



# Lighthouse Digest

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## Invitation and Announcement for Placement of Historical Lighthouse Keeper Grave Markers

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the following ceremonies for the placement of historical lighthouse keeper markers at the gravesites of the following keepers:

**Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 1:30 pm**

At the Corey and Olsen Cemetery on Corey Lane in Lubec, Maine

**U.S. Lighthouse Service Light Keeper Markers for:**

**Ephraim Johnson – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

Libby Island Lighthouse 1896 to 1899

Great Duck Island Lighthouse 1900 to 1901

West Quoddy Head Lighthouse 1901 to 1931

**Maurice A. Babcock, Sr. – Light Keeper at:**

Bird Island Lighthouse 1919 to 1926

Boston Lighthouse 1926 to 1941

**Don F. Ashby - Coast Guard Keeper at:**

West Quoddy Head Light 1953 to 1956

Moose Peak Light 1956 to 1956

**Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 1:30 pm**

Hillside Cemetery, Ridge Road, Bucks Harbor, Maine

**U.S. Lighthouse Service Keeper Markers for:**

**Charles A. Kenney – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

Petit Manan Lighthouse 1903 to 1905

Libby Island Lighthouse 1905 to 1912

Little River Lighthouse 1921 to 1923

St. Croix River Lighthouse 1923 to 1930

**Gleason W. Colbeth – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

Additional keeper at Seguin Island, Goose Rocks, Ram Island, Great Duck, and Isles of Shoals (White Island)

Lighthouses 1930 to 1932

Libby Island Lighthouse 1932 to 1945

Little River Lighthouse 1945 to 1950

**Eugene Ingalls – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

West Quoddy Lighthouse 1907 to 1912

Moose Peak Lighthouse 1912 to 1915

Petit Manan 1914 to 1916

**U.S. Coast Guard Light Keeper Marker for:**

**Robert Cale, Sr. – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

Libby Island Lighthouse 1949 to 1951

Little River Lighthouse 1951 to 1956

**Harold L. Kilton – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

Goose Rocks Lighthouse – 13 years – 1930s  
(dates being researched)

Doubling Point Range Lights – 1940s  
(dates being researched)

**U.S. Coast Guard Light Keeper Marker for:**

**Clayton L. Coffin – Lighthouse Keeper at:**

West Quoddy Lighthouse 1964

West Quoddy Lighthouse 1966 to 1968

Additionally, on May 28 at the Corey Cemetery in Lubec, we will also be placing a **U.S. Life Saving Service Keeper Marker at the gravesite of Ira Elroy Scovill, (1863-1930)**, who was a surfman and then the keeper of the Quoddy Head Life Saving Station, also known as the Carrying Place Cove Life Saving Station. His daughter, Constance “Connie” Scovill Small, (1901-2005), married lighthouse keeper Elson Small and she went on to become known as “Maine’s First Lady of Light,” and authored the best-selling book, *The Lighthouse Keeper’s Wife*.

As a point of reference, in 1915 the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life Saving Service were merged to create the United States Coast Guard. In 1939 Congress dissolved the U.S. Bureau of Lighthouses, more commonly known as the U.S. Lighthouse Service, and its duties were taken over by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The year 2016 is a most appropriate year to place these historic markers, because this year is the 300th anniversary of the Boston Light Station, which is the first light station to be established in what became the United States of America.

**If anyone has additional information on these keepers, such as their dates of service at other locations, recorded memories, and photographs of them that can be shared with us, we would love to hear from you.**

**The ceremonies are open to the public and we encourage you to invite others to attend to honor these men who, along with their families, dedicated their lives to the service of our nation making it the great country that it is today.**

**If you would like to make remarks at the one or both of the ceremonies, or have a statement or letter read at the ceremony, which we encourage, please call: Tim Harrison at Lighthouse Digest at 207-259-2121, or send it to us by mail or E-mail at:  
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