

This Indenture, made the 7th of August 1857, between John G. Gardiner & Sarah Gardiner of Gardiner's Island in the town of Easthampton Co. of Suffolk & State of New York parties of the first part, and the U. S. party of the 2^d part, Witnesseth that the sd parties of the first part, for & in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars, lawful money of the U. S. to them in hand paid by the sd party of the second part, at or before the enrolling & delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed & confirmed & by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release convey & confirm unto the sd party of the 2^d part, & to their successors & assigns, for ever, All that part of the North Point of Gardiner's Island aforesaid lying Northwest of a line described & running as follows, viz:

Starting from a stake on a sand ridge & running thence North 56° East, & South 56° West to the water on each side of the sd Point or beach respectively, & bounded North, East & West by the waters of Gardiner's Bay, & Southeasterly by the beach at the aforesaid line, of the said parties of the first part, containing about fourteen acres, more or less."

Together with all singular the tenements, hereditaments & appurtenances therunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, & the reversion & reversions, remainder & remainders, rents, issues & profits thereof. And also all the estate, right title, interest, dower, property, possession, claim & demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the sd parties of the first part, of, in, or to the above described premises, & every part & parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To have & to hold all & singular the above mentioned & described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the sd party of the Second part their successors & assigns forever. And the sd John G. Gardiner & Sarah Gardiner & their heirs, the sd premises, in the quiet & peaceable possession of the sd party of the 2^d part, their successors & assigns, against the sd parties of the first part, their heirs & against all & every person & persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall & will Warrant & by their presents forever Defend.

In Witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have herunto set their hands & seals the day & year first above written.

Witnesses.
A. J. Rose,
R. Gelston,

John G. Gardiner.
Sarah Gardiner.

seal.

seal

"Ack. & Recorded Suffolk Co. Aug 7th 1851."

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Handwritten to W. D.
Handwritten Book, N.Y.

STATE OF *New York*

FILE No. *57.*

TITLE PAPERS

OF

Gardiner's Mand. (L. J. Lorne)
Suffolk County ± 14 acres.

Deed from John G. Gardiner & his
wife. 7 Augt. 1857.

\$ 400

Entered in St. Home Book I. p. 81

Title approved by Attorney General

23. January 1852

Jurisdiction ceded to the United States by State
of *New York 27 February 1852*

under provisions of Act of

Entered in St. Ho. Books I. p. 193.

3 Enclosures

Office of the Secretary
War Department.
1966.

April 1 1898.

The Chief of Engineers

Recommends transfer from Treasy
Dept., to War Dept., of reserva-
tion at Gardiners Pt., Long Isld.
Sound, N.Y., formerly occupied
as light-station in connection
with approved project for de-
fense of Eastern entrance to
Long Isld., Sound, for erection
of contemplated battery of modern high
ern high power guns.

Chief Clerk

Special

1st Indorsement.

War Department,

April 4, 1898.

Respectfully referred to the
Honorable the Secretary of the
the Treasury with request for
favorable consideration.

R. A. Alger
Secretary of War.

*See Endorsements on
back of original*

*"I say yes
Jm"*

*"yes
Jma"*

"yes F.V. Men"

COPY.

51 New York

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

UNITED STATES ARMY

Washington, April 1, 1898.

Hon. R. A. Alger,

Secretary of War.

Sir:

The approved project for the defense of the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound contemplates the erection of a battery of modern high power guns at Gardiners Point, formerly the northern point of Gardiners Island, Long Island Sound, N. Y.

A tract of land originally consisting of about fourteen acres, at this point is owned by the Treasury Department and was formerly occupied as a light-station, but the light has been discontinued, and the reservation has been reduced by the action of the sea in recent years to an island, containing about seven acres.

Owing to the advantages which this situation possesses as a battery site, it is proposed, if its transfer to the War Department can be secured, to protect it from further encroachment by the sea and to erect a battery thereon.

