

Fishing Battery Lighthouse Timeline

(Located on Fishing Battery Island, 2.5 miles below the entrance to the Susquehanna River, Havre de Grace, MD)

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| 1853 | Construction of 32-foot tall, integral one and a half story brick lighthouse/dwelling built by John Donahoo. This was his last of 13 lighthouses. Fitted with 5 lamps and reflectors. |
| 1855 | Fitted with 6 th -order Fresnel lens. |
| 1864 | Lantern is replaced. |
| 1867 | Lantern replaced again. |
| 1880-1891 | Island leased to the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries and makes extensive improvements to lighthouse. Structure enlarged and receives new foundation. Ground floor converted to boathouse and storage area. 2nd floor -keeper's quarters. |
| 1899 | 5 th -order Fresnel lens installed. |
| 1921 | 38-foot steel skeletal tower built next to lighthouse. Lantern removed from lighthouse. Keeper continues to live in lighthouse. |
| 1939 | Automation. Solar-powered cells installed. Keeper leaves. |
| 1942 | Island comes under the jurisdiction of the Department of Interior and becomes part of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. |
| 1980s | Battery Island Preservation Society, Inc. attempts to stabilize island and restore lighthouse. |
| 1994 | Coast Guard conducts property survey; determines foundation is not structurally sound. Later declares lighthouse "excess property". |

Sources: *Bay Beacons* by Linda Turbyville and *Maryland Lighthouses of the Chesapeake Bay* by F. Ross Holland