MARSHALL POINT LIGHT STATION

Marshall Point Light Station is located on the east side of the south entrance to the fishing village of Port Clyde. It was originally established in 1832 and rebuilt in 1858. The main dwelling was struck by lightning in 1895 and was so severely damaged that it was rebuilt on the existing foundation. The present light is a modern type showing a fixed white light of 7,000 candlepower, is 30 feet above water and is visible for 6 miles. The old fifth order classical fresnel lens is on display at the Marine Exhibit of the Rockland Coast Guard Station. The fog signal is a diaphragm type which sounds a one-second blast every 10 seconds and has a range of one-half mile.

Historian Edward Rowe Snow reported that Marshall Point is in an area explored by the coastal explorer George Weymouth in the early 1600s and that in the early sailing days Marshall Point was known as both Port Clyde Light and Tenants Harbor Light.

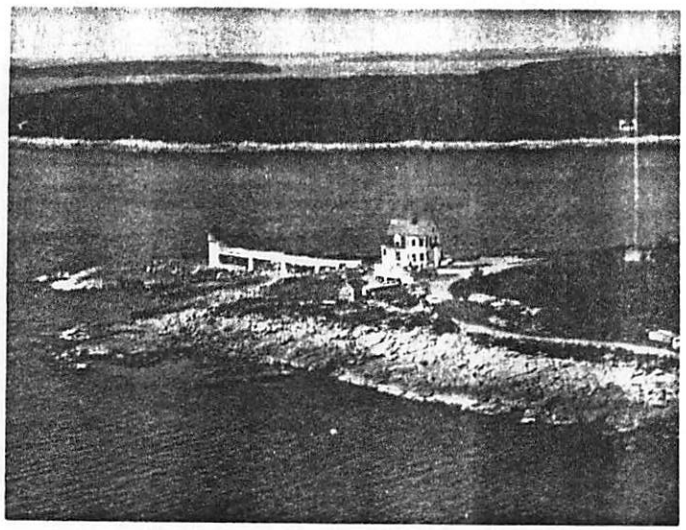
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD LIGHT STATION

MARSHALL POINT
PORT CLYDE, MAINE



DEDICATION CEREMONIES

SEPTEMBER 20, 1971

TWO O'CLOCK



REAR ADMIRAL R. W. GOEHRING, USCG

Rear Admiral Robert W. Goehring graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the Coast Guard Academy in 1939 and was commissioned as an ensign. Various floating assignments included the cutters DUANE and OWASCO. He attended Harvard Graduate School of Business from 1949 to 1951 receiving a Masters of Business Administration with distinction. He was then assigned to various administrative duties ashore prior to becoming commanding officer of the CGC CASTLE ROCK. After a tour of duty in Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, he returned to Boston in 1962 to assume command of the Boston Coast Guard Base and in 1965 was transferred to duties in St. Louis. With promotion to Rear Admiral in July 1967, he returned to Coast Guard Headquarters to become Chief, Office of Operations. On July 1, 1970, RADM Goehring was appointed to the post of Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and on July 22, 1971 became Commander, First Coast Guard District.

CAPTAIN ROLLIN T. YOUNG, USCG

Captain Rollin T. Young graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1941 and sailed as a licensed engineer with the Merchant Marine during World War II. He was commissioned a Lieutenant(jg) in the Coast Guard in June 1949. His service includes assignments in Boston, Mass., Cleveland, Ohio, Washington, D. C., and Norfolk, Virginia. On January 30, 1969 he became Commander, Coast Guard Group Southwest Harbor.





ETC-B6 DOUGLAS D. ADDY, USCG

Chief Petty Officer Douglas D. Addy entered the U. S. Coast Guard in July 1960. He graduated from the Coast Guard Electronics Technician School in July of 1961, and completed the course of instruction at the RCA Institute in 1968. He has previously served on five loran stations and recently aboard the USCG Cutter WINNEBAGO which served in Vietnam. On December 7, 1970 he was selected as the prospective Officer in Charge of the Marshall Point Loran facility.