I have, therefore, the honor to recommend that the transfer of the entire reservation to the War Department for defensive purposes be requested of the Secretary of the Treasury, if not incompatible with the public interests.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

John M. Wilson
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

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Washington, D. C., April 5, 1898.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of 1 April, '98, from Brigadier General John M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., referred to this Department by your endorsement of 4 April, '98, requesting that the abandoned light-house reservation at Gardiners Point, Long Island, be transferred to the War Department for the purpose of erecting a battery at that point.

In reply I have to advise you that the action requested will be taken and that there is no objection on the part of this Department to the beginning at once of the proposed work of protecting the site and erecting the battery.

Respectfully yours,

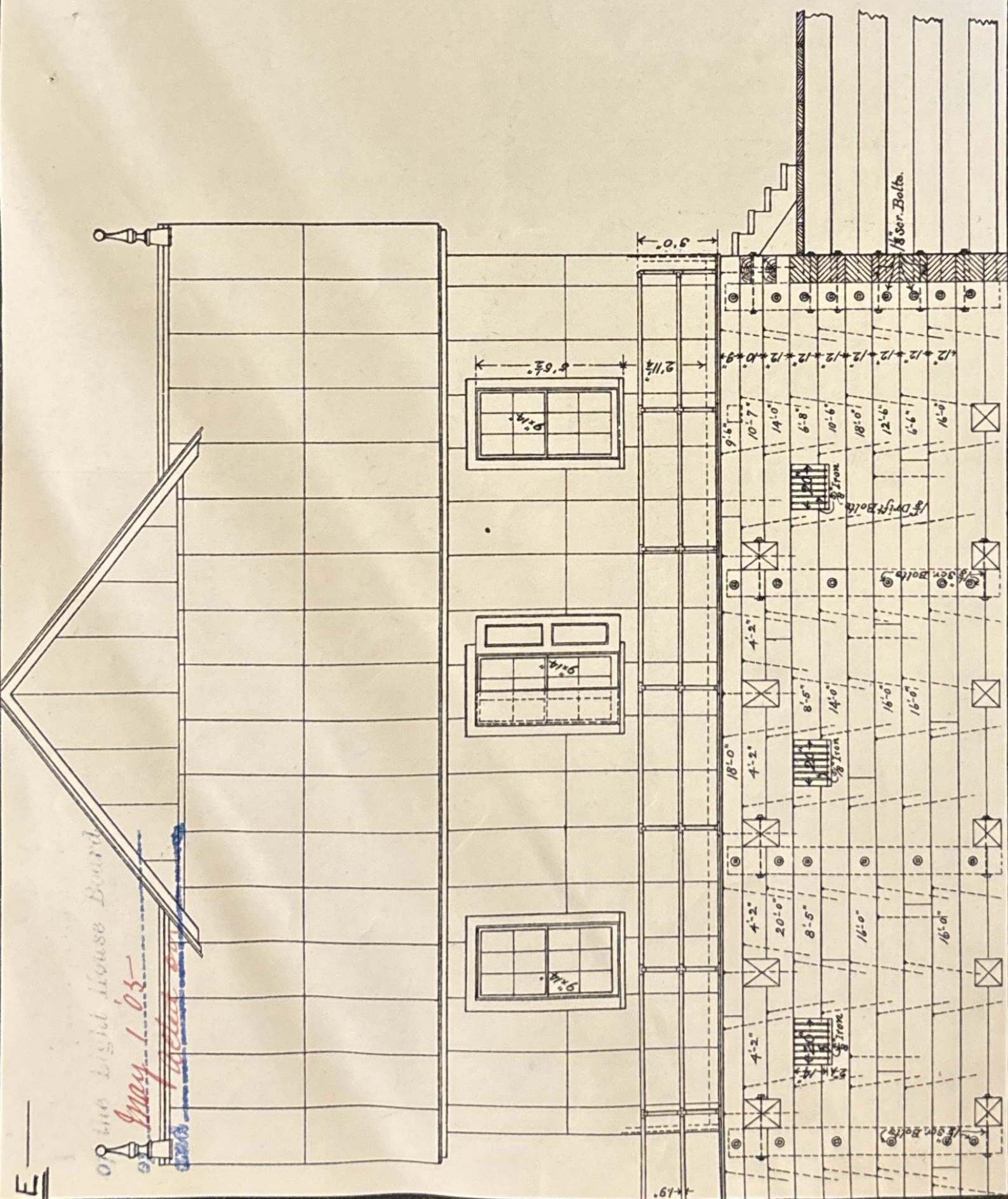
L. J. Gage,

Secretary.

of the Light House Board

May 1 '05

Patent on



Copies of the following letters
are secured for the Title Papers
file # 51 New York.

