys	Maryland

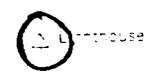
## 1 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S. Dept. Of The Interior, Geological Survey  
SCALE 1:24000 (7.5 Minute Series) DATE 1943

## 1 REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
  2. NORTH ARROW
  - UTM REFERENCES

INT: 3464-75



POINT NO POINT LIGHT, DAMERON,  
ST. MARYS COUNTY, MARYLAND  
UTM REFERENCE: 18/386865/4220585

4221000m N.

1730'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium duty — — — Light duty

Unimproved dirt

State Route

POINT NO POINT, MD  
NE 4 POINT LOCKOUT 15' QUADRANT  
13807E W7815 N

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38°07'30"

17°30"

390000m E. 76°15'

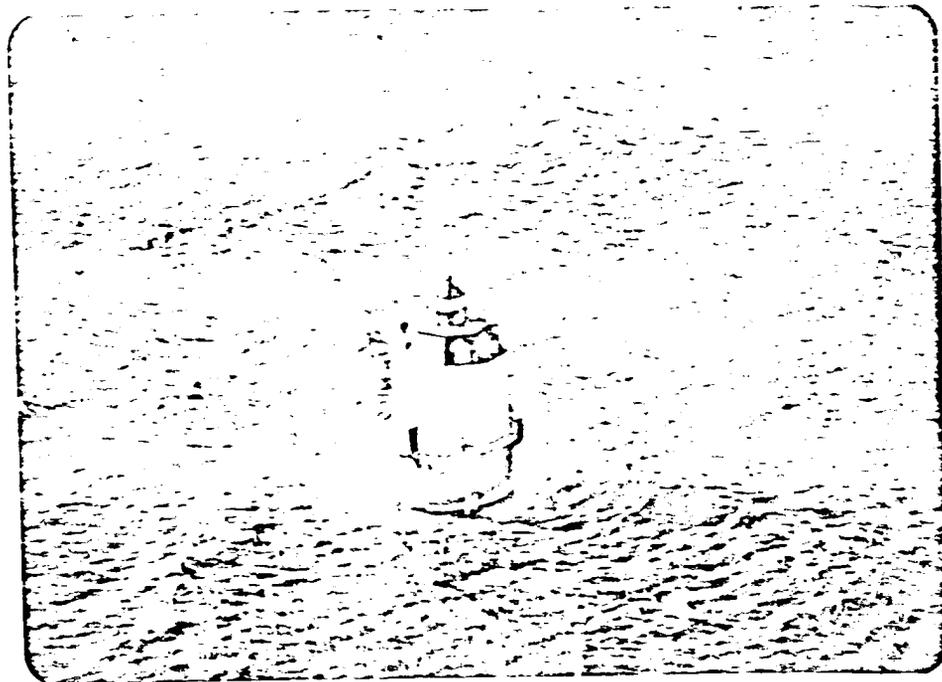
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### ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Medium-duty — — — Light-duty — — — — —
- Unimproved dirt — — — — —
- State Route — — — — —

(BLOODSWORTH ISLAND)

POINT NO POINT M.D.



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CITY, TOWN Dameron XX VICINITY OF COUNTY St. Marys STATE Maryland

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

PHOTO CREDIT USCoast Guard DATE OF PHOTO 1979

NEGATIVE FILED AT Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford St., Ports., VA 23705

**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET PHOTO NO  
Aerial view 001

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

de Gast, Robert: The Lighthouses of the Chesapeake, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore Maryland, 1973.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.1 (under water)  
UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	3,8,6,8,6,5	4,2,2,0,5,8,5	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

#2732

Boundary is 263.3 Feet extending outward from center in any direction.

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  
**CWO4 D. M. HANLEY, Special Projects Officer**

ORGANIZATION  
**Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District**

STREET & NUMBER  
**431 Crawford Street**

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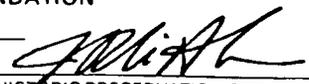
DATE  
**Virginia 23705**

TELEPHONE  
**(804) 398-6351**

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

  
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	