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MARSHALL POINT LIGHT STATION
PORT CLYDE, MAINE

DEDICATION CEREMONIES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1971

SELECTED MUSIC
U. S. Coast Guard Band

WELCOMING
Captain R. T. Young, USCG
Commander, Southwest Harbor Group

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION
Reverend William J. Nelligan
Pastor, St. Bernard's Parish
Rockland, Maine

DEDICATION OF USCG LIGHT STATION
PORT CLYDE, MAINE
Captain R. T. Young, USCG

INTRODUCTIONS
Captain R. T. Young, USCG

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Commander, First Coast Guard District

BENEDICTION
Reverend William J. Robbins
Pastor, First Universalist Church
Rockland, Maine

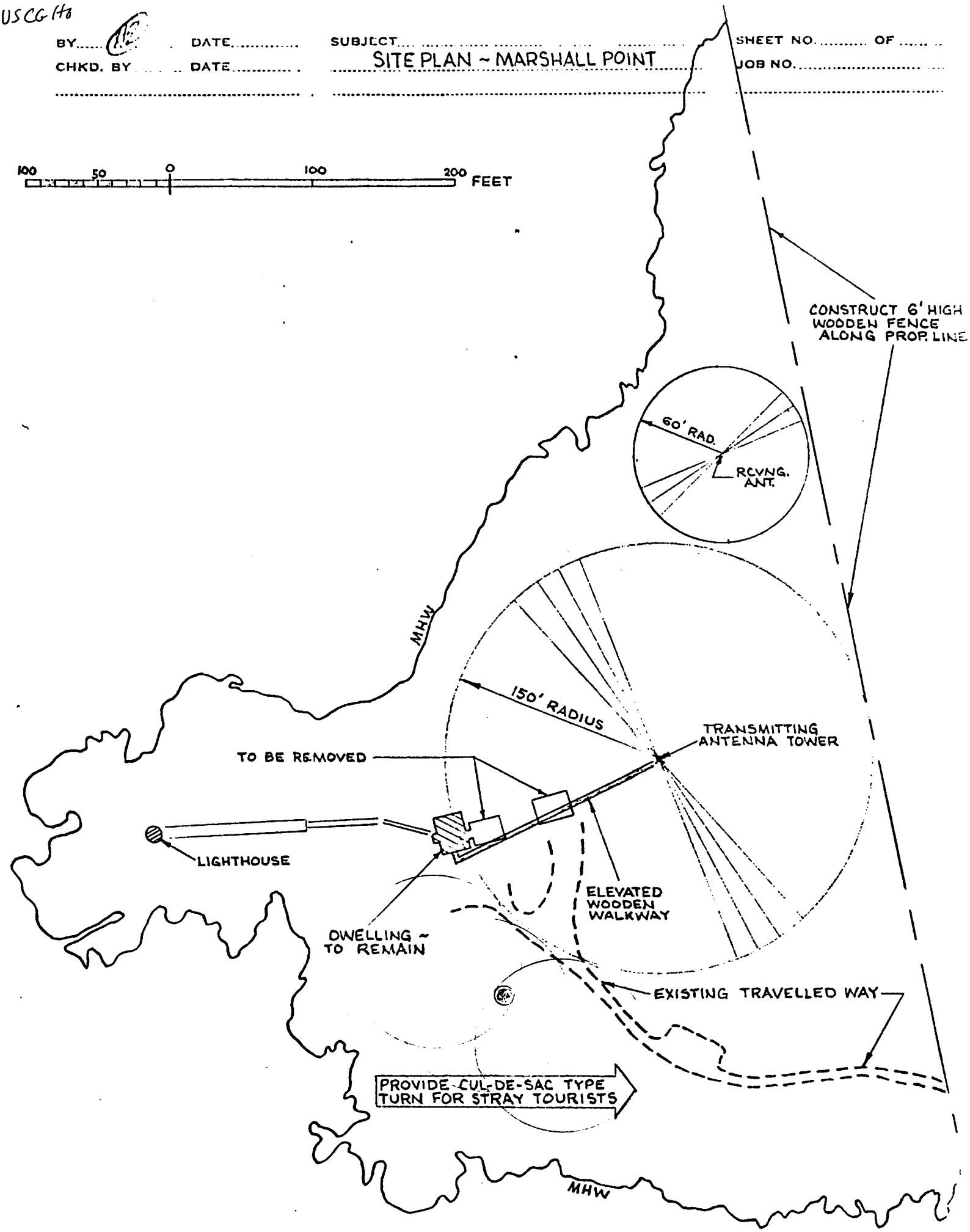
GUESTS ARE INVITED TO INSPECT MARSHALL POINT LIGHT STATION