- (1) Letter from Chf of Engrs 1 April 1898,
with all endorsements, see Bk 1209 pg 34
 - (2) Letter to War Dept 5 April 1898: see
Letter signed by Sec Book 612
 - (3) Letter from War Dept date 14 Feb 1905
see files 5581 (hereunder)
 - (4) Letter to War Dept. dated 3 ^{May} ~~April~~ 1905
sending title papers (hereunder)
 - (5) Extract from minute of Board at its next
meeting relating to the matter.
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The copies are wanted
promptly.

HRSB

27 April 05

FC.

COPY.

File No. 5581.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

7 enclosures.

Washington

May 3, 1905

The Honorable,

The Secretary of War.

Sir:

This Department has the honor to transmit, at the instance of the Light-House Board, and in accordance with your request of February 14, 1905, the following named title papers relating to the abandoned light-house reservation, at Gardners Point, Gardners Island, Suffolk County, N. Y., transferred to the War Department under date of April 5, 1898, for the purpose of erecting a battery:

1. Deed, dated August 7, 1851, from John G. Gardner, and Sarah Gardner to the United States.
2. Copy of the opinion of the Attorney General, dated January 23, 1852, as to the validity of title.
3. Cession of Jurisdiction, dated February 27, 1852, by the State of New York to the United States.
4. And four blueprints showing the site.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Extract from Minutes of Board of
1 May, 1905.

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The Engineer Secretary submitted a letter dated 14 February, '05, from the War Department, together with **other** papers asking the transfer from the Light-House Board to the War Department, of the title papers of the discontinued light-house site at Gardiners Point, N. Y.

Identifying Serial

No. of Property _____

N.Y. 51

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:

Gardiners Island Light, Easthampton, N.Y.

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

Not used

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

Light

5. Date of and authority for acquisition:

No record of authority
Deed dated Aug. 7, 1851

6. Original cost: \$400.00

7. Area:

Land: 14 A

Water:

Marsh:

Total: 14 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

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.

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.

(Continued on reverse side of page 2 of questionnaire)

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.

None

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.

Exclusive jurisdiction of U.S.

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

Owned by U.S.

15. Appraised value: _____ Land: 400.00
Improvements: None

Total: \$400.00

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

17. Remarks:

18. Yes

Date: DEC 27 1929

By whom made: Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District, Staten Island,
(Name; Title; Address) New York

Explanatory Notes (continued)

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.

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An Act making Appropriations for sundry civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, for the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, viz.:—

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Lighthouses, Beacons, and Stations.

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x x x x For repairs and

renovations at Poplar Point, Watch Hill, Gardner's Island, and Horton's Point light station, twelve thousand three hundred dollars.

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Approved, July 15, 1870.

Gardiner's Island, (N. Y.)

I6 Stat., pp. 291, 297 & 299.

(Copy)

Appropriation for repairs
and renovations at Poplar Point,
Watch Hill, Gardner's Island, and
Horton's Point light station.

Approved, July 15, 1870.

New York Files
(Gardner's Island)
No. 51

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON.

February 14, 1905.

The Secretary,

Department of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated April 5, 1898, to the effect that steps will be taken to transfer to the War Department, for purposes of fortification, the abandoned light-house reservation at Gardiners Point, Gardiners Island, Suffolk County, New York, I have the honor to state that it is understood that the transfer has been made, and it is therefore requested that the title papers to the reservation be transmitted to this Department for file.

Very respectfully,

Robert Shaw Oliver,
Acting Secretary of War.