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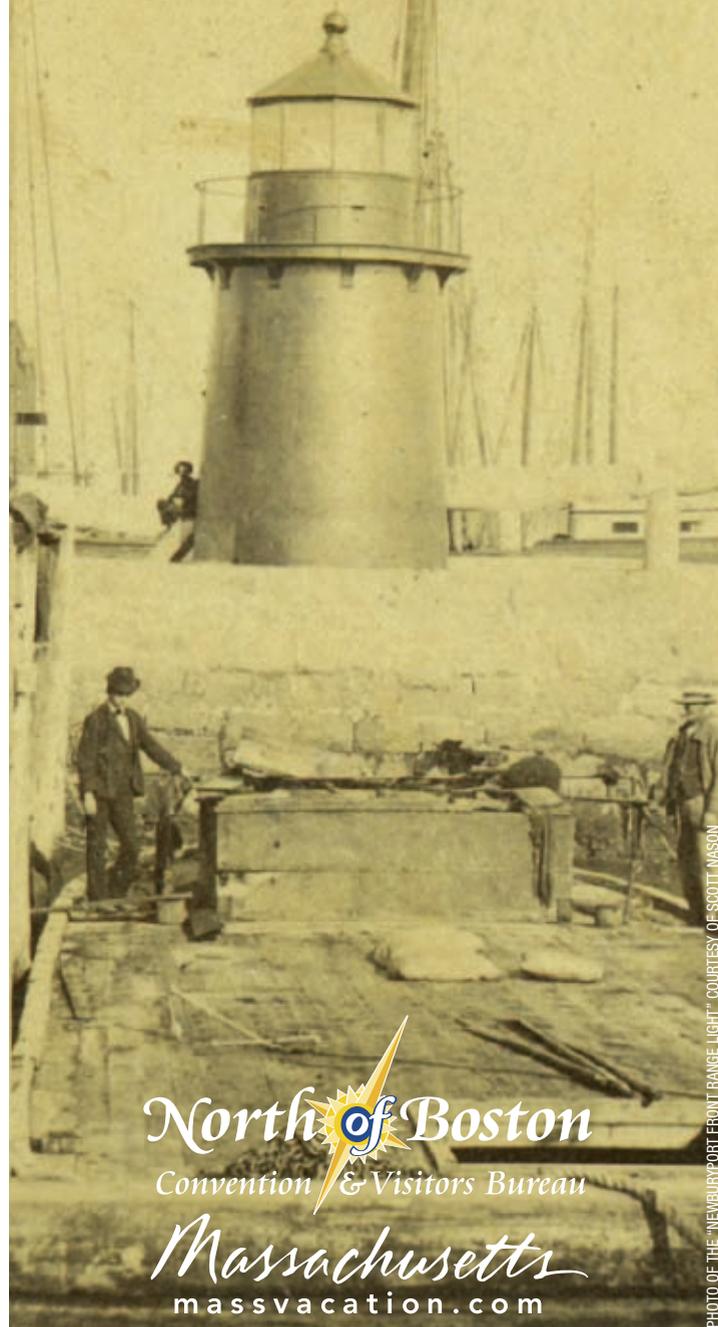
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OLD PHOTO OF THE NEWBURYPORT FRONT RANGE LIGHT COURTESY OF SCOTT MASON

## Help Us Create a National Memorial, Commemorating the Birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard



The Lighthouse Preservation Society is seeking your donation to create a national memorial, celebrating Newburyport's greatest national distinction, as the birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard. This memorial will include a "First Guardians" statue and an interpretive museum exhibit in the Front Range Light, which we plan to move from the restricted Merrimack River Coast Guard base to a publicly accessible site on the Newburyport waterfront, near the boardwalk. We are hoping to raise \$2 million to construct the statue, move the lighthouse, completing its restoration, its museum exhibits, and its landscaping, plus establish an endowment. In addition to the civic pride you'll get from helping to create a national memorial in Newburyport to the birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard, your generous contribution will earn you a tax deduction, and the following gift items, or naming opportunities for each category:

- Contributor Category (\$25 - \$99) – Receive a collectible U.S. First-Day-of-Issue Commemorative Lighthouse Stamp Envelope, suitable for framing.
- Donor Category (\$100 - \$499) – Receive a signed copy of The Lighthouse Preservation Society's beautiful coffee-table book, *America's Lighthouses*.
- Patron Category (\$500 - \$999) – A large 8 x 12 x 2 Granite Paving Stone will be dedicated with the Coast Guard's logo, and your name, or the name of someone you love, etched on it, for incorporation into the lighthouse floor or landscaping.
- Benefactor Category (\$1,000 - \$9,999) – Your name, or the name of someone you love, will be dedicated and etched onto a commemorative bronze plaque on the lighthouse, under this category.