REFRESHMENTS

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REKINDLED — Capt. John Williams (center) of the U.S. Coast Guard signs the 30-year, rent-free lease that will allow St. George to occupy the 156-year-old Marshall Point Light Station in Port Clyde. The local Historical Society will renovate the station to house a museum of local artifacts and also a caretaker's apartment. Also at Wednesday's ceremony were, from left: Grethe Goodwin of the Lighthouse Preservation Committee; St. George Town Manager John Falla, Selectmen Chairman Bob Dennison and Historical Society President James Skoglund.

Staff Photo by Steve Heddericg

Plans For Old Light Station Secure With Lease To Town

by Steve Heddericg
Assistant News Editor

PORT CLYDE — The entire parcel was within two weeks of becoming a 120-unit motel, complete with swimming pool.

Fortunately, public sentiment and politics intervened, and on Wednesday afternoon the town completed a seven-year process and signed a 30-year, rent free lease with the U.S. Coast Guard that will allow the 156-year-old Marshall Point light station to be renovated and restored into a local museum and caretaker's apartment.

Bright sunny skies and a moderate onshore breeze marked the occasion as town and Coast Guard officials, members of the St. George Historical Society and a few lighthouse buffs gathered for the ceremony.

"It is important that we have ceremonies, they commemorate important changes," Historical Society President James Skoglund told the group. "And this is important. This is more than signing over the lighthouse, it shows an attitude of the St. George people. This is the first time the people have saved something of historic importance. This signals the end of letting something go."

For more than a year, the Lighthouse Restoration Commitee of the historical society has been hard at work making plans and raising funds for the project. To date, $75,000 has been raised through a state grant ($25,000), taxpayer allocation ($25,000) and the remainder through contributions.

The entire project was started almost by mistake eight years ago. At that time Guy Scarpino, now a local legislator, was working in then-U.S. Congressman David Emery's office.

"I was talking on the phone one day with a Coast Guard liaison in Washington," Scarpino told the crowd, "when he mentioned there was a lighthouse in my area going up for auction in two weeks. He said a bid and plans for a 120-unit motel and pool on the site were already submitted."

Scarpino noted that the town office was unaware of the auction.

"We had to get it delayed to have a town vote to see if the town wanted to lease it," he said.

The town meeting came about, voters approved the idea and eventually the town entered into a lease agreement.

"Sometimes the best progress is to stay the same," Scarpino mused, looking at the property.

Also a boatbuilder, Scarpino offered the services of his tools and machinery in restoring the old station.

Selectmen Chairman Bob Dennison acknowledged the numerous supporters of the project.

"I want to thank the historical society for making it practical and the Coast Guard for making it possible," he said.

Capt. John Williams, Commander, Group Southwest Harbor said leasing the station to the town is "really what we like to see happen to lighthouses."

The Coast Guard is scheduled to automate all lighthouses by 1990.

"We are happy to know that the lease is here after a year and nine months," committee president Grethe Goodwin said. "Sept. 7 is a milestone."

She gave thanks to Town Manager John Falla for his work, "especially during the days when the Coast Guard records were moved from Boston to Governor's Island.

"This project is ready to fly," she said.

The committee hopes to have the renovations completed and a tenant in place in about a year.

