

Piney Point Lighthouse Timeline

(Known as the Lighthouse of Presidents – summer retreat of Presidents Monroe, Pierce & Teddy Roosevelt, located on the grounds of Piney Point LH, Museum and Historic Park, Piney Point, MD – Revised – 09/02/08)

- 1836** Thirty-four foot tall brick lighthouse and Keepers' dwelling built by John Donahoo of Havre de Grace, MD for approximately \$5,300.
- 1855** Old reflecting apparatus consisting of 10 lamps and 10 15-inch reflectors replaced with a 5th order Fresnel lens. Range increased to 11 miles.
- 1880** Thirty foot tall bell tower added to the light station for fog protection.
- 1884** Keepers' dwelling enlarged with addition of second story.
- 1954** Bell tower destroyed by Hurricane Hazel and not rebuilt.
- 1964** Lighthouse decommissioned by US Coast Guard.
- 1980** Ownership transferred to St. Marys' County and placed under jurisdiction of the St. Clement's Island- Potomac River Museum.
- 2002** Wooden stairway installed to allow access to lantern room.

Source: *Bay Beacons* by Linda Turbyville