

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  
Havre de Grace Lighthouse  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Concord and Lafayette Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE  
Maryland

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
24

COUNTY  
0770

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 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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION    |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                        | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY              | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER             |

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (If applicable)  
Department of Transportation

STREET & NUMBER  
Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street

CITY, TOWN  
Portsmouth

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Virginia

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Belair, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Havre de Grace lighthouse structure, constructed in 1827, is the only structure remaining from the original complex authorized by the Maryland General Assembly in 1826. The original complex consisted of the lighthouse, keeper's quarters and an outhouse. Presumably, the specifications for the lighthouse structure were developed by staff personnel of the Treasury Department.

The lighthouse is a conical structure of stone painted white, 26 feet high, situated on a plot of land 7' above mean low water. The focal plane of the light was 32 feet above the base. A cupola constructed of metal with rectangular glass panes surmounts the stone tower. Access to the cupola is gained by means of a circular granite stairway which occupies the entire core of the structure.

The lighthouse originally had nine lamps with 16 inch reflectors. The last equipment used in this tower was a fifth-order classical lens with a fixed green light.

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# **B** 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                       |
| <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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)                |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |

SPECIFIC DATES      1827

BUILDER ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Havre de Grace Lighthouse was built in 1827 by Mr. John Donohoo who was responsible for many of the early lighthouses on the Chesapeake Bay. The lighthouse was built at the junction of the Chesapeake Bay and the Susquehanna River in Harford County, Maryland. The General Assembly of Maryland in 1826 authorized the construction of this lighthouse because of the numerous vessels lost in this area.

Although the official name given to the lighthouse has always been Havre de Grace, the local citizenry still refer to this lighthouse as the Concord Lighthouse. The name apparently dates back to the seventeenth century when this area was known as Point Concord. Augustine Herman on his map of 1670, designates the point at the mouth of the Susquehanna River as Point Conquest and from this name Point Concord has been derived.

Havre de Grace Lighthouse was attended by Mr. John O'Neill, an Irishman, who was given this job by the city in recognition of his heroism in defending Havre de Grace from the British during the War of 1812. The O'Neill descendants attended the light until it was automated in the 1920's. This dedication on the part of the O'Neill's is unrivaled in the history of Chesapeake lighthouses.

The lighthouse was discontinued by the Coast Guard as an active light 17 November 1975.

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robert de Gast, The Lighthouses of the Chesapeake  
The John Hopkins University Press: 1973

C. Milton Wright, Our Harford Heritage  
Library of Congress Card #67-31596: 1967

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .01 (484 sqft)

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |          |     |     |      |
|---|------|---------|----------|-----|-----|------|
| A | 1 8  | 4 06    | 74 0     | 4 3 | 7 7 | 12 0 |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |     |     |      |
| C |      |         |          |     |     |      |

|   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|
| B |      |         |          |
|   | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| D |      |         |          |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The lighthouse is located at the east end of Lafayette Street, The lighthouse is 218' south 81 3/4° east from the corner formed by the intersection of the north side of Lafayette Street and the west side of Concord Street.

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

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

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W. M. Whittington, Realty Specialist

11/25/75

ORGANIZATION

Fifth Coast Guard District

DATE  
804 393-9611, ext. 304

STREET & NUMBER

431 Crawford Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Portsmouth, Virginia 23705

STATE

## 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

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

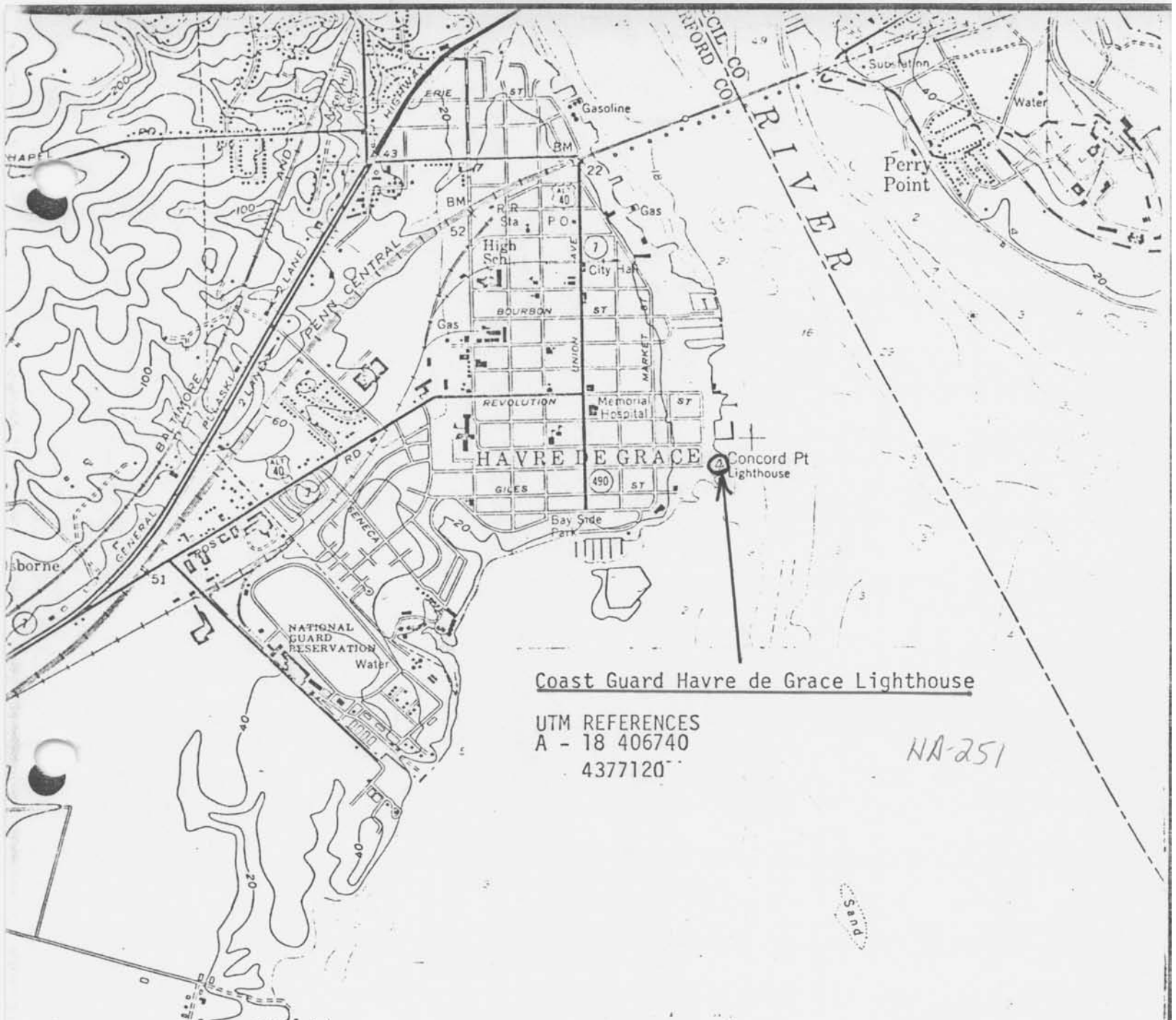
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Coast Guard Havre de Grace Lighthouse

UTM REFERENCES  
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