

Italianate architectural features

Whenever practical, the Lighthouse Service tried to adapt the buildings not only to the climate but also the local architectural styles so the lighthouses fit their surroundings.

two-story masonry construction with asymmetrical massing and L-shaped floorplan

square tower with dentil cornice

double doors with inset wooden panels

Simple and substantial designs were used for sake of durability, avoiding superfluous ornamentation such as decorative brackets or elaborate hood molding.

intersecting gable roof

overhanging eaves with rake board and box cornices

tall paired windows with curved projecting hoods

Similar-looking Italianate lighthouses were built in several locations in the Third District of the Lighthouse Service, including Newark Bay, Long Island Sound and the Hudson River.

The choice construction materials relied on what was available in the vicinity. On the Hudson River, that meant bricks made from river clays.



The Light House, Saugerties, N. Y.