Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Door
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: 70,10,55,0006
DATE: 10/15/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Eagle Lighthouse
AND/OR HISTORIC: Eagle Bluff Lighthouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3.5 miles north of Wis. 42 on Shore Road, in Peninsula State Park
CITY OR TOWN: Fish Creek vicinity
STATE: Wisconsin 54212 | CODE: 48 | COUNTY: Door | CODE: 029

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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District	☒ Public	☐ Occupied	Yes:
☐ Site ☒ Building	☐ Private	☒ Unoccupied	☒ Restricted
☐ Structure	☐ Both	☐ Preservation work in progress	☐ Unrestricted
☐ Object	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered		☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☒ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☒ Other *(Specify)*	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious	Working lighthouse	
☐ Entertainment	☒ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Public: Federal/State (U.S. Coast Guard; Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources)
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: (state) Madison | STATE: Wisconsin | CODE: 48

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: Sturgeon Bay | STATE: Wisconsin | CODE: 48

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A two-story house and lighthouse tower combined into one building made of cream colored brick. The house has a moderately steep gabled roof with a slight shallowing of pitch near the lower end of each face. At both gable ends, vertical ornamental posts or finials extend from the top level of the second story windows through the ridge of the roof and terminate in spires above the ridge. Near the lower end of each finial is a horizontal supporting crosspiece attached to the verge boards. Such gable end ornamentation, which gives the appearance of having a structural supporting function, is an interesting and attractive Gothic Revival architectural touch.

The lighthouse is a square structure oriented diagonally to the walls of the lightkeeper's house and built into the side of the house at the northeast end. There is a cast iron circular stairway leading from the basement of the lighthouse to the cupola, with landings at the floor levels of the house proper. At the second story landing is the only closet in the entire building. There is access to the house at each floor level. At the top of the tower is a square deck with an iron rail. The glazed cupola which houses the light is a decagonal structure set in the center of the deck. An alteration has been made in that the original oil burning, hand-operated light has been replaced by an electric, fully automatic light which needs no attendant except when the need for repairs or maintenance arises.

Near the back of the house is a massive square chimney oriented diagonally to correspond with the tower. This chimney arrangement makes it possible for more rooms to have stove chimney outlets at each floor level. There were stove openings in the parlor, dining room and kitchen downstairs and in a large bedroom upstairs.

The kitchen and dining room have wainscoted walls. (Fortunately, during the restoration, a nearby lumber company was found to have enough wainscoting still in storage from years past when it was occasionally in demand, to replace original parts of wainscoting where needed.) Because of the thickness of the walls of the house, window casings were set deep, giving extra depth to the sills.

The structure is original and was faithfully restored in 1961-1963. The original plans were available and used in making the structural restoration authentic. In order to preserve the original plaster, however, it was decided best to scrape off as much old calcimine and paint as possible and, after applying patching plaster where needed, to cover the walls with wallpaper appropriate to the period.[1] This alteration and that of replacing the old wood shingles with more weather resistant asphalt shingling should be made a matter of record, although neither is considered to be of more than minor importance so far as taking away from the structure's integrity is concerned.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century	☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century	☐ 17th Century	☒ 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1868; 1961-1963

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	☐ Education	☐ Political	☐ Urban Planning
☐ Prehistoric	☐ Engineering	☐ Religion/Philosophy	☐ Other *(Specify)*
☐ Historic	☐ Industry		
☐ Agriculture	☐ Invention	☐ Science	
☒ Architecture	☐ Landscape Architecture	☐ Sculpture	
☐ Art		☐ Social/Humanitarian	
☒ Commerce	☐ Literature		
☐ Communications	☐ Military	☐ Theater	
☐ Conservation	☐ Music	☒ Transportation	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1868, the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse was one of the earliest lighthouses on the Door County peninsula and marked the east passage of Green Bay to Lake Michigan.[1] It was therefore of significance to both commerce and transportation as there was much use of the difficult Green Bay water route in transporting both travelers and goods and supplies to and from the city of Green Bay. The light is still in use but is now automatic, requiring no lighthouse keeper.

The building is used as a museum of marine history of the area, concentrating on depicting the living conditions and duties of early lighthouse keepers on the Door peninsula on Green Bay and Lake Michigan; only the cupola containing the beacon is inaccessible to the public.

Architecturally the structure is unique in its combination of lighthouse tower and lighthouse keeper's house into a single building. It is an excellent example of functional design for efficient utilization of combined working and living quarters for a lighthouse keeper.