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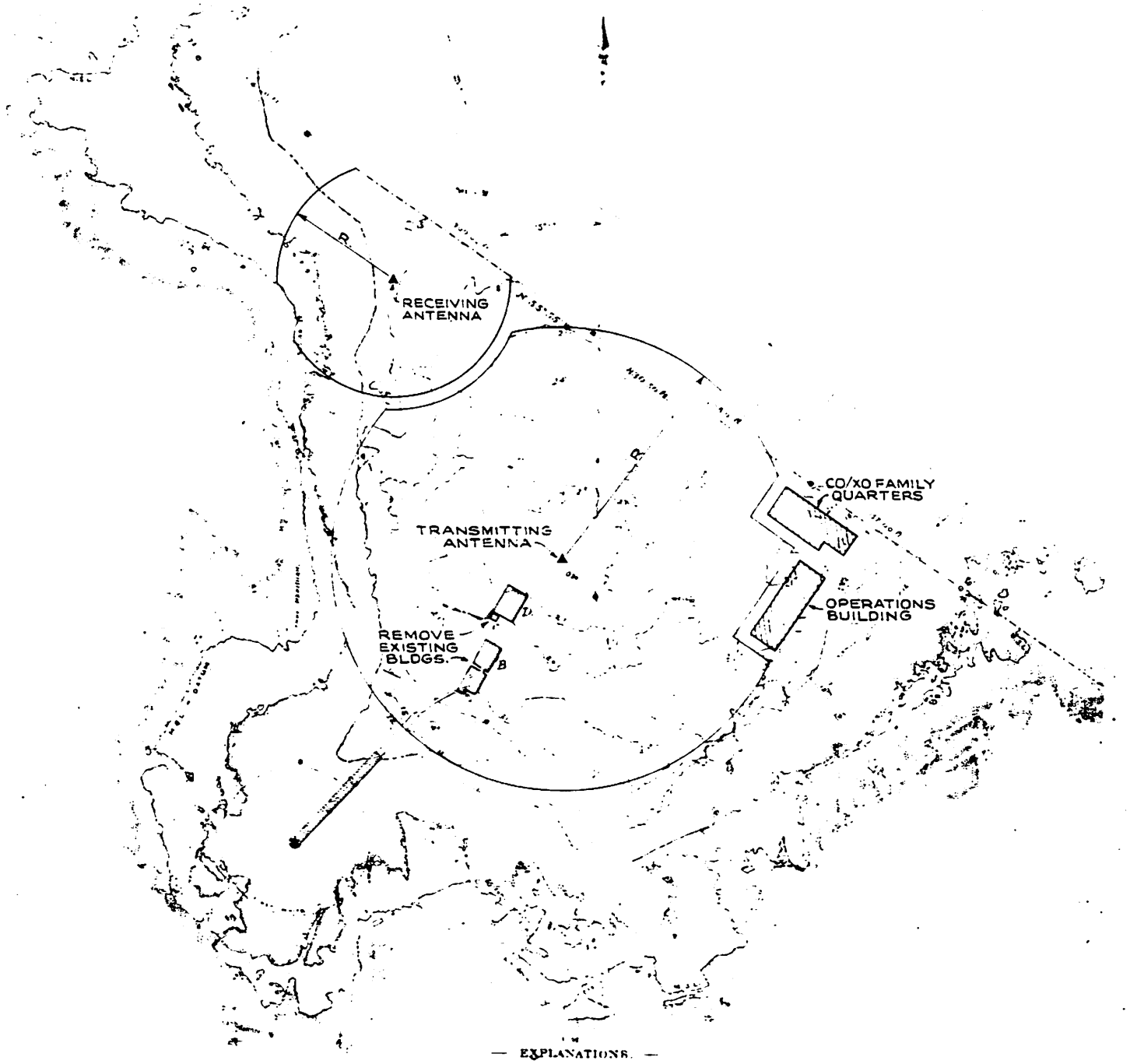
LIGHT STATION.

ME.

Lat. 43° 55' 03" N.
Long 69° 15' 42" W

Reservation Surveyed { Sept 22 to Oct 9 1890 / June 25 1891 } by E P ADAMS, C E, Lt Surveyor.

Scale 1/600



— EXPLANATIONS. —

The Magnetic Declination in 1831 was estimated as in 1890 by comparison of authorities as having been 11° 17' the declination at time of survey was determined by observation of Polaris to be 15° 17' W. Courses given on plan are true bearings. Contours 3 ft apart.

* Light Tower. A. Dwelling. B. Fuel House. C. Privy. D. Barn. E. Boat House.
— — — Boundary of Reservation. ——— Fence. ——— Stone Wall. o Copper Bolt.
——— M H W Line. ——— M L W Line. • Stone Bound, 3 ft long, 6" x 6" top cut thus +

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