



Civilian Keepers & Caretakers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1860-1874

DATES	PRINCIPAL KEEPER	1 ST ASSISTANT KEEPER	2 ND ASSISTANT KEEPER	NOTES
May-June 1860	Walter F. Wolfkiel	Charles Smith, Charles Patterson & William Patterson		caretakers
1 July 1860 – 14 Jul 1860	Walter F. Wolfkiel	unknown	None	temporary
July-Dec 1860	Dr. Thomas Turner**	Peter Pomar	unknown teenager	dismissed
Jan-June 1860	Joseph F. Papy	James M. Warren	Augustus Oswald Lang?	lighthouse disabled by Confederates
June 1861 – Aug 1861		Augustus Oswald Lang	Francis Smith	
Aug 1861 – Jan 1862	Augustus Oswald Lang	none	none	CSA caretaker
Jan 1862 – Jan 1863	James Paine	none	none	CSA caretaker
Jan 1863 – June 1865	none	none	none	lighthouse abandoned due to war
22 Jun 1865 – 30 Dec 1865	William A. Hendrick	George Riley	Lauthey McNeil	caretakers
Jan-June 1865	William B. Davis?	none	none	caretaker
28 Jun 1866 – 14 May 1868	William B. Davis	Dempsey Cain	James A. Armour	Cain resigned
14 May 1868 – 1 Oct 1868		James A. Armour	Allen Padgett	Padgett resigned
1 Oct 1868 – 8 Dec 1868			John R. Umfreville	Umfreville died
early 1869			J. B. Wells	Wells temporary
8 May 1869 – 10 Aug 1869			John Buckley	Buckley resigned
10 Aug 1869 – 11 Mar 1870			Nehemiah Crowell	Davis resigned
11 Mar 1870 – 30 June 1870		Nehemiah Crowell	Orrin P. Barnes	Crowell resigned
1 July 1870 – 8 Apr 1871	Daniel G. O'Hara	Orrin P. Barnes	O'Hara resigned	
8 Apr 1871 – 30 June 1871	Orrin P. Barnes	Charles R. Carlin	Barnes resigned	
1 July 1871 – 30 June 1872	James A. Armour	Charles R. Carlin	James Andrew Carlile	Carlile resigned
1 July 1872 – 12 Oct 1872			John E. Harrison	Harrison resigned
12 Oct 1872 – 25 Nov 1873			Hannibal D. Pierce	Pierce resigned
25 Nov 1873 – 18 May 1874			Robert W. Carlile	Carlile resigned
18 May 1874 – 1 Oct 1874			William M. Lanehart	Carlile resigned
1 Oct 1874 – Dec 1874			William M. Lanehart	Jessee W. Maulden

** Turner's last name has frequently been misspelled as "Twiner".



Civilian Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1875-1894

DATES	PRINCIPAL KEEPER	1 ST ASSISTANT KEEPER	2 ND ASSISTANT KEEPER	NOTES
Jan-Sept 1875	James A. Armour	Jessee W. Maulden	Joshua Smith	Maulden resigned
1 Oct 1875 – 3 Nov 1875		Joshua Smith	vacant	
4 Nov 1875 – Jan 1876			William H. Moore	Smith failed Inspector's exam
Jan-Nov 1876		William H. Moore	Frederick Whitehead	Whitehead resigned
Nov 1876 – Mar 1878			vacant?	
14 Mar 1878 – 1 Apr 1878			David K. Harrison	Moore resigned
1 Apr 1878 – 3 Jun 1878		David K. Harrison	vacant?	
3 Jun 1878 – 16 Sep 1878			S. P. Collins	Collins died
26 Sep 1878 – 14 Feb 1879			Melville E. Spencer	Harrison resigned
14 Feb 1879 – 14 Mar 1881		Melville E. Spencer	Harlan Page Dye	Dye resigned
14 Mar 1881 - 25 Jan 1884			Horatio Alexander Carlisle	Spencer transferred
6 Feb 1884 – 30 June 1884		Horatio Alexander Carlisle	Ira M. Richardson	Richardson resigned
10 July 1884 – 22 May 1885			Joseph Henry Moss	Moss died
22 May 1885 – 15? June 1885			vacant	
15?-25 June 1885			Olin F. Laney	Laney temporary
25 June 1885 – 1 Apr 1886			Dwight A. Allen	Carlisle resigned
10 Apr 1886 – 11 Dec 1890		Dwight A. Allen	Edward M. Agee	Allen dismissed
11 Dec 1890 – 14 Apr 1891		Edward M. Agee	Joseph A. Wells	Wells temporary
14 Apr 1891 – 30 Jun 1891			Berry E. Raulerson	Raulerson resigned
July-Dec 1891			Joseph A. Wells	Wells temporary
Jan 1892 – 25 Aug 1892	Joseph A. Wells		Wells temporary	
Sep 1892	Joseph A. Wells		Wells temporary	
5 Oct 1892 – 12 Oct 1893	Walter M. Widmeyer		Widmeyer resigned	
12 Oct 1893 – 8 Nov 1893	Joseph A. Wells		Wells temporary	
8 Nov 1893 – 22 Oct 1894	James A. Pine, Jr.		Agee resigned	


