

LIGHTHOUSE DIGEST'S LIGHTHOUSE

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Lighthouse Digest has created a national database detailing those lighthouse keepers honored with United States Lighthouse Service Memorial Markers at their gravesites.

Since 2011, *Lighthouse Digest* has been honoring U.S. Lighthouse Service and U.S. Coast Guard personnel with grave markers. Tim Harrison felt that our nation's lighthouse keepers deserved to be recognized and never forgotten for their heroic deeds as well as sometimes ordinary lives they led while keeping our shores safe. When placing those first markers, Tim developed the *Lighthouse Digest* Memorial Marker Program. Since then, *Lighthouse Digest* has led the way for various lighthouse groups, lightkeeper descendants, historical societies, and private individuals to also place markers at lighthouse keepers' graves across the country using our program outline and resources.

With nearly 200 USLHS Grave Markers placed across the country – over 60 sponsored by *Lighthouse Digest* and almost 50 placed by the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society alone – we are getting closer to fulfilling Tim's vision of every keeper eventually being honored.

The *Lighthouse Digest* Memorial Marker Database lists the keeper names, lighthouses they served at, locations and dates of all markers placed throughout the country for lighthouse keepers

and other significant personnel in lighthouse history. If you have placed a marker or know of a marker that is not included in this list, please send an email to us with the name of the keeper, lighthouses where he/she served, cemetery name with city and state, the date it was placed, and who sponsored the marker, to: director@LighthouseHistoryResearch.org. The national database will then be updated accordingly.

We are also working on getting this database transferred online at www.LighthouseHistoryResearch.org, so lighthouse groups, historians, and keepers' descendants will have access to this information and be encouraged to place markers at the graves of other light keepers, lightship sailors, and lighthouse personnel.

By doing so, we can all help to achieve Tim Harrison's dream of honoring those lighthouse keepers who guarded our shores for over 250 years. As Tim often stated at the many ceremonies he led, "It is said that a person dies twice, once with their last breath and then the last time their name is spoken." Keeping these ceremonies and marker placements going will ensure that we keep these keepers alive in our hearts and give them the recognition they deserve.

For more information and how to plan your own ceremonies go to: www.LHDigest.com/USLHSGraves

Grave Markers - State of Maine

Placed by Dave Gamage

Fred C. Batty
Arthur J. Beal

Placed by Friends of Little River Light

Willie W. Corbett

Placed by Willie Granston

Elmer Conary

Placed by Jack Graham

Elson L. Small

Placed by Kimberly & Matt Ashby

Loring Myers

Placed by *Lighthouse Digest*

Oliver Ackley
Nathaniel S. Alley
Maurice A. Babcock, Sr.
Vinal O. Beal
Ken Black - USCG
Robert Cale, Sr. - USCG
George Case
Lowell G. Chase
Gleason W. Colbeth
George S. Connors
Lucius Davis
Willis Dolliver
Thomas Frank Faulkingham
Roscoe L. Fletcher
Arthur E. Ginn
Peter Godfrey
William Godfrey
Henry M. Godfrey
Abbie Burgess Grant
Isaac Grant
Harris Grant
Roscoe G. Johnson
Charles A. Kenney
Paul Kessler
Harold L. Kilton
Vurney L. King
Rufus King
Loring F. Leavitt
John McGuire

Almon Mitchell
Frederic W. Morong
James A. Morris
Joseph Muise
Amos B. Newman
Charles H. Newman
Marnal R. Newman
William J. Newman
Clifford M. Robbins
Howard P. Robbins
Fred M. Robbins
Herbert Robinson
Ira E. Scovill - USLSS
Elijah Shiverick
Leverett Stanley
William Stanley
Albert Staples
Daniel Thayer
Ebenezer "Eben" Wormell



The U.S. Coast Guard salutes Robert Cale, Sr.'s grave after placing the memorial marker.



The crowd listens at the Mt. Height Cemetery in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

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Almon Mitchell at the top of Ram Island Light in Maine.



