

KEEPERS' LIST

First St. Augustine Light Station, 1824-1874

KEEPERS

1st ASSISTANTS

2nd ASSISTANTS

Juan (John) Andreu

1824 - 1845

Unknown, 1845 – 1849

John Carrera

3 Sept 1849 - 17 June 1853, died

Robert Mickler

26 Oct 1853 - Spring 1854

Joseph J. Andreu

11 April 1854 - 9 Dec 1859, died

Maria Mestre de los Dolores,

m. Andreu

28 Dec 1859 - spring 1862



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Lowell file stereoview

Joseph Mickler

Keeper Pellicer turned farmer



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Civil War – Light darkened. No Keepers from spring 1862 – 20 May 1867

Siladonia Pellicer

22 May 1867 - 7 Feb 1873, resigned

Alexander R. Rose

7 Feb 1873 - 4 April 1873, declined

William W. Russell

4 April 1873 - 15 Oct 1874

15 October 1874
Light decommissioned

Alexander F. Canova

17 Sept 1873 - Dec 1873, resigned

Hastings Gifford

3 Dec 1873 - 1 July 1874, resigned

Francis Phillip Fatio Dunham

1 July 1874 - 15 Oct 1874

Eugene Hernandez

1 July 1874 - 29 July 1874, resigned

John M. Bridies

29 July 1874 - 15 Oct 1874

Current St. Augustine Light Station, 1874 - present

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William W. Russell
15 Oct 1874 - 1 April 1875, resigned

Francis Phillip Fatio Dunham
1-12 April, Acting Keeper
12 April 1875 - 26 August 1875, removed

William A. Harn
18 Nov 1875 - 30 April 1889, died



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Francis Phillip Fatio Dunham
15 Oct 1874 - 1 April 1875, promoted

Philip J. Canova
3 April 1875 - 5 June 1875, resigned

Daniel J. Mickler
5 June 1875 - 6 Oct 1878, removed

John T. Edwards
6 Oct 1878 - 1 June 1881, resigned

2nd ASSISTANTS

John M. Bridies
15 Oct 1874 - 31 Nov 1874

George Cooley
2 Jan 1875 - 19 Jan 1875

Philip J. Canova
21 Jan 1875 - 1 April 1875, promoted

Daniel J. Mickler
3 April 1875 - 5 June 1875, promoted

Matthew F. Mickler
5 June 1875 - 1 Sept 1875, resigned

Hartnell V. Graves
4 Sept 1875 - 1 Oct 1875

C.A. Graves
1 Oct 1875 - 9 Oct 1875

Joseph A. Usina (Laborer)
9 Oct 1875 - unknown

Lewis R. Hite
5 Jan 1876 - 8 Feb 1876, removed

John T. Edwards
8 Feb 1876 - 6 Oct 1878, promoted

Reuben H. Pinkham
6 Oct 1878 - 8 Jan 1879, resigned

William H. Russell
8 Jan 1879 - 29 April 1880, resigned

Samuel Woodall
29 April 1880 - 12 Oct 1880, resigned

William H. Russell
13 Oct 1880 - 1 June 1881, promoted

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William H. Russell

1 June 1881 - 1 Oct 1881, resigned

John P. Wragg

27 Oct 1881 - 1 April 1882, resigned

Charles A. Segui

1 April 1882 - 8 Nov 1883, resigned

Charles A. Segui

1 June 1881 - 1 April 1882, promoted

Domingo Pacetti (Laborer)

1 Oct 1881 - 14 Oct 1881, discharged

John P. Wragg

20 Oct 1881 - 27 Oct 1881

Robert J. Edgar

1 April 1882 - 30 June 1882, deserted

George Corbit (Laborer)

10 July 1882 -

Solomon L. Morgan

4 Sept 1882 - 12 Sept 1882, transferred

Joseph Rantia (Laborer promoted to Asst)

22 Sept 1882 - 14 Nov 1883, promoted

William Rowliniski

8 Nov 1883 - 26 May 1884, transferred

Manuel Capo (Laborer)

26 May 1884 -

John Lewis Stuck

6 June 1884 - 29 March 1887, transferred

Jacob H. Halgrim (Laborer)

4 April 1887 - 24 April 1887

Hans Neilsen (Laborer)

25 April 1887 -

Daniel J. Mickler

2 Nov 1887 - 23 Dec 1887, declined

Jasper N. Higginbotham

9 Jan 1888 - 1 April 1888

Tourists peaking over the wall - 1886



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Joseph Rantia
1 July 1889 - 1 July 1901

*Charles Neilsen,
son of Assistant
Neilson born 1890,
St. Augustine*

SAL&M,
J. Lynch Collection



*Assistant Bundrix
became U.S. Marshall
in Jacksonville*

SAL&M, S. Blankenbaker
Collection

Peter Rasmusson
1 July 1901 - 1 July 1924, retired

1st ASSISTANTS

Jerome Lopez
1 July 1889 - 30 June 1890, resigned
due to "ill health"

