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East Point Lighthouse

The East Point Lighthouse, originally known as the Maurice River Light, stands at the entrance to Maurice River Cove. For years, it has been a welcomed site for fishermen, oystermen, boaters and land-based visitors. If you haven't traveled through nearby Heislerville to see it in person, you probably have seen it featured in regional promotions.

It was built by the Federal Government in 1849 on land owned by Joshua Brick (the founder of Bricksboro). The Light was originally intended to be a one-story structure, costing almost two thousand dollars! But Mr. Brick wanted a larger structure, and offered to pay for the added costs of the two-story facility that was built.

With the start of World War II, the Light was extinguished for security reasons. In 1955, the Federal Government decided to decommission the lighthouse and sell it. However, the State intervened and, today, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife rents the Light to the Maurice River Historic Society, its present caretaker.

Though vandals set it aflame in 1971, the East Point Light was restored, thanks to The Maurice River Historical Society, restoration funding of \$600,000 and the work of many volunteers. Today, the East Point Light's 40 foot high Fresnel lens shines, as in its former glory, guiding mariners to the mouth of the Maurice River.