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L-R: Thomas J. O'Brien, Capt. James Armour, Joe Wells



Civilian Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1894-1919

DATES	PRINCIPAL KEEPER	1 ST ASSISTANT KEEPER	2 ND ASSISTANT KEEPER	NOTES
22 Oct 1894 – 12 May 1896	James A. Armour	Joseph A. Wells	James A. Pine, Jr.	Pine resigned
12 May 1896 – 15 Dec 1896			unknown	Thomas J. O'Brien temporary keeper during part of this time
15 Dec 1896 – 16 Apr 1900			Alfred Smith	Smith dismissed
20 Apr 1900 – 21 Oct 1900			Edno O. Elliot	Elliot transferred
21 Oct 1900 - 21 Apr 1901			Thomas B. Miles	Miles resigned
21 Apr 1901 - 1 Jan 1903			Carl O. Svendsen	Svendsen transferred
9 Jan 1903 – 13 Aug 1906			Eugene J. Dozier	Dozier resigned
6 Sep 1906 – 15 Sep 1906			John E. Eriksson	Armour resigned/retired
1 Oct 1906 – 1 Aug 1908			Joseph A. Wells	John E. Eriksson
1 Aug 1908 – 20 Sep 1908	Newnan D. Curling	vacant		
20 Sep 1908 – 30 Nov 1908	William Lindquist	George Burnham Nauman		Curling resigned
16 Dec 1908 – 16 Oct 1910		George Burnham Nauman		Nauman transferred
2 Nov 1910 – 1 Jul 1911		Joseph B. Flatley		Flatley transferred
1 Jul 1911 – 5 Aug 1912	Reinhard Heisser	Theodore T. Gaillard		Lindquist took leave of absence from Lighthouse Service
5 Aug 1912 – 10 Feb 1916		Theodore T. Gaillard		Gaillard transferred
10 Feb 1916 – 25 Jul 1916		Joseph B. Davis		Wells took leave of absence due to health issues
25 Jul 1916 – 1 Dec 1916	Reinhard Heisser	Joseph B. Davis		none
1 Dec 1916 – 11 Jan 1917	Joseph A. Wells	Reinhard Heisser	Joseph B. Davis	Davis transferred
11 Jan 1917 – 5 Oct 1917			Clyde P. Twiford	Twiford resigned
16 Oct 1917 – 22 Mar 1918			Otto Urban	Heisser resigned
23 Mar 1918 – 30 Jun 1918		vacant?	Otto Urban	difficulty filling vacancy due to WW1 manpower shortage
1 Jul 1918 - 24 Oct 1918		Otto Urban	vacant?	
25 Oct 1918 - 30 Apr 1919			Harry H. Jones	Wells retired

Relief/Substitute Keepers: George Proctor (Dec 1894 – Jan 1895), Benjamin G. Wells (1890s)


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L-R: Reinhard Heisser, Joe Wells, Joseph B. Davis - 1916



