

## **Pooles Island Lighthouse Timeline**

(Located on Pooles Island, off the mouth of the Gunpowder River, Harford County, MD, part of the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Oldest original lighthouse still standing in Maryland – 4<sup>th</sup> oldest LH on the Chesapeake Bay)

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| <b>1825</b> | 40-foot tall white-washed conical tower of Port Deposit granite built by John Donahoo – his second lighthouse project. |
| <b>1828</b> | Fog bell and tower constructed.  |
| <b>1857</b> | Reflector light system replaced with 4 <sup>th</sup> -order Fresnel lens.  |
| <b>1881</b> | Station severely damaged by storm.   |
| <b>1917</b> | U. S. Army acquires and condemns island, making it a part of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.                             |
| <b>1918</b> | Lighthouse is automated. Keeper Amasa Simpson and family transferred to Blakistone Island Lighthouse.                  |
| <b>1939</b> | Lighthouse deactivated; lens removed. Keeper's quarters torn down soon after.  |
| <b>1994</b> | U. S. Army requests National Historic Register status for lighthouse.  |
| <b>1997</b> | Volunteers from three government agencies complete full restoration of tower.  |

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