

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

* * Point Isabel Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON

Port Isabel Lighthouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

State Highway 100

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Port Isabel

__ VICINITY OF

15

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Texas

CODE

48

COUNTY

Cameron

CODE

61

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Austin

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Texas

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Cameron County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Brownsville

STATE

Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey, Site No. Tex-33-AB-1.

DATE

March 19, 1935

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

After Fort Polk, Texas, was abandoned following the Mexican War, on Feb. 27, 1850, the Quartermaster General of the U.S. Army recommended that the site and buildings be transferred as a lighthouse site to the Treasury Dept., a recommendation which was approved on April 22, 1850. Because of an increase in maritime shipping through Brazos Santiago Pass to Port Isabel, Tex., and because of frequent foggy conditions in the area, Treasury Department officials agreed with the Army Quartermaster General and determined that the Department should construct a lighthouse in the vicinity as a navigational aid. On Sept. 28, 1850, the U.S. Congress authorized an appropriation of \$15,000 for "a lighthouse and beacon light" at Brazos Santiago and President Zachary Taylor, former General of the Rio Grande and one-time commander of the region, signed the bill.

The original construction contract between the Treasury Department and John Garey of Brownsville was signed December 6, 1851, and work began in February 1852. It was listed as completed in the 1853 report of the Lighthouse Board and was included in the October 1853 "List of Lighthouses" with Stephen Powers as its keeper. As initially constructed the lighthouse was an 82-foot-high brick tower topped with four lights. By 1854 it had 15 lamps and 21 reflectors. A third order lens was installed in 1857 and the fixed light was varied by flashes.

Probably the most colorful period of history of the Point Isabel Lighthouse occurred during the American Civil War. During the conflict, as federal ships blockaded the Texas coast, the Point Isabel Lighthouse was occupied by soldiers from both sides as a look-out post. Cannon and musket balls found in the walls of the structure a century later attest to the fighting in its vicinity.

After the close of the Civil War, the Treasury Department refitted the Point Isabel Lighthouse. It is said that during the conflict Col. John S. (Rip) Ford of Texas forces removed the lens to prevent its falling into the hands of Union troops. In the months after the war, Treasury Dept. employees refurbished the tower, refitted the lamps, and then relit the lighthouse on February 22, 1866. In 1879 the Lighthouse Board reported that the tower had deteriorated to a dilapidated condition, but by 1881 a new iron lantern had been installed and the following year mineral oil lamps had been fitted. In 1888 the light was temporarily discontinued because of a question about the title to the land upon which it stood. Claimants proved that the United States government had not title to the land, forcing the government to condemn the land in 1894 to acquire title. The government paid \$5,000 to secure unquestioned title and on July 15, 1895, the light returned to use. It operated for ten years, after which time it was extinguished in 1905. On Sept. 20, 1927, the Secretary of Commerce ordered the unused lighthouse and land sold. A local citizen purchased it for the sum of \$2,760 on December 14, 1927, but in the late 1940's a movement began to save the old lighthouse as a historic site. On October 5, 1950, the Texas State Park Board, as authorized by the Texas Legislature, formally accepted the lighthouse and surrounding land as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Lon C. Hill, Jr., owners at the time. Later additions were made from two lots adjoining on the west side of the plot.

The Texas State Park Board began restoring the lighthouse in 1951 and completed the following year. Using original descriptions, the restoration was conducted as precisely as possible. The outside of the brick tower was recovered with plaster, but the original iron platform on the top of the tower was replaced with concrete and the glass dome was raised to provide easier access to visitors. The spiral iron stairway within the tower was reinforced during the restoration with a welded hand rail. A mercury-vapor lamp was installed on the tower and the lighthouse returned to service as a navigational aid to seamen. Today the lighthouse is operated as a Tex. State Historic Park.

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Texas Historic Engineering Site Inventory
Fall, 1974 State
Texas Tech University
Lubbock, Texas

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1852

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

U. S. Department of Treasury

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Because of increasing maritime traffic through Brazos Santiago Pass, near the mouth of the Rio Grande on the Gulf of Mexico, the U. S. Department of Treasury constructed there in 1852 an eighty-two-foot-high brick lighthouse tower topped with a stationary white light which could be seen for fifteen miles. The lighthouse operated with changing equipment and with intermittent interruptions until 1905, after which time it was abandoned for several years. During the American Civil War the lighthouse served as an observation post for both Union and Confederate forces operating in the vicinity. After lying unused for most of the first half of the twentieth century, the Point Isabel Lighthouse was acquired in 1950 by the Texas State Park Board, subsequently was restored by that agency, and today stands both as a state historical park and as a functioning navigational aid.

The Point Isabel Lighthouse is one of the oldest functioning lighthouses on the Texas Gulf Coast. It played a significant part in military operations around the mouth of the Rio Grande during the Civil War and for over a century, with some interruptions, has served the region as an aid to seamen.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Baughman, J. C. "Taps for Texas Lighthouses." Houston Chronicle Rotogravure Magazine, June 29, 1952, pp. 6-7.
- McKenna, Verna Jackson. Old Point Isabel Lighthouse, Beacon of Brazos Santiago. Austin: Texas State Parks Board, 1956.
- U. S. Department of Treasury. Coast Guard. Historically Famous Lighthouses. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1972.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .55 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

T. Lindsay Baker, Research Associate

ORGANIZATION

History of Engineering Program, Texas Tech University

DATE

May 21, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 4089

TELEPHONE

(806) 742-1231

CITY OR TOWN

Lubbock

STATE

Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

 SIGNATURE

TITLE Texas State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

June 4, 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/30/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4.29.76

