

Tibbetts' Tidbits

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Around the Grounds

As this newsletter goes to press our Visitor's Center will undergo some much needed landscaping. At the April meeting of the Officers and Trustees, funds were allocated for this particular purpose. The Nemergut Landscaping & Nursery Company of Three Mile Bay will be doing the work. New seasonal flowers and bushes along with four maple trees will surely make our site most attractive. Some lilac removal will make the rear parking area more accessible for motor homes, tour buses, and cars with boat trailers. The work will be completed for our Memorial Day weekend opening.

A special thank you to Edwin R. Ward of Newark, N.Y., who sent us a packet containing pictures of his father Keeper Edwin G. Ward during his tour of duty at Tibbetts from 1920 on.

He also gave us a recollection of life at the lighthouse written by his mother, Linnie. (Editors note: The Ward family raised eight children here). These items will be on display in the Visitor's Center museum.

Because of health reasons Sally Treat resigned from our Board of Trustees. She has been a long time dedicated servant of our society at all functions. Our wishes for her speedy recovery.

Jerry Briggs has accepted the nomination for the vacant trustee position. Our hearty welcome to Jerry.

From the Lamproom

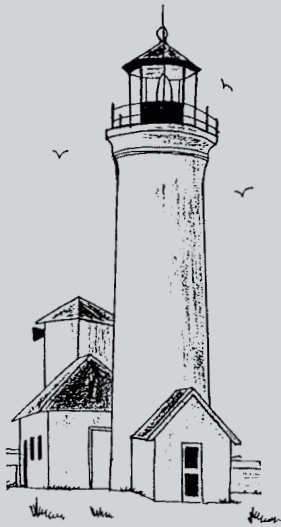
My past three columns were about lighthouse keepers who held that position at Tibbetts Point. Since there is no real data on the long line of keepers who worked our grounds and buildings, I can at least give you a listing of all the keepers who tended our light from our archives. When the United States Lighthouse Service was disbanded by our Government in 1939, many of these men enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard who took over their function. Some went on to serve at other lighthouses.

Judah Williams 1st keep	1827
Nelson Williams	1831
Henry Cunningham	1855
William Collins	1861-66
Adam Cratzenburg	1867- 78
David Montonna	1885- 98
William Montonna	1897 -1906
Andrew Fredenburg	1901 - asst.
Harris Smith	1903 - asst.
J. C. Belden	1895 - fog sta. Keep
Edwin G. Ward	1920
Olin W. Stevens	1937
Mr. W. Montonna took over until	1939.
Carl Williams	1940 Coast Guard Chief
Frank Sellman	1929 CMB USCG Keeper of

the harbor lights. The Linda, Carleton and Cherry Island, and the buoy between Carleton and Wolfe Island. He was also Harbor Master until WW 2. Coast Guard took over cleaning and polishing and painting of all the above.

Many of the keepers listed above served at different intervals than those printed above. At times a keeper would be reassigned to another station and than return to Tibbetts again at a later date.

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It is almost next to impossible to list exactly the number of years they performed their duties at a particular lighthouse.

This is the only listing we have in our archives at Tibbetts. There may be some that we have not given recognition to, and hope that descendants will come forward with information that they may possess. In the future when we have an accurate listing, a monument could be installed with all the names of the keepers of our lighthouse.

Joe Dudek
President

Make a Difference in our Community- Volunteer!

Our lighthouse gift shop is in need of some volunteers who are interested in meeting tourists to our Visitor's Center. Memorial Day weekend the schedule is for a weekend operation only. This will continue until the first weekend in July. A seven day operation starts the first week of July and carries on until Labor Day. If you can donate just a few hours of your time once a week it will be very much appreciated by the society. Revenue from our center aids us in the restoration and preservation of our lighthouse. An introductory training meeting will be held sometime in mid-June at the center. Volunteers are ambassadors of our town. Visitors are directed to local restaurants, and attractions. For information, call the Coordinator of Volunteers, Jerry Briggs, at 654-2266.

Ice Cream Social

Back again this year is our annual Ice Cream Social after a year absence. It will be held on Sunday July 22nd. The usual entertainment will be provided. We are hoping for another appearance by the Watertown Zoo. State Police will do fingerprinting of children. A musical program will also be provided. Times are yet to be announced as well as participants at this early stage. For information call Jean Cougler, Coordinator, at 654- 4635.



The plaque honoring Gordon T. Davis was installed this spring.

New Window Panes Installed



Two window panes in the tower of the lighthouse were casualties of some settling this past season. Cracks extended the full length of the glass and water was seeping in, even rusting the window sill beneath. The society contracted Northern Glass of Watertown to make the necessary replacement. This was successfully done in April of this year.



Notice!

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 24TH,
10:00 A.M., AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER.
ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Memorials

In Memory of:

Gordon Davis

by Dr. & Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson

Gordon Davis

*by Joyce & John Smith
& Family*

Howard & Elsie Radley

by Gene & Cyndi Newsome

H. Otis Radley

by Lawrence & Donna Grant

William Grant

by Lawrence & Donna Grant

Brian L'Huillier

by Mrs. Harold L'Huillier

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by Mrs. Harold L'Huillier

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by Mrs. Harold L'Huillier

Edwin E. Ward

by Edwin R. Ward

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by Denise Richardson

Winnifred Rose

by Denise Richardson

Sheila Flynn

by Jan & Sheila Stevens

Ralph E. Montonna

by Mitchell Williams

Edward Wapen Sr.

by Anna Mae Wapen

Sue Schatz

by Elizabeth Schatz

Carol S. Herne

by Andrew M. Herne

John Rutledge Walker

by June T. Walker

Donations

Michael & Beverly Grant

Rockne & Beverly Burns

*Lorna Walker in memory of
George E. Walker*

Membership

Please check the last line of the address label on this newsletter. The last line reads - "Exp 12/??". This is the expiration date of your current membership.

If the last line is - "Exp 12/06. If you have not renewed your membership and would like to remain a member of the Tibbetts

Point Lighthouse Historical Society, a membership application is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Check one): Individual Dues: \$5.00 Family Dues: \$10.00

Memorial Fund: a tribute to departed loved ones (Each name permanently a part of the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse Memorial Roster)

In memory of _____, I am enclosing my contribution of \$ _____ to the Memorial Fund. (\$25 minimum)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Renewal New Member

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