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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name: South Bass Island Light
other names/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: end of Langram Road, on SW point of South Bass Island — N/A not for publication
city, town: South Bass Island — N/A vicinity
state: Ohio — code: 039 — county: Ottawa — code: 123 — zip code: 43456

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
☐ private	☒ building(s)	2	____ buildings
☐ public-local	☐ district	____	____ sites
☒ public-State	☐ site	1	1 structures
☐ public-Federal	☒ structure	____	____ objects
	☐ object	3	1 Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Light Stations of Ohio

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

W. Ray Luce — 1/7/90

Signature of certifying official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

☑ entered in the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet. — Patrick Andrus — 4/5/90

☐ determined eligible for the National Register. ☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:) _____

fcd / Signature of the Keeper — Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
TRANSPORTATION: water-related

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

other: light station
Queen Anne

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
walls brick
roof asphalt
other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The South Bass Island Light is located on Parker's Point at the southwest tip of South Bass Island in the western part of Lake Erie. The historic light station consists of three contributing structures: a square brick light tower and attached two-story brick keeper's dwelling, a wood-frame barn and chicken house, and an iron oil storage house. One non-contributing structure, a white steel skeleton tower, stands about 50 feet southeast of the historic light station.

1. Light Tower and Attached Keeper's Dwelling. Founded on bedrock, the South Bass Island Light consists of a square light tower and attached two-story keeper's dwelling. It is Queen Anne in style. Both the tower and dwelling are of red brick laid in Flemish bond, with a brick foundation and cut stone water table. Double-hung windows, with 1/1 lights, have plain lug sills and brick voussoirs. The light tower, located at the southwest corner of the dwelling, is 10 feet square and 45 feet high (measured from the base to the ventilator ball of the lantern), with a focal plane height of 60.5 feet. The tower has a decorative brick cornice. Its entrance is separate from, and adjacent to, that of the dwelling. Inside, an iron circular stairway with two landings leads to the lantern. The 10-sided cast-iron lantern, 7 feet in diameter, features vertical bars glazed to a height of 36 inches. The lantern, originally painted black, was designed to display a 4th-order Fresnel lens, which has since been removed. Atop the lantern roof, of cast iron lined with zinc, is a cast-iron ventilator ball with platinum lightning-conductor spindle. Surrounding the lantern is a cast-iron gallery, 12 feet square, with square iron balustrade. The lantern, gallery, and stairway came from the Gibraltar, Michigan, Light, according to property records. (The original plans for the lighthouse show an octagonal lantern.) The attached dwelling, 39 feet by 30 feet, has a side hall plan with six rooms (parlor, dining room, kitchen/pantry downstairs; three bedrooms and bath upstairs) and a full basement and attic. It has multiple gable roofs with asphalt shingles. The north and south gable ends feature three-part round-arch windows with brick voussoirs; a gabled bay projecting to the east has a smaller,

[X] See continuation sheet

two-part round-arch window. Box gutters and gable returns, shown in the original plans, apparently have been removed. Drawings show that hipped-roof verandas with spindle friezes and railings originally spanned the front and rear of the dwelling; these have been replaced by enclosed porches. The front porch, rebuilt in 1945, has brick piers and jalousie door and windows. Front and back, there are concrete steps in place of the original wooden steps. House trim, originally "lead color," is now painted white.

2. Barn and Chicken House. A concrete walk leads from the rear of the dwelling to a former barn and chicken house, now remodeled as a garage. Erected in 1899, the wood-frame structure has a concrete foundation and an intersecting gable roof with exposed rafter ends. The ground floor, originally painted "lead color," has board and batten siding; the upper story, originally painted "dark red," has wood shingles. The barn is now painted white. There are two shed-roof additions to the east. Overhead garage doors were added later.

3. Oil House. The square iron oil house, originally painted red and located 18.5 feet west of the light tower, was also erected in 1899. The small pyramidal-roof storage building, of riveted boiler-plate construction, is now painted white and located northeast of the former barn.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Transportation
Engineering

Period of Significance
1897

Significant Dates
1897

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Lt. Col. Jared A. Smith, Corps of Engineers

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

From 1897 until 1963, the South Bass Island Light marked Parker's Point, the southwest tip of South Bass Island, the largest of the three Bass islands (North, Middle, and South). The Queen Anne-style red brick light tower with attached keeper's dwelling was built at the height of the island's popularity as a summer resort. A fixed red light (in 1926, its characteristic was changed to alternately flashing white and red) guided vessels through the South Passage around the Lake Erie Islands. In 1963, the South Bass Island Light was removed from service. It was superseded by an automated light mounted on a steel skeleton tower erected southeast of the old lighthouse. In 1967, the Federal Government transferred the two-acre lighthouse reservation to the Board of Trustees of Ohio State University, which operates a biological research laboratory on the island and uses the lighthouse as a residence for faculty. The property consists of the brick light tower and attached keeper's dwelling (1897), a former barn and chicken house (1899) now used as a garage, and an oil storage house (1899). Although the lighthouse and barn have been remodeled, they retain their essential integrity and the complex conveys the feeling and association of an island light station at the turn of the century.

This property meets the requirements for registration set forth in the multiple property documentation form "Light Stations of Ohio." The South Bass Island Light is significant under Criterion A for its association with the associated historic contexts of "Transportation and Commerce on Lake Erie, 1818-1936" and "Light Stations on the Great Lakes, 1819-1939."

☐ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Drawing and photograph files. United States Coast Guard Ninth District, Cleveland, Ohio.

Frohman, Charles E. Put-in-Bay: Its History. Columbus, O.: The Ohio Historical Society, 1971.

