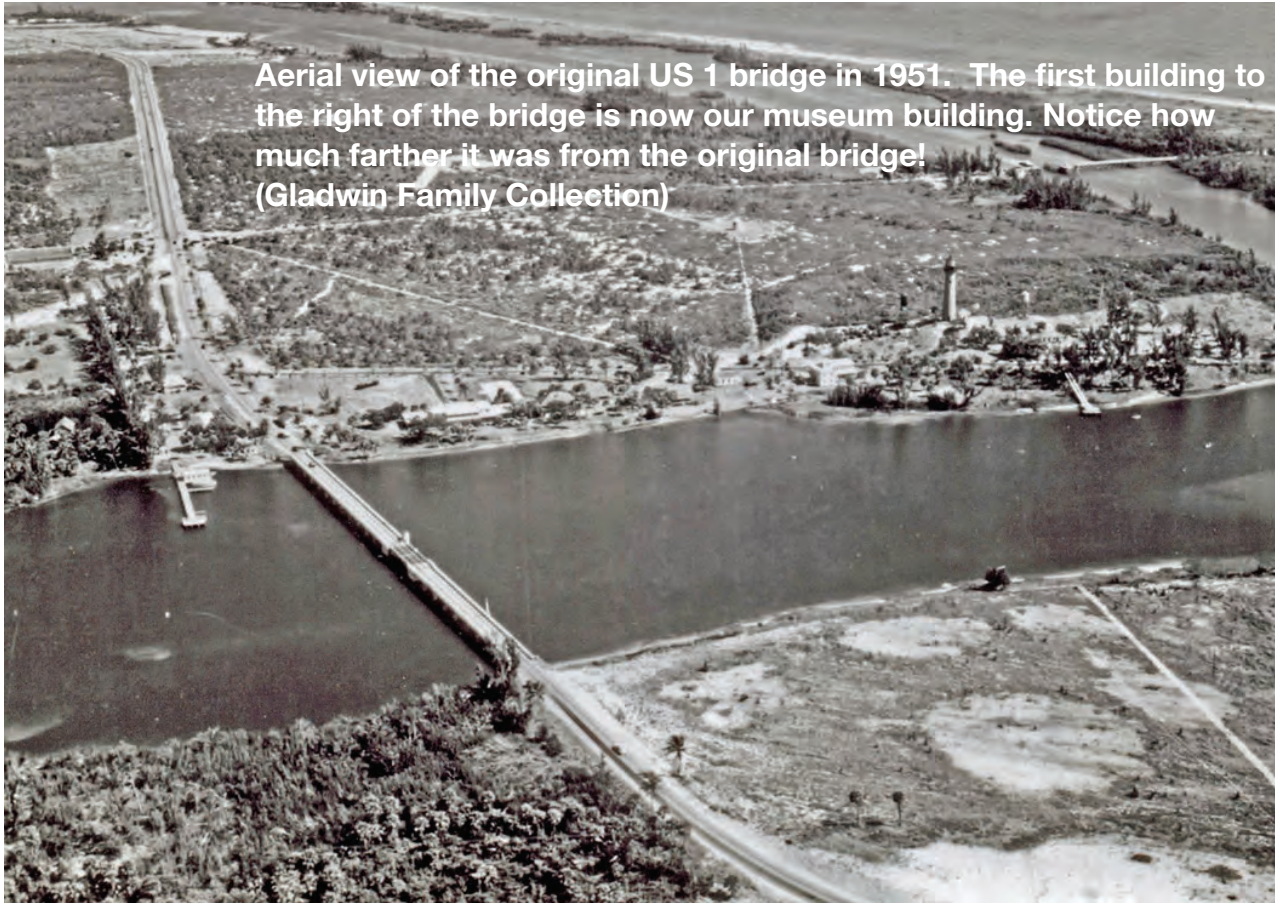
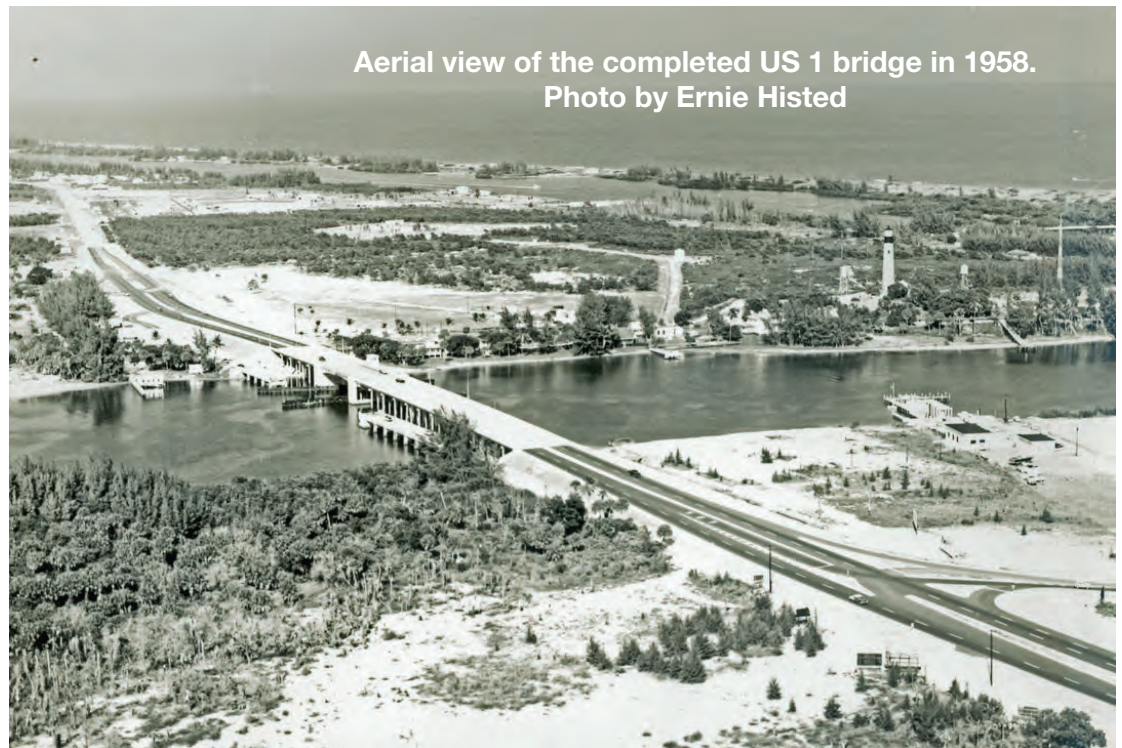