Amos Buford
7 July 1890 - 1 Jan 1893, transferred

John Lindquist
13 April 1893 - 7 June 1901, transferred

Douglas M. Enslow
7 June 1901 - 2 Oct 1913, suspended

2nd ASSISTANTS

Hans Neilsen (Laborer)
1 April 1888 - 17 July 1888

Jerome Lopez
17 July 1888 - 1 July 1889, promoted

Francis Ranty (Laborer)
5 June 1889 -

Kate H. Harn
24 July 1889 - 1 Dec 1889, resigned

Amos Buford
1 Dec 1889 - 7 July 1890, promoted

Harry M. Stokely (Laborer)
11 July 1890 - 26 July 1890

Hans Neilsen (2d Asst.)
26 July 1890 - 18 March 1891, removed

Mr. McLaughlin (Laborer)
18 March 1891 - 22 April 1891, resigned

Frank Fire (Laborer)
6 May 1891 - 13 Oct 1891

James A. Pine, Jr (acting 2d Assistant)
13 Oct 1891 - 8 May 1893, resigned

William B. Manucy (Laborer)
1 Jan - 13 April, discharged
8 May 1893 - 1 July 1893

Joseph S. Estell
26 July 1893 - 20 Aug 1896, transferred

Frank Fire (Laborer)
Sept - Oct 1894

Douglas M. Enslow (Laborer promoted to
1 Sept 1896 - 6 June 1901 to Assistant)

Thomas J. Bundrix
7 June 1901 - 18 Sept 1903, dismissed

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SAL&M, Meyer Davis Collection

Keeper Lindquist & Assistant Meyer

John Lindquist

1 July 1924 - 31 December 1926, retired

Clarence Malloy

17 January 1927 - 6 February 1935

1st ASSISTANTS

Jerome Capau (Relief Keeper)

25 July 1901 - 9 Aug 1901

S.J. Busom (acting substitute)

28 Aug - Oct 1913

James Smith

30 Oct 1913 - 20 Dec 1918, transferred

Clarence Malloy

20 Dec 1918 - 30 June 1923

G. Phelps

5 July 1923 - 14 Dec 1923

Edward Vance Hewett

14 Dec 1923 - 30 Dec 1924

J.W. Griffin

18 March 1925 - 7 Oct 1927, transferred

R.J. Robertson

16 Oct 1927 - May 1933

2nd ASSISTANTS

John E. Eriksson

1 Oct 1903 - 4 Sept 1906

Arundias T. Jackson

4 Oct 1906 - 1 June 1911, transferred

Cardell D. Daniels

7 July 1911 - 31 March 1914, resigned

J. A. Robertson, Jr.

13 April 1914 - 30 March 1917, promoted

R.L. Carpenter

12 May 1917 - 22 Aug 1917, transferred

T.R. Williams

4 Sept 1917 - 29 Aug 1918, transferred

Alfonso Martinez

12 Sept 1918 - 31 Oct 1918, resigned

G. Phelps

20 Dec 1918 - 28 Oct 1920, transferred

D.M. Davis

1 Nov 1920 - 31 Aug 1921

E.H. Moessner

2 Sept 1921 - 1 Nov 1922

Edward Vance Hewett

1 Nov 1922 - 14 Dec 1923

W.L. Bruggeman (acting asistant)

14 Dec 1923 - 3 Jan 1924

Edward L. Meyer

9 Jan 1924 - 1 May 1926, transferred

J.N. Vick

2 July 1926 - 5 Sept 1926, resigned

Alphonso C. Daniels

26 Oct 1926 - 7 May 1931

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Keeper C.D. Daniels in lens room

SAL&M,
Daniels Family



Cardell D. Daniels

6 February 1935 - 18 December 1943

Isom Donald Goodwin

December 1943 - 1953

James L. Pippin

1953 - July 1955, retired

Last keeper to live on site

Position discontinued due to automation of the light - 1955

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*Assistant Keeper
Alphonso C. Daniels*

SAL&M,
Lightsey-Daniels



Alphonso C. Daniels

8 May 1933 - 17 June 1933

David Wilson Swain

17 June 1933 - 1943

Frank G. Lovely

1944 - 6 Jan 1948

Lance Samples

Relief Keeper for Keeper Pippin

*Keeper
Goodwin*

2nd ASSISTANTS

Julius J. Jeffords

May 1931 - Jan 1932

J.E. Pinner

Feb 1932 - 20 March 1932

C.D. Goodwin Jr.

22 March 1932 - 31 Sept 1936

Position discontinued due to electrification of the light -1936



SAL&M, Clanton Collection

Lamplighter David Swain

1955 - 1968, retired

Lamplighter: local civilian hired by the U.S. Coast Guard to take care of the light and channel buoys. Both lamplighters were former lightkeepers

Lamplighter Henry R. Mears

1968 - 1989, retired

Position discontinued

U.S. Coast Guard 7th District, Miami

1939 - 2002

Responsible for the operation of the light

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum, Inc. 2002 - present

Responsible for the operation of the light as a private aid-to-navigation

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Data: U.S. Lighthouse Service documents, National Archives RG26
Dates: in case of conflict, priority given to the station's Keepers' Log over federal appointment and pay documents
Spelling: in case of conflict, priority given to information provided by keeper descendents
Laborers: included when mentioned in the Keepers' Log because a laborer was often hired to assume an assistant's duties when no assistant was available. Laborers played a vital role in the proper functioning of the station