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QUESTIONNAIRE COVERING REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES

Note: Use a separate sheet for each separate piece or parcel of property, with as many extra blank sheets as may be required for the replies.

1. Dept. or establishment having custody:

Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service.

2. Name and location of property:

Straitsmouth Light Station, Rockport, Massachusetts.

3. Present use (such as Navy Yard, military reservation, hospital, etc.):

Lighthouse reservation.

4. Original purpose (if it has been changed by Executive Order, so state):

Lighthouse reservation.

5. Date of and authority for acquisition:

Purchased Nov. 27, 1834, by authority of Act of June 30, 1834.

6. Original cost: **$600.00 Improvements - $7,500**

7. Area:

Land: **Entire island about 36 acres.**
Water:
Marsh:
Total: **about 36 acres.**

8. If the property is held incident to navigation purposes, so state, and describe whether the Government's interest is fee simple, or reversionary.

Yes. Is fee simple.

9. If the property is held for water power purposes, so state; and describe whether the Government's interest is fee simple or reversionary.

No.

Note: See Explanatory Notes on other side.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

General

In order to reduce the work involved to a minimum and avoid duplication of effort, if the data covered by the questionnaire can be obtained from the Washington real estate records of any department or establishment, (either already completed or at present being compiled), it is requested that there be noted in the questionnaire, in the space reserved for the response, a description of the data available, and its distinguishing file numbers, etc., its office location in Washington, and the name, address and phone number of the officer or employe in whose custody it is, so that expeditious arrangements can be made by correspondence or by telephone to make these data available to the Federal Real Estate Board in a manner most convenient to all concerned; also. in case any of these real estate data are obtainable from any printed or mimeographed document, it is similarly requested that the title or other reference necessary to identify the document, be noted in the proper place in the questionnaire and if available, a copy of all such documents be forwarded to the Federal Real Estate Board.

Information as to all changes of any character whatever, with respect to the data asked for herein, should as they occur be forwarded to the Federal Real Estate Board, 217 Arlington Building, Washington, D. C.

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NOTE: In general, the numerals opposite explanatory notes below refer to similar portions of the questionnaire.

1. State the department or establishment having custody of the property and the division of such department or establishment in charge.

2. Give the location of the property as accurately as possible, street and number if in a city, name of highway and nearest post office if located outside of a city.

3. Give the use to which property is subjected. If not in use, so state, and give its previous use.

4. State the purpose for which the property was acquired.

5. Give data of acquisition of property, together with authority, whether an act of Congress, Executive order, etc.

6. Give original cost of the property, also the cost of any improvements since acquisition.

7. Give the area of land, water and marsh either in acres, by bounds or in square feet.

8, 9, 10. If the property is held incident to navigation, water power purposes, agriculture, etc., describe the use of the property.

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10. If property is held for agriculture, manufacture or other purpose, state the purpose and the Government's interest.

No.

11. Describe briefly and generally the improvements on land such as buildings and other structures with uses.

6-room wooden dwelling for keeper; brick tower for light; brick oil house for storage of oil for light; fuel house.

12. Describe streets, waterways, sewers, telephone and telegraph lines, owned by the United States or held by it under lease or permit.

None.

13. If under exclusive jurisdiction or laws of the United States so state; if not explain.

Jurisdiction ceded by Comm. of Mass. to the United States with usual provisions as to civil and criminal processes.

14. Is the property owned by the U. S. Government, or under permanent lease, to revert to original owners in case Government vacates.

Is owned by the United States Government.

15. Appraised value:_____ Land: $ 600.00
Improvements: 7,500.00

Total: $8,100.00

16. If available, submit sketch or blue print of the property in question with this questionnaire.

17. Remarks:

18. Usefulness not diminished.

Date: March 18, 1930.

By whom made: Geo. E. Eaton, Superintendent of Lighthouses, Chelsea, Mass.
(Name; Title; Address)

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11. Give a brief description of the general improvements.

12. Give a brief description covering width and length of streets and waterways, size and length of sewers, length and character of telephone and telegraph lines, etc.

(In answering questions 11 and 12, forward blue prints if available)

13. Submit a statement as to whether property is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. If not, on what terms is it occupied?

14. State whether property is owned by the United States outright or whether there is a reversion to donor when no longer used for Government purposes.

15. The appraisal should be as of July 1, 1929. It is desired to obtain a fair market value of the various properties of the Government, with a statement whether property values in the neighborhood are increasing or decreasing, whether there are any circumstances in the vicinity of the Government property which tend to increase or decrease its value and of the factors determining the appraisement figures. Numerous circumstances enter into the valuation of property, whether within or adjacent to the corporate limits of a municipality, and it may aid in the determination of a fair value to ascertain the terms of recent sales in the neighborhood. It might be advisable also to make inquiries of merchants and real estate agents who may be conversant with conditions surrounding the particular property to be appraised.