Tim Harrison tells the history of the lighthouse keepers at the ceremony at the Hillside Cemetery in Bucks Harbor, Maine. (Debra Baldwin photo)



Maine congressional representative Will Tuell speaks at the ceremony in Cutler, Maine. (Debra Baldwin photo)



Tim Harrison with Lorraine Morong at the Morong gravesite. (Photo by Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison)



Connie and Elson Small's grave - with Connie's best-selling book, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Wife* - in Machiasport, Maine. (Photo by Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison)

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Grave Markers - State of Maine (Continued)

Placed by *Lighthouse Digest* and Marshall Point Lighthouse
Joseph M. Gray

Placed by *Lighthouse Digest* and West Quoddy Head Light Keepers Association

Don F. Ashby
Clayton L. Coffin, Sr.
Howard Bob Gray
Eugene C. Ingalls
Ephraim Johnson
Eugene N. Larrabee

Placed by **the Milan Family**
Orrin Lindsey Milan



Keeper Ebenezer Wormell. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



Kathleen and Timothy Harrison at Mt. Height Cemetery in Southwest Harbor, Maine. (Debra Baldwin photo)



George Morrison, USCG Ret. salutes the gravesite of Maurice A. Babcock, Sr. who was a lighthouse keeper at Boston Light and is buried in Maine. (Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison photo)



The U.S. Coast Guard and family members at the memorial monument of lighthouse keeper Eugene Ingalls. (Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison photo)



The U.S. Coast Guard salute at the gravesite of lighthouse keeper Eugene N. Larrabee. (Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison photo)

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Placed By Peaks Island Historical Society

James T. Jones
William A. Lane
Robert Thayer Sterling
John T. Sterling
James W. Sterling

Placed by Ron Janard

Harold D. King, Commissioner of Lighthouses

Placed by USCG Auxiliary Portsmouth, NH

William C. Williams



The U.S. Coast Guard salutes keeper Elson Small. (Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison photo)



Lighthouse keeper at Great Duck Island Light Ephraim Johnson and his wife Ada. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



Lighthouse keeper Elson Small and Connie on their wedding day. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



George Case gravesite with memorial marker placed. (Kathleen Finnegan-Harrison photo)

Tim Harrison, shown here speaking at the ceremony for Little River Lighthouse keepers in Cutler, Maine, was the MC at dozens of Memorial Marker ceremonies. (Debra Baldwin photo)



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Grave Markers - State of Massachusetts

Placed by Nauset Light Preservation Society

Benjamin H A Collins
Michael Collins
Joshua Crosby
Herman Gill
Alfred H. Gill
Nathan A. Gill, Sr.
Henry Y. Hatch
Peter Higgins

Placed by Ron Janard

Alfredo Monteiro



Keeper Peter Higgins. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



Benjamin H A Collins' grave in Massachusetts.



The gravesite of Michael Collins.

Ron Janard at the grave site of Alfredo Monteiro, crewman of *Lightship Nantucket LV117*.



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Grave Markers - State of Florida

Placed by Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation

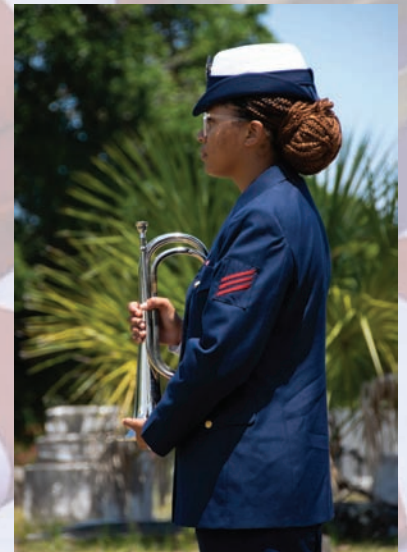
Clinton P. Honeywell
Juius James Jeffords
Edward John Praetorius
Oscar Floyd Quarterman
John Ludwig Sturk
Alfred H. Trafford

Placed By Pensacola Lighthouse & Museum

Eugene C. Bonifay
George T. Clifford
Samuel Lawrence
Martha C Enfinger Lawrence
Thomas Madden

Placed By Florida Keys Reef Lights

George Richard Billberry
George Edward Billberry
Benjamin Howard Lowe



The U.S. Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral provided a bugler to play Taps. (Courtesy Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation)



The gravesite of Alfred H. Trafford. (Courtesy Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation)



Gravesite of Benjamin Howard Lowe. (Photo by James Stein)



Gary Smith, Eric Martin, and Walter Lowe in December 2021. (Photo by James Stein)



Gravesite of John Ludwig Sturk.