Civilian Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1919-1940

DATES	PRINCIPAL KEEPER	1 ST ASSISTANT KEEPER	2 ND ASSISTANT KEEPER	NOTES
1 May 1919 – 15 Oct 1919	Thomas Knight	Otto Urban	Harry H. Jones	Knight swapped stations with Seabrook
15 Oct 1919 – 30 Jun 1921	Charles Seabrook		Clarence W. King	Jones resigned
1 Jul 1921 – 25 Oct 1922		Clarence W. King	Urban suspended then dismissed	
11 Jan 1923 – 15 Jul 1923		John B. Butler	William L. Lonergan	King transferred
16 Jul 1923 – 31 Jul 1923			vacant?	Lonergan resigned
1 Aug 1923 – 4 Sep 1923			James E. Pinner	Pinner resigned
5 Sep 1923 – 8 Aug 1924			vacant?	
8 Aug 1924 – 16 Sep 1924		William L. Bruggeman	Welsey B. Varnam	Butler transferred
16 Sep 1924 – 1 Jan 1926			Cardell D. Daniels	Varnam resigned
1 Jan 1926 – 31 May 1926		Cardell D. Daniels	Cardell D. Daniels	Bruggeman resigned
5 Jun 1926 – 14 Jul 1926			unknown – vacant?	
15 Jul 1926 – 14 Feb 1927			Marion M. Brunson	Brunson dismissed
15 Feb 1927 – 6 Dec 1927			vacant	
6 Dec 1927 – 11 Jan 1928		Edward L. Meyer	Ralph L. Swanson	Daniels & Meyer swapped stations
11 Jan 1928 – 31 Aug 1930				Meyer transferred
1 Sep 1930 – Oct 1933		vacant?		
Oct 1933 – 31 Dec 1933		Cardell D. Daniels	Daniels transferred	
1 Jan 1934 – 1 Feb 1935		Ralph L. Swanson	vacant?	
1 Feb 1935 – 1 Apr 1935			Quincy E. Atkinson	Keepers enlisted in USCG
1 Apr 1935 – Jun 1941				

Relief/Substitute Keepers: Charles H. Ashmead (1937), Surfman Crawford D. Payne (1940)

Note: Lighthouse Service became part of the US Coast Guard in 1939.


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CBM Charles Seabrook



BM2 Jack Peebles with USN & USCG personnel ca. 1945



USCG Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse During World War II, 1941-1946

DATES	OFFICER-IN-CHARGE	1 ST ASSISTANT	2 ND ASSISTANT	OTHER ASSISTANTS
Jun 1941 – Oct 1943	BM1/CBM Charles Seabrook	Cox. Ralph L. Swanson	Cox. Quincy E. Atkinson	none
Oct 1943 – Apr 1944			Cox. Lavaughn W. Knight	
Apr 1944 - Feb 1946		BM2 Jack M. Peebles	Cox. Ralph L. Swanson	Cox. Lavaughn W. Knight S1C Arthur J. Brenner S1C John W. Kiscadden Jr. SoM3 William A. Floyd

USCG Lookouts at Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse During World War II, 1941-1945

ASSIGNED DURING	OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE	LOOKOUTS
Dec 1941 – Aug 1943	Cox. James J. Vincent Cox. William P. F. Marter Jr. BM1 Williard O. Midgett	S1C Grant E. Averill, S1C Hilbert H. Berry, S1C/F1C Orville Holcombe, S2C Joseph G. Freely Jr., SC3 Homer P. Deas, S1C Ernest L. Schuette, S1C Paul F. Ingram, S1C Hebert Maynard, AS Woodrow W. Frantz, S1C Frank H. Steinheiser, S2C George R. Tate, S2C Willoughby H. Filley, S2C Travis L. Cox, S2C Edward Gonzalez, S2C Irving D. Newell, S1C Bryan R. Niswonger
Aug 1943 – Apr 1944	Lookouts transferred to Beach Patrol stations during this period	
Apr–Nov 1944	BM1 John W. Chattman	S1C William M. Baker, S1C Charles T. Boss, S1C Arthur J. Brenner, S2C Johnnie R. Wiggins, S2C Lawrence W. Hailey, S1C Louis W. Demoruelle, Sp(D)3 Harry E. Keyser

Note: personnel served between dates listed, but not necessarily during that entire time period. Usually 6-8 lookouts were assigned at one time.



