

Keepers of the St. Marks Light

Crosby, Samuel, Keeper Jan 18, 1830-before 1839, first keeper of lighthouse, (b GA or FL), paid \$400, later (1835) \$500/year

Metcalf, Benjamin, Keeper 1829?-Mar 1839, died, paid \$500/year

Hungerford, John P., Keeper Jul 29, 1840-?, light later destroyed paid \$450/year

Dudley, Needham, Keeper Mar 4, 1844-Apr 1850, paid \$450/year

Dudley, Mrs. Ann, Keeper Apr 27, 1850-after 1853, son H.L.M. lived at lighthouse but was recorded as laborer, not listed in 1860 census index, (b 1794), paid \$450/year

Alien, John J., Keeper Aug 28, 1854-Sep 20, 1859, resigned, (b NJ), paid \$450/year

Alexander, R. H., Keeper Sep 20, 1859-Oct 27, 1859, resigned (b VA, 2A says NJ), paid \$450/year (1,2A)

Blythe, William, Keeper Oct 27, 1859-Aug 20, 1860, (b England)

Kennedy, David M., Keeper Aug 28, 1860-Jan 10, 1861, CSA Keeper Jan 10, 1861-after Jun 30, 1861, Keeper after relit Apr 18, 1867-Dec 10, 1879, removed, (b GA), paid \$450, later \$600, later (1875) \$640/year

Kennedy, James M., Asst. Keeper Sep 7, 1867-May 12, 1875, removed,(b FL), paid \$400/year

Fletcher, R. R., Asst. Keeper Oct 1872-Oct 1876, resigned, formerly (1855) at Cape Florida, (after 1838) at Dry Tortugas, (1872) at Key West

Forbes, Samuel, Asst. Keeper May 12, 1875-Nov 12, 1880, 3 says ?- 1888 removal asked for as unfit, (b SC, 2A says b FL), paid \$400/year

Richardson, Mark, Keeper Jan 29, 1880-May 12, 1880, removed, (b SC), paid \$640/year (1,17)

Breen, James H., Keeper, Jun 22, 1880-Jul 23, 1881, removed, (b NY), paid \$640/year)

Dent, Isaac, Asst. Keeper Nov 26, 1880-Oct 1, 1882, Asst. Keeper position abolished, paid \$400/year

Gibson, George H., Keeper Feb 1, 1881-May 1, 1892, transferred to Northwest Passage, later (1911) at Egmont Key, formerly (1881) at Carysfort Reef, formerly in U.S. Navy, (b Nassau, Bahama Islands), paid \$640/year

Fine, Charles, Keeper Apr 14, 1892-Aug 26, 1904, formerly (1892) at Northwest Passage, w. Sarah, 7 children (b 1880-1895), paid \$600/year

Fine, Mrs. Sarah J., Keeper Sep 14, 1904-Dec 14, 1910, wife of Charles, (b 1866), paid \$600/year

Ladd, J. M., Keeper Dec 14, 1910-?, paid \$600/year

Gresham, J. Y., Keeper May 1, 1918-1949

Gresham, Alton, USCG Keeper 1949-July 1, 1951

After Alton Gresham's service, the term "keeper" was no longer used. Replace by "Officer in Charge."