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Grave Markers - State of Georgia

Placed By Coastal Georgia Historical Society

James Gould
David O'Hagen - USCG
Isaac L. Peckham
Carl Olaf Svendsen



Carl Olaf Svendsen,
keeper at St. Simons
Island, Georgia Light.



Family of
Carl Olaf
Svendsen.



U.S. Coast Guard
members at keeper
David O'Hagen's
grave.

Grave Markers - State of Louisiana



Placed by Anna Brans

John da Rocha Monteiro - District Supervisor
Charles da Rocha Monteiro - USCG

(l-r) SA Travis Taylor and FN Eric Pitts
from ANT Dulac offer a salute to the
Captains Monteiro. (Photo by Brenda Bell)



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Grave Markers - State of Maryland

By Chesapeake Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society
Maryland Team - Greg Krawczyk

- Capt. Alexander Andersen
- Otho Bounds
- Capt. Joseph Bowling
- James Bowling
- Margaret Bowling
- Lorenzo Dow Evans
- William James Kelly
- Nancy Lawson
- Noah Lawson
- George H. Leikam, Sr. - USCG
- Sven Olsen - USCG
- John O'Neill
- Capt. John A. Phillips
- Thomas J. Steinhise
- Henry Columbus Sterling
- Capt. John H. Tawes
- Charles Tyler
- George Martin Wible
- William Yeatman, Jr.
- William Yeatman, Sr.



Keeper Ortho Bounds.
(Lighthouse Digest archives)



Gravesite of Margaret & James Bowling.



Descendants of Lorenzo Dow Evans.



Gravesite of Thomas J. Steinhise.



Descendants of
Charles C. Tyler.

Descendants of Margaret
and James Bowling.



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Grave Markers - State of Michigan

Placed by Crisp Point Lighthouse

Philip F. Eby
Jacob "Harry" Gibb
Harry House
Joseph Singleton



Placed by Historic Association of South Haven, MI

William P. Bryan
James Donahue

Placed by Tawas Point Lighthouse

Herbert N. Burrows
Sherman Wheeler

Placed By Van Regenmorter Family

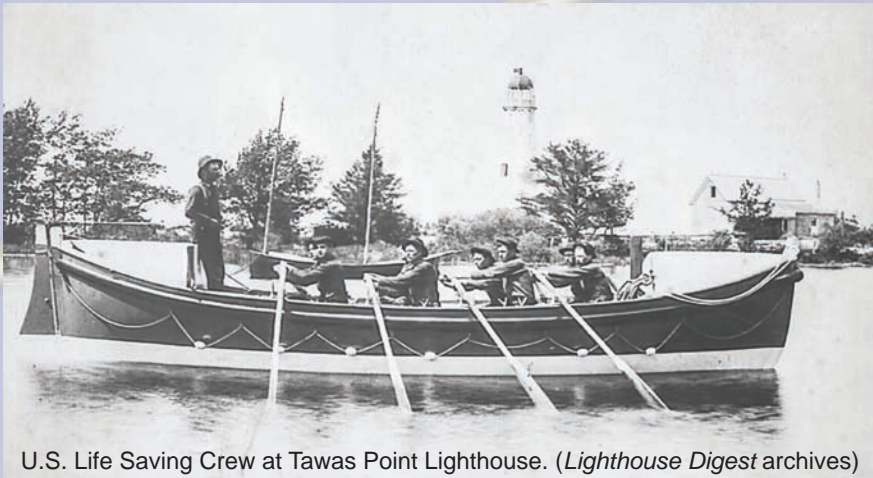
Melgert Van Regenmorter

Placed by White Shoal Light Historical Preservation Society

George Keller



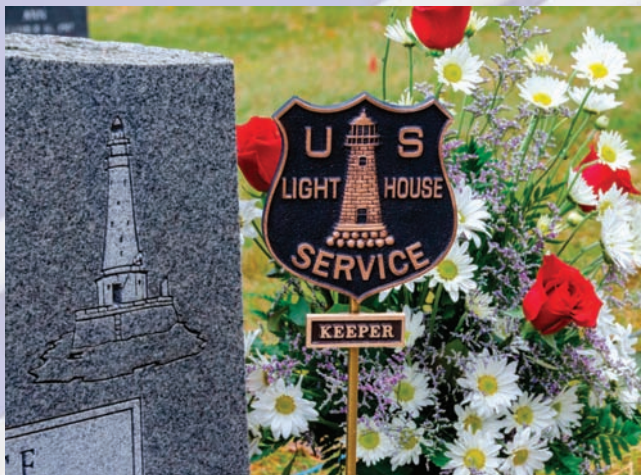
Tawas Point Lighthouse in Michigan. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



