



Lloyd Vernon Gaskill  
1939 - 1940



Homer Treadwell Austin  
1928 - 1936



Horatio Heath  
1877 - 1885



Wesley Austin  
1893 - 1913

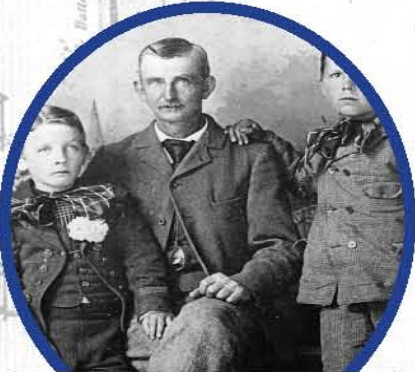
Number of Assistants, 2.  
Curtis Beach Light Station, District of Wilmington

KEEPER.	ASSISTANT KEEPER.	SALARY.	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	DATE OF VACATION.	HOW VACATED.
A. G. Simpson,		\$ 320	June 26, 1875	June 29, 1889.	Transferred
	S. B. Simpson,	450.	" 16,	" November 15, 1893.	"
	Charles C. Small, #2,	425.	March 29, 1886	June 26, 1886.	Ret. Offgt
	Charles C. Small,	425.	June 26,	May 23, 1891.	Retired
	Sagarus J. Hinnant,	320.	29 1888.	July 1, 1895.	Transferred.
	William R. Austin, #2,	450.	June 1891.	"	"
	Wesley Austin, #1,	500.	November 1892.	"	"
William J. Simmons,		720.	June 1896.	April 2, 1896.	Absolute
"	"	720.	April 2,	"	"

**CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF KEEPERS  
1875 - 2006**



Loren Edward Tillett  
1921 - 1930



William J. Simmons  
1895 - 1905



William James Tate  
1937 - 1940



Garner George Johnson  
1916 - 1920

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Keeper</b>	<b>1st Assistant</b>	<b>2nd Assistant</b>
<b>1875</b>	N. H. Burris <i>Appointed: October 12, 1875</i>	Lewis Napoleon Simmons <i>Appointed: November 23, 1875</i>	Thomas T. Everton <i>Appointed: November 23, 1875</i>
<b>1876</b>	N.H. Burris	Lewis Napoleon Simmons	Thomas T. Everton
<b>1877</b>	N.H. Burris	Lewis Napoleon Simmons <i>Removed: April 26, 1877</i> Horatio William Heath <i>Appointed: April 26, 1877</i>	Thomas T. Everton
<b>1878</b>	N. H. Burris	Horatio William Heath	Thomas T. Everton
<b>1879</b>	N. H. Burris <i>Removed: December 12, 1879</i> Lewis Napoleon Simmons <i>Acting: December 23, 1879</i>	Horatio William Heath	Thomas T. Everton
<b>1880</b>	Lewis Napoleon Simmons	Horatio William Heath	Thomas T. Everton <i>Removed: September 9, 1880</i> F. W. Bell <i>Appointed: October 12, 1880</i>
<b>1881</b>	Lewis Napoleon Simmons <i>Removed: January 29, 1881</i> William Shinnault <i>Acting: February 1, 1881</i>	Horatio William Heath	F. W. Bell
<b>1882</b>	William Shinnault <i>Transferred: May 25, 1882</i> William Scott <i>Acting: May 25, 1885</i>	Horatio William Heath	F. W. Bell <i>Resigned: May 16, 1882</i> Thomas P. Reid <i>Appointed: May 16, 1882</i>
<b>1883</b>	William Scott	Horatio William Heath	Thomas P. Reid
<b>1884</b>	William Scott <i>Resigned: September 26, 1884</i> Amasa J. Simpson <i>Acting: September 26, 1884</i>	Horatio William Heath	Thomas P. Reid
<b>1885</b>	Amasa J. Simpson <i>Appointed: June 16, 1885</i>	Horatio William Heath <i>Removed: June 13, 1885</i> Fabius E. Simpson <i>Appointed: June 16, 1885</i>	Thomas P. Reid <i>Removed: June 13, 1885</i> George W. Wallace <i>Appointed: June 24, 1885</i>
<b>1886</b>	Amasa J. Simpson	Fabius E. Simpson	George W. Wallace <i>Removed: February 25, 1886</i> Charles E. Ansell <i>Appointed: March 29, 1886</i>
<b>1887</b>	Amasa J. Simpson	Fabius E. Simpson	Charles E. Ansell
<b>1888</b>	Amasa J. Simpson <i>Transferred: June 29, 1888</i> Lazarus G. Hinnant <i>Appointed: June 1888</i>	Fabius E. Simpson	Charles E. Ansell

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<b>1889</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Fabius E. Simpson	Charles E. Ansell
<b>1890</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Fabius E. Simpson	Charles E. Ansell
<b>1891</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Fabius E. Simpson	Charles E. Ansell <i>Removed: May 23, 1891</i> William Riley Austin <i>Appointed: June 2, 1891</i>
<b>1892</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Fabius E. Simpson	William Riley Austin
<b>1893</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Fabius E. Simpson <i>Transferred: November 15, 1893</i> Wesley Austin <i>Appointed: November 15, 1893</i>	William Riley Austin
<b>1894</b>	Lazarus Hinnant	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1895</b>	Lazarus Hinnant <i>Transferred: July 1, 1895</i> William Joseph Simmons <i>Acting: July 1895</i>	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1896</b>	William J. Simmons <i>Appointed: April 2, 1896</i>	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1897</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1898</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1899</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1900</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1901</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1902</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1903</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1904</b>	William J. Simmons	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1905</b>	William J. Simmons <i>Resigned: September 24, 1905</i> Nathan Hooker Swain <i>Appointed: October 1, 1905</i>	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1906</b>	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
<b>1907</b>	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin

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1908	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1909	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1910	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1911	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1912	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1913	Nathan H. Swain	Wesley Austin	William Riley Austin
1914	Nathan H. Swain		William Riley Austin
1915	Nathan H. Swain		William Riley Austin
1916	Nathan H. Swain	William Riley Austin	George Garner Johnson
1917	Nathan H. Swain	William Riley Austin	George G. Johnson
1918	Nathan H. Swain	William Riley Austin	George G. Johnson
1919	Nathan H. Swain	William Riley Austin	George G. Johnson
1920	Nathan H. Swain	William Riley Austin	George G. Johnson
1921	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1922	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1923	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1924	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1925	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1926	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1922	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1923	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1924	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
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Year	Keeper	1st Assistant	2nd Assistant
1926	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1927	Loren Edward Tillett	William Riley Austin	
1928	Loren Edward Tillett	Homer Treadwell Austin	
1929	Loren Edward Tillett	Homer Treadwell Austin	
1930	Loren Edward Tillett	Homer Treadwell Austin	
1931	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1932	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1933	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1934	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1935	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1936	Homer Treadwell Austin	James Benjamin Cox	
1937	William James Tate, Inspector	Bill Lindsay, Assistant	
1938	William James Tate, Inspector	Bill Lindsay, Assistant	
1939	William James Tate, Inspector		
1939 to 1940	Lloyd Vernon Gaskill Lighthouse Tender and Commanding Officer of North Landing Aids to Navigation		
<p>In <b>1939</b> the Currituck Beach Lighthouse was automated and the keepers vacated the station. The United States Coast Guard assumed responsibility for the lighthouse. <b>July 1, 1939</b>, under the President's Reorganization Plan No. 11, made effective this date by Public Resolution No. 20, approved <b>June 7, 1939</b>, it was provided "that the Bureau of Lighthouses in the Department of Commerce and its functions be transferred to and consolidated with and administered as a part of the Coast Guard".</p> <p>When the United States Coast Guard took over the Currituck Beach Light Station in <b>1940</b>, members of the Coast Guard stationed at the Currituck Beach Lifeboat Station maintained the lighthouse. Their duties maintaining the Fresnel lens, cutting the grass, and painting the interior of the tower. A garage located in the staff parking lot was turned into a stable for the horses used in riding the beaches during WWII. Hay was stored in the little keeper's house.</p> <p>Around <b>1947</b>, after the end of WWII, the Currituck Beach Lifeboat Station was closed and the care and maintenance of the lighthouse was taken over by members of the USCG from the Caffey's Inlet Station, which today is part of the Sanderling Restaurant.</p> <p>In <b>1955</b> when electricity became available in the Corolla area, there was no further need to charge the batteries used to light the lens, but a generator continued to be used in the event of a power failure. The generator, along with cleaning the lens, cutting the grass and painting the interior tower, continued to be maintained by the Coast Guard. In <b>1963</b>, Lamplighters, civilian personnel hired by the USCG, took over the duty of maintaining the lighthouse.</p> <p><i>History provided by Norris Austin, Ottley W. Austin, and L. M. "Tink" Scarborough.</i></p>			

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1963	Gene Austin, Lamplighter <i>Until 1993</i>		
	<p>On <b>June 1, 1990</b>, Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit) signed a 20-year lease with the United States Coast Guard that included standard clauses requiring it to "protect, maintain, and keep in good order" the light-tower premises. In an "Addendum to License", OBC further agreed that "all work of any nature (including labor or material) that will affect historical aspects of the Licensed Property, either external or internal to the structures will only be done in accordance with the 'Standards of rehabilitation' published by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior..."* On <b>July 21, 1990</b> OBC was able to open the lighthouse for the first time to the public for climbing.</p> <p>* Excerpt from OBC's application to obtain light station property <b>February 7, 2003</b> written by Angel Ellis Khoury</p>		
1994	Debbie Westner <i>Keeper and Site Manager</i>		
1995	Debbie Westner	Pat Riley	
1996	Debbie Westner	Pat Riley	
1997	Lloyd Childers <i>Keeper and Executive Director</i>	Pat Riley	
1998	Lloyd Childers	Pat Riley	
1999	Lloyd Childers	Pat Riley	
2000	Lloyd Childers	Pat Riley	
2001	Lloyd Childers	Pat Riley	
2002	Lloyd Childers <i>Retired - November 2002</i> John Birkholz <i>Keeper - October 2002</i> Jenn Barr <i>Executive Director - October 2002</i>	Pat Riley	
2003	John Birkholz Jenn Barr	Pat Riley	
	<p>On <b>February 7, 2003</b>, OBC submits application to obtain the Currituck Beach lighthouse through the provisions of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000. The United States Department of the Interior awards OBC the lighthouse tower on <b>July 30, 2003</b>. The deed for the lighthouse was finally recorded on <b>October 17, 2003</b>.</p>		
2004	John Birkholz Jenn Barr	Pat Riley	
2005	John Birkholz <i>Resigned - May 2005</i> Jenn Barr <i>Resigned - May 2005</i> Luis Garcia <i>Keeper - May 2005</i> Meghan Agresto <i>Site Manager - May 2005</i>	Pat Riley	
2006	Luis Garcia Meghan Agresto	Pat Riley	