Jupiter's US Highway 1 Bridge continued



Aerial view of the original US 1 bridge in 1951. The first building to the right of the bridge is now our museum building. Notice how much farther it was from the original bridge! (Gladwin Family Collection)



Aerial view of the completed US 1 bridge in 1958.
Photo by Ernie Histed

Did You Know:

Florida gave State Road A1A its unique and iconic route number in 1946 to avoid confusion with US Highway 1. Since 1945, US 1 has carried the mostly hidden designation of State Road 5. Alternate A1A is a former alignment of A1A.

Five Flags Over Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Veterans Event

On Saturday November 6, the Loxahatchee River Historical Society invited veterans and their families to join us for a morning of patriotic festivities including a light breakfast, raising of the flag, and singing of the National Anthem. Historian Josh Liller presented an overview of the five military branches active on the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse reservation. Special Keynote speaker, Captain Jo-Ann Burdian, USCG Sector Miami Commander, provided her thoughts and insights about the importance of recognizing those who serve and have served our country, and of keeping their stories for future generations. Veterans and their families were invited to climb the Lighthouse and experience military pop-up exhibits throughout the grounds. All Veterans received a token of appreciation with fudge, special buttons, and patriot 'Thank You' cards made by local students.



Active duty soldiers from local recruiting companies serve breakfast to veterans and their families.

A big thank you to the following organizations that participated in the event: Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet, Coast Guard Aids To Navigation Team Fort Pierce, Jupiter Recruiting Company (Army), Naval Sea Cadet Corps Jupiter/Langley Squadron, The Elliott Museum, The Road to Victory Museum, USS Dale reenactors (Union Navy), Jensen Beach High School Jubilate Choir, and Reverence Riders Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Photos by L. C. Campbell

Five Flags Over Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse continued



Union Navy reenactors representing crew from the USS Dale.

Coast Guard personnel at the event. Capt. Burdian is third from left. On the left are BMC Finch and CWO Seymour, XO and CO of Station Lake Worth Inlet. The framed photo, a gift to Capt. Burdian from our historical society, shows a Coast Guard lookout atop Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse during World War II.



20-foot tender from the Fort Pierce Aids To Navigation Team. Boats like this are used by the Coast Guard to maintain minor aids to navigation such as channel markers and small buoys, a responsibility dating back to their predecessors in the Lighthouse Service.

Trapper Nelson: The Research Continues

Over a half-century after his death, Vince “Trapper” Nelson remains arguably the most legendary figure in Jupiter’s history. Even after the publication of Life and Death on the Loxahatchee by local author James D. Snyder the task of gathering photos and information about Trapper’s life and his camp continues. Richard E. Roberts and Bob Schuh, both now retired from the Florida Park Service, have been working with LRHS Historian Josh Liller on a project to better identify and date photos of Trapper Nelson’s site in the LRHS collections.

