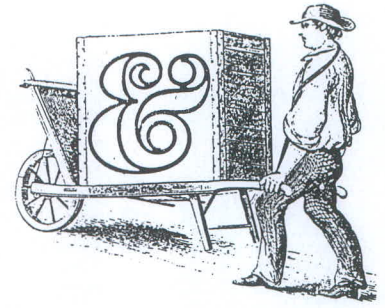


The book is sprightly, enjoyable and alive. Keepers on isolated stations like Libby Island had to be self sufficient and possess a pioneering spirit. Philmore Wass has captured life as it was like on a light station, very little detail of the lighthouse but volumes of that vanishing way of life. My only criticism was the use of phrases that say "more about ____ in chapter 4" which I found distracting. If you buy only one book about keepers' lives, buy this one. It is, in Shore Village Museum director Ken Black's words, outstanding. Soft cover, 6" x 9", 258 pages, 2 color and 13 black and white photos and two maps. This book is available from the Keeper's Library at \$9.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling.



Lighthouse in My Life

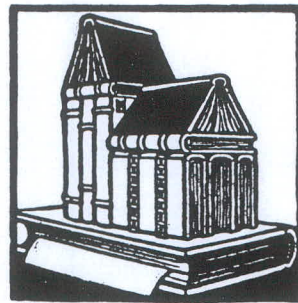
By Philmore B. Wass

1987, 258 pages

Several of our members have often said that most books and articles on lighthouses tend to only detail the construction of them and perhaps an overall history of the structure, but tell little of the keepers' life.

Well, Philmore Wass has certainly covered what life was like on a light station, and in spades.

This book is about growing up in the 1920's and 30's. It's about boyhood memories in a remote area of Maine in the depression. Even more remote in that it is on a small island, where there just happens to be a lighthouse. This is what life was like back then, back when Phil's dad was head keeper of the Libby Island Light Station. Back then, with no electricity or refrigeration—when one made do in a number of unique ways. He recalls with vivid color the days of his youth; exploring Little and Big Libby Islands, fishing and hunting and all the events that made THAT lighthouse home that special place that it was to him. Memories come flooding back as he explains the family, the other keepers and their families, ship wrecks, island games, the "govment" in their lives and an island Christmas. One can almost feel Jack Frost nipping at the nose...and toes, and smell those special pies 'mom' has cooling on the table, made from island picked berries.



Guide to Florida Lighthouses

By Elinor De Wire

1987, 96 pages

After an ubiquitous introduction providing a brief overview of lighthouses and a broad sweep on Florida lighthouses, Keeper Elinor De Wire gets down to business and provides some nice sketches on most of the lighthouses of Florida. This hard bound book is handsomely laid out and sprinkled with historical anecdotes. It features full color and historical black and white photographs of Florida. At the end of each lighthouse section is an address which you may use to gain additional information about the particular lighthouse. At the very beginning of the book is a map depicting the location of each lighthouse and a list of suggested reading is included at the end.

Hard cover, 96 pages 8½ x 11, 24 color and numerous black and white photos. The Guide to Florida Lighthouses is available from Pineapple Press, Englewood, FL (see ad in the last log).



Crossed the Bar

This past January Life Member Rustie Brown passed away just as she was about to address a CoastGuard luncheon in Long Beach, CA. Rustie was a supporter of the society from the very beginning and the author of several books, including the *Titanic*, *Psychic and the Sea* and the *Mariner's Trivia Book*. She was winner of many literary awards and was working on a book about lighthouses, which her daughter vows to finish. A fun loving, contributing member to the society, Rustie will be missed by all, Bon Voyage sweet lady.

Memorial Contributions

We have decided to make our society library a memorial library commemorating those Keepers who have "crossed the bar." In the recent past we have received donations in the name of a real keeper from the Lighthouse Service, relatives of keepers or in memory of deceased society members and have decided that those funds would be best spent on improving the society library in memory of those keepers. We will place a brass plaque in the library listing the names of those who have "crossed the bar" for those who wish to donate to that cause.