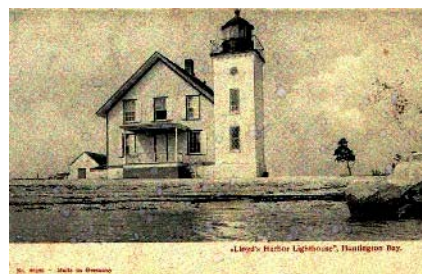


# Huntington's Lighthouses

## *Eaton's Neck Lighthouse (1798) & Huntington Lighthouse (1912)*

Huntington's natural harbors played a prominent role in the Town's settlement and economic development. Consequently, it is not surprising that its waters and shores have provided sites for three different lighthouses, two of which are still standing. Eaton's Neck Lighthouse (1798) and Huntington Lighthouse (1912), although automated, are still in operation today. However, the present Huntington Lighthouse, formerly called the Lloyd Harbor Lighthouse, was preceded by an earlier "Lloyd's Harbor" Lighthouse (1857) on the southern tip of Lloyd Neck to the northwest of the current structure. Use of the original, wooden Lloyd's Harbor Lighthouse with its brick light tower was discontinued after erection of the newer, concrete structure in 1912. Unfortunately, the 1857 structure was completely destroyed by fire on November 12, 1947.

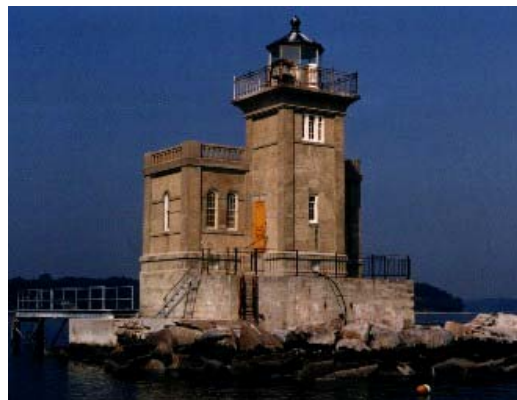


A postcard showing the original "Lloyd's Harbor" Lighthouse in the early 1900s.



Eaton's Neck Lighthouse is the second oldest lighthouse on Long Island. Similar to the Montauk Point Lighthouse built two years earlier, it was designed and constructed by the same man, John McComb, Jr. (1763-1853). With an octagonal sandstone tower standing 73 feet tall on a foundation of brick, sandstone, and cement, the Eaton's Neck Lighthouse projects a fixed white light from its Third Order Fresnel lens, the only Fresnel lens still actively used on Long Island. Made by the Henry-Lepaute Company of Paris France, the lens was originally lit by a whale oil lamp. The present light is an electrically powered 1000-watt quartz bulb with 150,000 candlepower. Unfortunately, the original keeper's quarters no longer exist, having been replaced by more recent government housing for the U.S. Coast Guard station at this site.

The Huntington Lighthouse was built by Charles Meade Co. of New York from 1910-1912. This 42-foot tall Venetian Renaissance concrete structure sits on a reinforced concrete crib foundation that was constructed onshore, towed to the site, sunk, and filled with concrete. The original light was a red Fifth Order Fresnel lens lit with kerosene and later by electricity. However, the present light, automated in 1967, is a white light flashing every six seconds. In 1984 the federal government decided to demolish the lighthouse due to its poor condition and the expense of rehabilitation. However, a grass roots preservation effort resulted in the 1985 formation of Save Huntington's Lighthouse, Inc. (later renamed "Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society"), which led the successful campaign to preserve the light. Under a lease agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society has been carefully restoring the badly deteriorated structure. After replacing the collapsed roof in 1988 and stabilizing the exterior masonry, the Society has been gradually restoring interior elements of the building. Installation of a steel dock by the Coast Guard in 1997 has enabled the scheduling of periodic public tours of the structure while restoration work continues.



*For more information on both lighthouses visit [www.longislandlighthouses.com](http://www.longislandlighthouses.com)*

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