National Archives and Records Administration. Records of the United States Coast Guard. Record Group 26. Records of the Bureau of Lighthouses and Its Predecessors, 1789-1939.

Sandusky Register, 27 April and 28 July 1897, 28 December 1959, 30 October 1962.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):
- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:
- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: Nat'l Archives & Records Admin.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.0

UTM References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	17	346600	4610060
B			
C			
D			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Parcel M-M of Lots 24 and 25, Put-in-Bay Township, South Bass Island, as described in Ottawa County Deeds Vol. 236, p. 904.

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the area of the historic light station reservation, less a 14-foot-square parcel of land occupied by the steel skeleton tower of the present South Bass Island Light reserved in perpetuity to the U.S. Coast Guard per quit claim deed referenced above.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carol Poh Miller/Historical Consultant - under contract with
organization Ohio Historic Preservation Office date 9/28/89
street & number 2940 Somerton Road telephone 216/321-3940
city or town Cleveland Heights state Ohio zip code 44118

PHOTOGRAPHS-SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT

1) South Bass Island Light
2) South Bass Island, vic. Put-in-Bay, Ohio
3) Carol Poh Miller photograph
4) November 1988
5) Ohio Historic Preservation Office
[NOTE: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS THE SAME FOR ALL PHOTOS.]
6) Parker's Point, showing light station complex. Barn and chicken house at left.
7) #1 of 6

6) Facade and east elevation, looking NW
7) #2 of 6

6) Facade, looking north
7) #3 of 6

6) North (rear) elevation, looking SE
7) #4 of 6

6) Barn and chicken house, looking NE
7) #5 of 6

6) Oil house, looking west
7) #6 of 6

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Light Stations of Ohio MPS
Ottawa County
OHIO

Substantive Review

		Date Listed
COVER		4/5/90
1. South Bass Island Light	Substantive Review	4/5/90
2. Green Island Light	Entered in the National Register	12/18/90
3. Huron Harbor Light		
4. Conneaut Harbor West Breakwater Light	Entered in the National Register	4/10/92
5. Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Light	Substantive Review	4/10/92

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90000473 **Date Listed:** 4/5/90

South Bass Island Light | Ottawa | OHIO
Property Name | **County** | **State**

Light Stations of Ohio MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Patrick Andrus — 4/5/90
Signature of the Keeper — **Date of Action**

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Amended Items in Nomination:

This property is nominated for Engineering as an Area of Significance, but Criterion C is not checked. Also, two resource categories are checked (structure, and building), when only one is called for. Jeff Winstel with the Ohio SHPO agrees that Criterion C should be added and that structure is the most appropriate category for resource type. The form is officially amended to implement these changes.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: South Bass Island Light

MULTIPLE NAME: Light Stations of Ohio MPS

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Ottawa

DATE RECEIVED: 2/22/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/06/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/22/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/08/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000473

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	Y	SLR DRAFT:	Y	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

✓ ACCEPT ___ RETURN ___ REJECT 4/5/90 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

historically significant 19th century Lake Erie lighthouse

RECOM./CRITERIA accept A
REVIEWER Patrick Andrus
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 4/5/90

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#1



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#2



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#3



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#4



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#5



SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH
#6

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PUT-IN-BAY QUADRANGLE
OHIO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 PUT-IN-BAY 15' QUADRANGLE

82°52'30" 41°45' 345000m.E. 346 347 50' 348 349 350 47'30" 352 353 1 930 000 FEET 354 82°45' 41°45'
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CANADA
UNITED STATES
ONTARIO
OHIO
OTTAWA CO
750 000 FEET
L A K E E R I E
APPROXIMATE MEAN LAKE ELEVATION 571
P U T - I N - B A Y
OTTAWA CO
ERIE CO
SANDUSKY 20 MI.
PORT CLINTON 10 MI.
CATAWBA ISLAND 2.8 MI.
(PORT CLINTON) 4467 III SW
(KELLEYS ISLAND) 4467 I SW

North Bass Island
Landing Field
Manila Bay
MIDDLE BASS ISLAND
Middle Bass Sch
Gem
Landing Strip
Middle Bass
Sugar Island
The Rattles Islands
Rattlesnake Island
Landing Field
Lighthouse
Ballast Island
SOUTH BASS ISLAND
Peach Orchard Pt
Gilbraltar Island
Ohio State Univ Ext
Put-in-Bay
PERRYS NATIONAL MONUMENT
Park
St Pauls Ch
High Sch
Put-in-Bay
Crown Hill Cem
SOUTH BASS ISLAND STATE PARK
Maple Leaf Cem
Put-in-Bay Airfield
U S Coast Guard Station
Lighthouse
Starve Island
Green Island
Lighthouse
Ferry
Ferry

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS, USC&GS, and U. S. Lake Survey

Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1956. Topography by planetable surveys 1959. Revised from aerial photographs taken 1969. Field checked 1969

Selected hydrographic data compiled from U. S. Lake Survey Chart 364 (1967)
This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, north zone
1Q00-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

MN GN
3° 53 MILS
1°12' 21 MILS
UTM GRID AND 1969 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000
1 0 1 MILE
1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET
1 .5 0 1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS LOW WATER 568.6 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

OHIO
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
State Route

PUT-IN-BAY, OHIO
NE/4 PUT-IN-BAY 15' QUADRANGLE
N4137.5—W8245/7.5

1969

AMS 4467 III NE—SERIES V852

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1971

SOUTH BASS ISLAND LIGHT
OTTAWA COUNTY, OH

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