1. Badtke, Frances, Eagle Lighthouse, 11.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Badtke, Frances, Eagle Lighthouse, Door County Publishing Co., Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, 1944.

McBride, Marian, "Lighthouse Beacons Public," Milwaukee Sentinel, September 4, 1963.

"A New Life for Eagle Lighthouse," Green Bay Press-Gazette, July 11, 1965.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.0

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
D. N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

ORGANIZATION
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE
July 6, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE
Wisconsin 53706

CODE
48

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☒

Name Richard A Erney

Richard A. Erney

Title Acting Director
State Historical Society of Wis.

Date July 14, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
OCT 15 1970

Date

ATTEST:

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of The National Register

Date AUG 20 1970

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Door

RECEIPT — Eagle Lighthouse — W.S. SIGN

Date of Receipt 3/23/70 — 70.10.55.0006

	Yes	No	Number
Data Page	X		
Photo(s)	X		1
Photo Description(s)	X		
Map(s)	X		1
Map Description(s)	X		
Logged	X		see note
Acknowledged	X		NPS 4/1/70

Log 10/15/70
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Resubmitted 7/11/70 mm

4/1/70 — ok — Jamble 4/16/70

REVIEW

Historian — Comments: Return — Change this roof — 2nd time — OK Lee 8/12/70 — Jamble OK

Architect — Comments: OK — Chandler 8/8/70

If checked ref. to Keeper: / / Chief Architect / / Chief Archeologist / / Chief Historian

Keeper — Comments — RECEIVED MAR 23 1970 NATIONAL REGISTER — PK — Ushe 8/20/70

ENTRY

Chief, OAHP — Comments: ok — EllC 10-15-70

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk

	Yes	No	Date
Assign NPS No.	/ /	/ /	
Acknowledgement Sent	/ /	/ /	

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Discuss

Editor

Federal Register Entry 12/1/70 — Date — This calls for a clarification of criteria: do all lighthouses automatically go on the Register OR is this one unusual? E.D. 8/13/70

Annual Edition Entry

Conference — Betsy agrees this one is OK significant, not just because it is a lighthouse. S.M. 8/19/70

Returned 5/8/70

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Eagle Lighthouse, Peninsula State Park, Door County, Wis. c. 1969

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NPS Number 70-10-55-0006 dor. - 10-15-70

Title: Eagle Lighthouse

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Loc. Door County, Wisconsin
Viewed from southwest

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3.5 mi. N of Wis. 42 on Shore Road, in Peninsula State Park

CITY OR TOWN:
Fish Creek

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Wisconsin	48	Door	029

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle: Sister Bay, Wisconsin

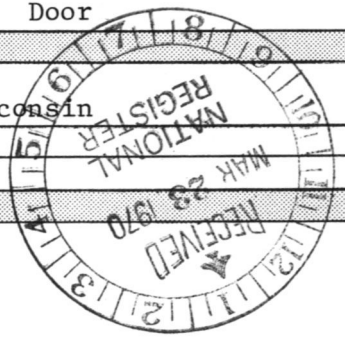
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DATE: 1960

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property broundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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Eagle Lighthouse

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SISTER BAY QUADRANGLE
WISCONSIN—DOOR CO.
15 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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N45° 10' 07"
W87° 14' 49"

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

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

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1954–55. Field checked 1960

Selected hydrographic data compiled from U. S. Lake Survey Charts 702 and 703 (1954). This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Wisconsin coordinate system, central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1960

SCALE 1:62500

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DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 10-FOOT CONTOURS
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty — Light-duty
Unimproved dirt
State Route

WISCONSIN
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
AND BY THE WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY, MADISON 6, WISCONSIN
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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OCT 15 1970

Mr. Richard A. Erney
Acting Director
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Mr. Erney:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators William Proxmire and Gaylord Nelson and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register OCT 15 1970

cc:
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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

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Eagle Lighthouse
Door Co, Wisc

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Treasure 10/
T. Wood 10/
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OCT 28 1970

Hon. William Proxmire
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Proxmire:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Wisconsin and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Gaylord Nelson and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Richard A. Erney, Acting Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

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cc: Mr. Richard A. Erney, Acting Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Duplicate letter sent to: Hon. Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Director, Northeast Region

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LL: Mr. Melvin 10/1/70
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Freeman 10/21
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Early 10/27

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OCT 28 1970

Hon. John W. Byrnes
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Byrnes:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Wisconsin and have been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators William Proxmire and Gaylord Nelson have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Richard A. Erney, Acting Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53706, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

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