Roberts and Schuh also recently donated the Trapper Nelson Interpretive Site Files, a box of archival material from their personal files pertaining to Vince Nelson and his camp. The most important part of this donation are transcriptions of oral history interviews conducted with people connected with Trapper’s life and death. These interviews were transcribed by Roberts and Schuh on their personal time. Some of these interviews occurred after the publication of Snyder’s book. The most recent interview was conducted in 2020 when Schuh recorded details of a conversation with Jim Hill, retired Martin County Deputy. Hill was one of the first law enforcement officers on the scene of Trapper’s death in 1968 and still had a clear memory of the event. Schuh also wrote about his personal experience of finding a hidden cache of coins in Trapper’s fireplace in the 1980s.



Trapper Nelson’s dock with visitors and motorboats, 1958.
(LRHS Richard E. Roberts Collection)

Also included are copies of correspondence from the Celmer Family, Vince Nelson’s relatives. These include further recollections about Trapper’s life and camp, drawings of the layout of the grounds and cabin interiors at the camp, and copies of letters written by Vince to his relatives. The letters are important primary sources.

Other donated records pertain to the interpretation, building preservation, and plant management at the Trapper Nelson Interpretive Site providing an overview of the site’s history under the state park service. Other material includes correspondence and news articles, all organized prior to donation.

The Loxahatchee River Historical Society extends its gratitude to Roberts and Schuh for their donation, time, expertise, and their many decades of dedication to local history.

Shoreline Project

Shoreline erosion is a major issue at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. An important project took place this summer to protect the south shoreline. Ten rock breakwaters were placed parallel to the shore, carefully located to avoid disturbing existing seagrass. This project was funded and managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Jupiter Inlet District. Non-native vegetation was also removed from a portion of the shoreline. Florida Public Archaeology Network provided archaeological monitoring. Bureau of Land Management volunteers planted hundreds of mangrove saplings along the shore to help naturally rebuild the shoreline, with additional planting of native vegetation planned. So far the results look promising with sand building up behind the rocks.

An observation pier was also added during this project. The pier is accessible as part of daily admission to Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum. This is a great location to

watch fish, manatees, and other aquatic life especially during the incoming tide. The pier is for observation only; no boats. Fishing is not permitted, except during designated special events.

You can see the difference in these before and after photos. Also note the new roof on Quarters A, the former Coast Guard house near the waterfront. The roof was our first step in renovating this building for new uses such as office and meeting space. The renovated building will honor our site's 80 years of Coast Guard history.



2021 Bessie DuBois Award

Dianna Nuquist is this year's recipient of the LRHS Bessie DuBois Award. This award, given annually since 2003, recognizes an outstanding docent.

Dianna has been a Sunset & Moonrise Tour docent since 2017. A Tequesta native, Dianna continues a family tradition having first assisted then succeeded her mother, Evelyne Bates, in that role. Evelyne personally presented the award to her daughter.

Dianna has done an outstanding job as tour guide. She is praised for her dedication and reliability.



Dianna Nuquist with her award and her proud parents, Wally and Evelyne Bates



A dusk sky and the lighthouse provided a wonderful backdrop for the award presentation and a docent social.

We love our volunteers! Join our team of dedicated docents & be part of the effort to preserve our nationally significant history. Learn more and apply: <http://bit.ly/JILMVolunteer>

Keeper's Update

Current Hours: Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum is open Wednesday-Friday, 10AM-4PM and Saturday & Sunday, 10AM-3PM. We will be open on Tuesdays, 10AM-4PM, after Christmas. Current guidelines recommend all visitors wear a mask indoors and in busy outdoor areas where social distancing is not possible.

Holiday Closings: Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum will be closed New Years Eve and New Years Day.

New Staff: Hannah Lundell (Education Curator) and Mike Ciocco (Maintenance Assistant) have joined our Lighthouse family.

Step Up For The Light: This popular fundraiser returns to help our Lighthouse preservation efforts. You can support the Lighthouse by virtually adopting one of its 105 steps for the coming year. In addition to recognition on our website and our *Keeping the Light at Jupiter Inlet* exhibit, you will also receive an autographed limited edition print of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse by local photographer Captain Kimo, with prints numbered to match your adopted step. Steps can be "adopted" on our website: <https://bit.ly/StepUp2022>

Please check out www.jupiterlighthouse.org for future updates and a full calendar of events.

To make a year-end deductible contribution to support our heritage:

Mail: Loxahatchee River Historical Society, 500 Captain Armour's Way, Jupiter, FL 33469

Online: <https://bit.ly/JILM2021gift>

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