Property Point Isabel Lighthouse

7600 2014

State Tx

Working Number 11.11.75, 2026

Cameron

TECHNICAL

Photos 2

Maps 1

CONTROL

OK pl
11.12.75

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
12-15-75

To HAER.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Solid nomination
ACCEPT Hugand
12/19/75

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory BWB 3/18

✓ Review *End*
Accept 3/21

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
1/29/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Herry
4.27.76

National Register Write-up _____

Federal Register Entry 6-1-76

Send-back _____

Re-submit _____

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

NPS Number 4.30.76

Title: Point Isabel Lighthouse
Cameron Cty., Texas

Loc. North view. Small
lights are Christmas
decorations

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HISTORIC

Point Isabel Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON

Port Isabel Lighthouse

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Port Isabel

Cameron

Texas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

DATE OF PHOTO

History of Engineering Program, Texas Tech University

January 1973

NEGATIVE FILED AT

History of Engineering Program, Texas Tech University

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT. GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

North to full view of Point Isabel Lighthouse. The small lights
on wires are Christmas decorations used during December and early January.

1 of 2



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Cameron Cty., Texas

Loc. Reproduction of 1951,
pre-restoration photo,
taken by the State of
Texas. 2012

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CITY, TOWN

____ VICINITY OF

COUNTY

STATE

Port Isabel

Cameron

Texas

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Austin, Texas

DATE OF PHOTO

1951

NEGATIVE FILED AT

History of Engineering Program, Texas Tech University

4 IDENTIFICATION

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Reproduction of photograph of the Point Isabel Lighthouse in
1951 before restoration by the State of Texas. Original photograph is
at Point Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Park, Port Isabel, Texas.

PHOTO NO.

2 42

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Point Isabel Lighthouse

AND/OR COMMON

Port Isabel Lighthouse

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN Port Isabel

___ VICINITY OF

COUNTY Cameron

STATE Texas

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

USGS

SCALE 1:24000

DATE 1955

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

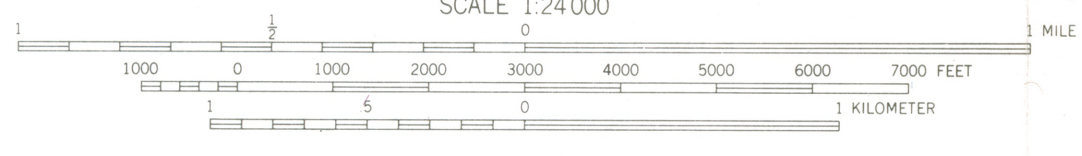
1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



POINT ISABEL
LIGHTHOUSE
PORT ISABEL,
TEXAS
UTM REF:
14679200/2886-
330

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USCGS, and USCE
Hydrography compiled from USC&GS charts 898 and 1288
Culture and drainage in part compiled by U.S. Coast and Geodetic
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1948-1950. Topography
from 1929 map by USGS, revised by planetable surveys 1955
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, south zone
1,000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 14, shown in blue
Water stages vary in this area with meteorological conditions
Approximate limits of occasional inundation shown by dashed blue lines
where mean high water is undetermined for lack of visual evidence
Dotted blue lines indicate the approximate limits of low water

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IN THE GULF OF MEXICO IS 1 FOOT
AND IN LAGUNA MADRE LESS THAN 1/2 FOOT

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Medium-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Unimproved dirt - - - - -
State Route ○

PORT ISABEL, TEX.
SW/4 PORT ISABEL 15 QUADRANGLE
N2600—W9707.5/7.5
1955
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 6536 II SW—SERIES V882

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered APR 30 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Hot Well Archeological Site	El Paso Vicinity El Paso County
Point Isabel Lighthouse	Fort Isabel Cameron County
Victoria Grist Windmill	Victoria Victoria County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower
Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Richard C. White
Hon. E. (Kika) de la Garza
Hon. John Young

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

cc: Regional Director, Southwest Region

PR:MMott:cam:5/4/76

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NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Point Isabel Lighthouse		2 OTHER NAMES:		3 date of entry: 4-30-76		4 county code: 61	
5 LOCATION street & number Off TX 100		city / town Port Isabel		vicinity of		state TX county Cameron	
7 OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL (agency name)		8 ADMINISTRATOR:		6 NPS REGION: Southwest			
9 EXISTING SURVEYS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD83 <input type="checkbox"/> HAER <input type="checkbox"/> NHL		10 FUNDED? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 15-44		12 SOURCE of NOMINATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL	
13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME		14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, NAME		15 ACREAGE .55		16 LOCAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE ORGANIZATION <input type="checkbox"/>	
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23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: TRANSPORTATION CURRENTLY: , park		24 dates of initial construction: 1852 major alterations: historic events:		25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION			
26 architectural style(s):		27 architect:		28 master builder:		29 engineer:	
30 landscape architect / garden designer:		31 interior decorator:		32 artist:		33 artisan:	
34 builder/contractor:							

35 NAMES give role & date

PERSONAL:

EVENTS:

INSTITUTIONAL:

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

Lighthouse, brick construction, 82' high, stationary white light visible up to 15 miles; operated with changing equipment and intermittent interruptions until 1905 when it was abandoned for several years; served as an observation post for both Union and Confederate troops during Civil War; restored, in 1950, by Texas State Park Board; ~~now~~ now operated as a state historical park and a functioning navigational aid.