USCG Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1946-1966

DATES	OFFICER-IN-CHARGE	OTHER PETTY OFFICERS	JUNIOR ENLISTED
1946	BM1 David W. Swain	BM2 Jack M. Peebles, BM2/Cox. Ellis H. Ellias, Cox. Jessie H. Hart <i>(Peebles served as acting OIC in early 1946)</i>	S2C Lawrence J. Murphy, S2C William C. Bissell, S2C Robert W. Adsit Jr., S2C Louis H. Wetzel, S2C Nicholas Demetropoulos
1946-1948	CMoMM/ENC Prentice Yerby	BM1 Charles U. Gardner, BM1 Edmond L. Arruda	S1C Donald F. Wyson, S1C Edward J. Williams, S2C John H. Leppold, S1C Nathan Starkes
1948-1951	BMC Charles U. Gardner	BM2 Edward H. Askew, EN3 Donald D. Tucker	SN Willis W. Edwards, others unknown
1951-1952	BM1 Albert M. Hunter	unknown	unknown
1952-1953	BM1 David H. Tengstedt	EN1 William L. Coats Jr.	SN John Q. Cowart Jr., SN Billy J. Miller
1953-1954	EN1 William L. Coats Jr.	Dudley C. Miller (civilian)	SN Donald B. Clerici
1954	BM1 Willie B. Skinner	EN1 William L. Coats Jr. , Dudley C. Miller (civilian)	SN James H. Prosser
1954-1955	BM1 Daniel W. Kincaid	EN1 James D. Grimes Jr., Dudley C. Miller (civilian)	SN James H. Prosser, SN Maynard Page, SNBM John B. Miller, SA Charles Pizura
1955-1956	BM1 J. Warren Alexander	EN3/EN2 Thomas G. Shaw, BM3 John B. Miller	SN Laddy F. Abel
1956-1961	DCC Raymond C. Phillips	FN/EN3/EN2 Henry J. Popp, SN/BM3/BM2 Robert Dyson, EN3 Dewey C. Smith, EN2 Gary R. Snelson, EN2 Eugene J. Branham	SN Barry M. Lee, SNBM Jack E. Jones, SN Robert Porter, SN Ken W. Kinard
1961-1963	BM2/BM1 Robert Dyson	EN2 Marion Lee Hancock	FN Robert J. Schmidt, SN Joseph J. Frins, SNBM Drew C. Holley, SA John H. Moore, FN Kenneth C. Smith, SN Richard L. Sims, SN Marion L. Tindall
1963-1964	BM1 James R. Moon	EN2 Marion Lee Hancock	SNBM Andrew L. Gunn, SN William H. Littlejohn, SN John M. Williams, SN C. W. Rado
1964-1966	BM1 Charles E. Capps	EN2 Marion Lee Hancock, FN/EN3 Andrew L. Gunn, EN1 James W. High	FNEN Roy T. Meek, SA P. Reynolds, SN Robert S. Cote, SA J. Frank Paxton

Jupiter Inlet Light Station was a sub-unit of DF Station Jupiter 1946-1948, an independent unit 1948-1962, and a sub-unit of Loran Station Jupiter 1962-1966.



USCG Keepers of Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, 1966-1987

DATES	LIGHTKEEPER	ASSISTANT LIGHTKEEPERS
1966-1968	BM1 James P. Tabor	FN/EN3 Norbert E. Tinsley, EN3 Ralph E. Faulkner, SN Robert S. Cote, SA Harrod, SA J. Frank Paxton, SN James E. Short, SA Joseph H. Hubbard, SA Lorin A. Derry, SA/SN Larry L. Parker
1968-1972	BM1 James F. Springs	EN3 Barry R. Betzing, SN Paul N. Williamson, SA/SN James L. Warren Jr., SN Charles E. Branam, SN Forest S. Dekle
1972-1975	BM1 Kit C. Campbell	BM3 Elliott Sheffield, BM3 Charles M. Glover, EN3 John Baker, SN Robert Michael Levy
1975-1977	BM1 Martin J. Hacker Jr.	<i>unknown</i>
1977	BM2 Walter Stein (<i>temporary</i>)	<i>unknown</i>
1977-1978	BM1 Jimmy R. Leach	SN/BM3/BM2 Paul M. Shurte, SN John Tuttle, SN William Watson, others unknown
1978-1979	BM1 W. Gene Hughes	<i>unknown</i>
1979-1982	BM1 Don Waterman	<i>unknown</i>
1982-1983	BM1 Alexander L. Pagano	<i>unknown</i>
1983-1984	BM2 D. Ken Parks	<i>unknown</i>
1984-1987	BM1 Mitchel W. Oakland	<i>unknown</i>

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse became semi-automated in 1966 and the light station was fully integrated into Loran Station Jupiter in fall 1966. Logs indicate the Head Keeper was no longer formally Officer-in-Charge of the Light Station, although the BM1 remained primary responsibility for the light and radio beacon until personnel were removed entirely in 1987. By the early 1970s, the light station personnel had become a general maintenance and groundskeeping crew for not only the light station, but also the family housing and Loran Station.



This chronology of lighthouse keepers has been compiled by Josh Liller, LRHS Historian, from National Archives sources (correspondence, keeper registers, personnel files, and logbooks) supplemented by newspaper articles and other records of the Loxahatchee River Historical Society. Information on some keepers provided by themselves or their family members.

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