- Guardian Category (\$10,000 - \$99,000) – Your name, or the name of someone you love, will be dedicated and etched onto a commemorative bronze plaque on the lighthouse, under this category.
- Rescuer Category (\$100,000 – 499,000) – Your name, or the name of someone you love, will be dedicated and carved into the granite pedestal of the "First Guardians" statue, under this category.
- Champion Category – (\$500,000 - \$2,000,000) - Your name, or the name of someone you love, will be dedicated and carved into the granite pedestal of the "First Guardians" statue, under this category.

Here's how to contribute: 1) tear off this panel; 2) check the category (above) that you wish to donate to; 3) fill in the information below; and 4) send a check made payable to: The Lighthouse Preservation Society, 11 Seaborne Drive, Dover, NH 03820. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 1-800-727-BEAM.

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## Accomplishments

The Lighthouse Preservation Society is the nonprofit organization that has made lighthouse preservation a national issue with Congressional hearings, conferences, the sponsorship of National Lighthouse Day and its celebrations, the nomination of 20 U.S. lighthouse stamps, and the raising of nearly \$6 million for over 160 lighthouse projects. This prestigious group is also the recipient of a Presidential Achievement Award from the federal government for its efforts to preserve our lighthouse heritage. Specifically, the Society's accomplishments include:

### Created Federal Action

- Proposed and passed a Congressional \$3 million Lighthouse Bicentennial Fund that provided matching grants for over 160 lighthouse restoration projects.
- Lobbied successfully for a Congressional hearing on lighthouse issues.
- Persuaded Congress to mandate a U.S. Coast Guard review of lighthouse management issues, which led to numerous policy changes.
- Had Congress proclaim National Lighthouse Day in celebration of America's Lighthouse Bicentennial & created exhibits for the Senate and House Rotundas.
- Nominated 20 U.S. lighthouse postal stamps in 1990, 1995, 2003, & 2007.
- Received the prestigious Presidential Achievement Award from the federal government in 1992.
- Hosted 3 National Lighthouse Conferences in Washington, D.C., which led to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000.
- Initiated and funded the study to create the National Lighthouse Museum at Staten Island, New York.

### Directly Aided Local Action

- Proposed and passed a Massachusetts \$2 million lighthouse grants program through the state legislature.
- Created an incentive program which led to the nomination of 124 lighthouses to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Funded a thematic National Register nomination for Maine's Lifesaving Stations.
- Provided technical and advocacy support to dozens of local lighthouse groups.
- Coordinated 70 coastal lighthouse celebrations for the Lighthouse Bicentennial.
- Invented the highly acclaimed "Dine at the Top of the Lighthouse" fundraising program – named among the "Top 35 Things To Do" by Yankee Magazine.

