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The light structure consists of a brick masonry conical tower, with a rectangular engine room extension connected by a short passage way. The stuccoed tower, 22 feet i diameter at the base, rises 67 feet to a metal framed lantern which has sixteen sides (marked A-P for erection purposes). The lantern is glazed with three tiers of rectang ular panes and is capped with a ball finial ventilator.

The base of the tower is distinguished by an elaborate watertable formed of cut stone mouldings. The two windows in the stairway of the tower have fully developed stone enframements. The tower work room below the lantern has four windows which alte nate with recessed panels in the masonry. There is a moulded stone band below the windows and an elaborate modillioned cornice just below the railing.

The lantern is fitted with a first order lens manufactured by F. BARBIER & CIE in Paris, dated 1890, and is designated BF/91. The lens and carraige are supported on four metal columns connected by open spandrel arches.

The attached engine room, 16.1 ft X 12.1 ft, has a gable roof with masonry parage pets. Access is gained through a door on the west side before which is a flight of stone steps. The one inside room has been refinished with resilent flooring, fiberboard ceiling and new door and window trim. This building is now covered with asphalshingles rather than the original wood. The parapets have been capped in metal and a modern flush door installed.

Color Scheme: Grey: Base Grey Green: Lantern, window sash, frames and reveals White: Masonry walls Red: Roof Light Characteristics: Gr. Fl. W., Alt. R. Fl., 15 Seconds Light List: 1278 and 90 Source of illumination: electricity Height of focal plane: 165 feet Range of light: 21 miles white, 20 red Fog signal: NONE Radio Beacon: 324 khz 25 ft @ 270 degrees from light Light Signal: 0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 ecclopse 0.1 sec white flash, 4.9 ecclipse 0.1 sec red flash, 4.9 ecclipse Light Specs: 210,000 candlepower electric There are no associated structures of significance remaining.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Original specs for first order lens (1898), light tower (Jan 1891) keepers dwelling, barn, oil house, etc (Jan 1891) are still on file at CG District 13 Headquarters.

The mouth of the Umpqua River was among the first four sites selected for lighthouses in the Oregon Territory. Other designated sites, as stated in a letter dated 01 October 1851 from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of the Interior, were Cape Disappointment, New Dungeness and Cape Flattery. All three of these sites now fall within the borders of the State of Washington. Construction of the first lighthouse, which was built near the river's entrance, was commenced in 1856 and the light exhibition in the fall of the following year. In 1863, river freshets undermined the foundations of this structure and it collapsed, a total loss.

It was not until 1888 that Congress appropriated money for a replacement. A site of higher elevation was purchased and construction commenced in 1891. Completion of the facility was delayed by default of one of the contractors and it was not finished and lighted until near the end of 1894.

The tower and workroom bear a striking resemblance to Heceta Head Light, which was built about thirty miles to the north in 1892-93. Another similar light of the northwest coast is North Head Lighthouse (c. 1898) in the State of Washington near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Jim Gibbs, in <u>West Coast Lighthouses</u>, reports a thrilling story of piracy which took place off the Umpqua River Light in 1909. Two men of unsavory character, suspecting the presence of a large gold shipment, plotted to sieze the Alaska Pacific Navagation Co., liner BUCKMAN, run her aground and make off with the treasure. The plans were **t**warted, but not before the captain of the ship and the leading thug were dead.

A fog bell on public display in front of the tower bears the following inscription:

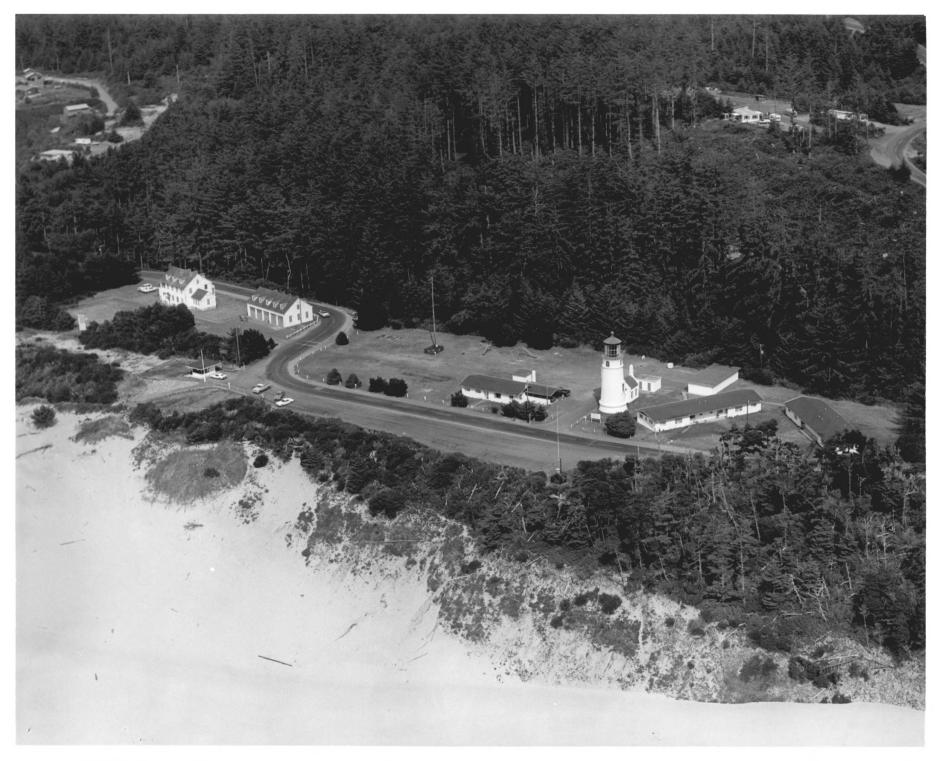
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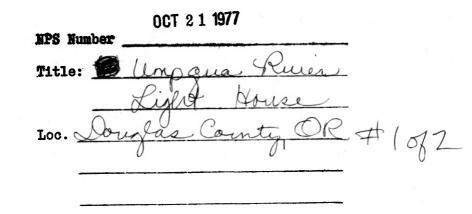
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