

Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum in New York Attains Not-For-Profit Status

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After long months of waiting to hear the result of their application to the IRS for not-for-profit status, the Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum is now a 501c3 organization. With this designation, donations to the museum are now fully tax-deductible for the donor. This is a giant step for the museum, which started with a few interested people meeting in the summer of 2003, to explore the possibility of rebuilding the lighthouse that once graced the entrance to Oak Orchard Harbor, New York. The goal is a lighthouse at Point Breeze, to be constructed in the near future. See "Rebuilding the Past" in the January/February 2005 issue of *Lighthouse Digest*, for more on this story. To donate, go to www.oakorchardlighthouse.com or write to: Oak Orchard Harbor Light, P.O. Box 436, Albion, NY 14411 or call Peg Wiley at (585) 682-4552. 🗼

The original 32-foot Oak Orchard Lighthouse, built in 1871, stood along with a keeper's house on the west side of the Oak Orchard River in Point Breeze, New York. The lighthouse was demolished in 1916, but the keeper's house remains standing and is a private residence. The Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum plans to build a replica of the lighthouse on the east side of the river. Courtesy of C. W. Lattin of Albion, NY and the Oak Orchard Lighthouse Museum.