U.S. Life Saving Crew at Tawas Point Lighthouse. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



White Shoals Lighthouse Keeper George Keller. (Courtesy of White Shoals Light Historical Preservation Society)



Decendents of George Keller. (Courtesy of Ceil Heller)

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Grave Markers - State of North Carolina



Placed by Old Baldy Foundation

Joseph A. Ball
 Lewis H. Bringloe
 Samuel L. Brinkman
 Dunbar Davis
 James Henry "Sonny" Doshier
 Robert Merritt Gaskins
 Peter Larsen
 Henry Long
 John Richard Newton
 James Everett Pinner
 John E. Price
 Henry G. Swan
 Charles Norton Swan
 Thomas Mann Thompson
 John Watts



Lighthouse keeper Peter Larsen with his wife Lue Blanche on their wedding day. (Courtesy Old Baldy Foundation)



Memorial Marker ceremony sponsored by the Old Baldy Foundation.

Grave Markers - State of Virginia



Placed by Chesapeake Chapter, U.S. Lighthouse Society Virginia Team - Betty Collins, Tony Pasek, and Hobie Statzer

Nelson Stanley Atherton
 William Thomas Brooks
 Floyd Earl Crewe
 William Edward Davis
 William James Diggs
 Henry Luther Dow
 Isaac Foster
 John Filmore Hudgins
 Oliver R. Hudgins
 James Beauregard Hurst
 Frank Raymond Lewis
 Levi D. Marchant
 Robert Harold Matthews
 Robert Franklin Powell
 Charles Edwin Respass
 Wesley Foster Ripley
 James Temple Ripley
 Andrew Broaddus Sadler
 Charles Franklin Sadler
 Charles Linwood Sadler
 Clarence Walter Salter
 Fannie Mae Salter
 Walter M. Shawn
 Barney Crockett Thomas
 John William Thomas
 James Garnett Williams



James G. Williams and his wife Sarah. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



William Thomas Brooks' descendants. (Photo by Tony Pasek)



Honor Guard at Andrew B. Sadler gravesite. (Photo by Alma Pasek)

Fannie Mae Salter raising the flag at Turkey Point Lighthouse in Maryland. (*Lighthouse Digest* archives)



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Grave Markers - State of New Hampshire



Placed by Friends of Portsmouth Harbor Lights
Henry M. Cuskley
Leander White



Lighthouse keeper Leander White and his wife Elizabeth. (Lighthouse Digest archives)

Grave Markers - State of New York



Placed by Dana Kenn
Charles N. Miller



Charles Miller, wife Dora, Dora's siblings Henry and Angelica in 1891. (Courtesy Dana Kenn)

Grave Markers - State of Oregon



Placed by Debbie (Gibbs) and Ray Pedrick
James A. Gibbs

Placed by Jean Hayward Wilkinson

Eugene O. Hayward
Orlo E. Hayward

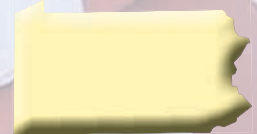
Placed by Columbia River Maritime Museum

Robert Gerlof

Debra Baldwin speaking at the Robert Gerlof ceremony.



Grave Markers - State of Pennsylvania



Placed by Presque Isle Light Station

Benjamin Franklin Henry
Frank S. Huntington
Charles Torrey Waldo

Grave Markers - State of Rhode Island



Placed by Friends of Pomham Rocks Light

Nathaniel Dodge
Charles H. Salisbury
Mary Anna Salisbury



Capt. Charles H. Salisbury gravesite.



U.S. Coast Guard and descendants of Benjamin Franklin Henry.

Grave Markers - State of South Carolina



Placed by Friends of Hunting Island State Park
Theodore T. Gaillard



Lighthouse keeper Theodore Thomas Gaillard and his wife Estelle Ellen. (Courtesy of the Gaillard Family)



Placed by Georgene Finch
Edwin Clements



Georgene Finch at Edwin Clements grave. (Debra Baldwin photo)