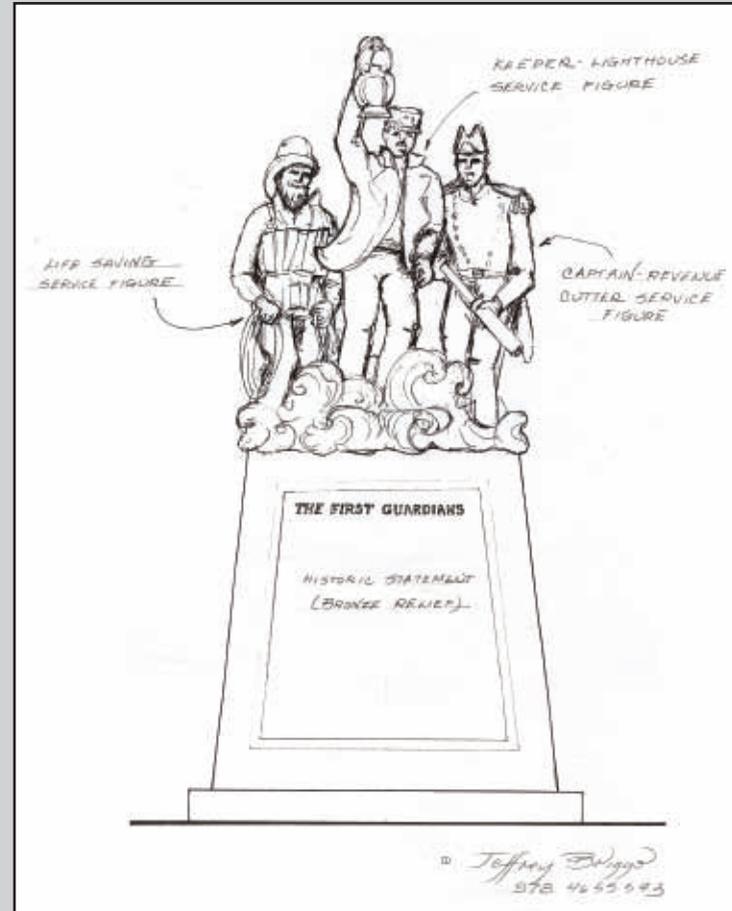
### Initiated Demonstration Projects

- Isle au Haut Lighthouse (now The Keeper's House inn).
- Thacher Island North Tower (restored and relit).
- Monomoy Point Light (now used for wildlife tours).
- Ten Pound Island Light (restored and relit).
- Portland Breakwater Light (restored and relit).
- Newburyport Front and Rear Range Lights (currently being restored).

## It's time to make something of our most important national distinction...

By contributing to the "Birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard" Memorial, you'll be supporting: Art, History, Education, and Tourism. All together, that spells "*Civic Pride*"!

**A rough sketch of the planned Memorial Statue to be placed along the waterfront in Newburyport, the city that gave birth to the U.S. Coast Guard.**



**This new statue, entitled "First Guardians", will depict three uniformed men from each of the three founding federal agencies – the Revenue Cutter Service (the oldest of the three agencies, which started in Newburyport), the U.S. Lighthouse Service, and the U.S. Lifesaving Service – that merged to become the modern U.S. Coast Guard.**

*"No other distinction holds more honor,  
nor gives a greater sense of civic pride in our national importance,  
than the fact that Newburyport is the birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard".*

**JAMES HYLAND, PRESIDENT OF THE LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

## "Quotes"

"I am writing on behalf of The Lighthouse Preservation Society to recommend them as partners in the efforts to restore lighthouses throughout the country. The Lighthouse Preservation Society was instrumental in obtaining over one hundred thousand dollars in federal grant funding for the restoration of the North Tower at the Cape Ann Light Station on Thacher Island, Massachusetts. I worked with The Lighthouse Preservation Society in a professional capacity as an architect during the historic facilities survey, restoration planning, and grant application phases of the project and I found them to be both knowledgeable and thorough in their approach to the task.

**George Fisher, Pres.- Thacher Island Association**

"Throughout our study process, we received much help from The Lighthouse Preservation Society. This included advice on how to coordinate with the United States Coast Guard, information on the acquisition and preservation of artifacts, and assistance seeking funding from the federal government. This cooperative effort with The Lighthouse Preservation Society resulted in approximately \$100,000 in federal assistance for the preservation of the exterior of the Portland Head Lighthouse."

**Michael McGovern, Town Manager - Cape Elizabeth, Maine**

"The Lighthouse Preservation Society has led our community in the restoration of an abandoned lighthouse on Ten Pound Island. The Society has worked closely with city, state, corporate, Coast Guard, and private individuals to restore the remaining structures on the island over the course of several years. Our community is greatly indebted to the selfless efforts of The Lighthouse Preservation Society in preserving an important part of our maritime heritage. I heartily endorse their efforts on behalf of lighthouses everywhere."

**Bruce Tobey, Mayor - Gloucester, Massachusetts**

"The Lighthouse Preservation Society was the crucial factor in our development of the Keeper's House Inn: they came up with the concept, made contact with the previous owner, initiated negotiations for the purchase and assisted with early media contacts to promote the newly-launched venture."

**Jeff Burke, Owner - The Keeper's House Inn, Isle au Haut, Maine**

"Several years ago, the Outer Banks Lighthouse Society needed help in getting the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse added to the most endangered list of historic monuments. The World Monument Watch Committee took our application because The Lighthouse Preservation Society backed our sponsorship. Over the years, we have had positive, satisfactory dealings with The Lighthouse Preservation Society."

**Bruce Roberts, Founder - Outer Banks Lighthouse Society**