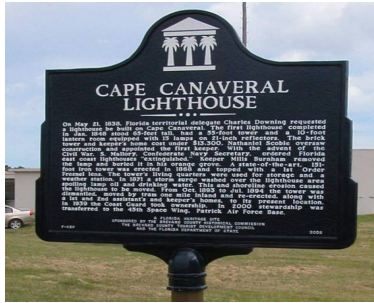


HISTORICAL MARKER

The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse historical marker was dedicated on October 23, 2008.



MARKER READS

On May 21, 1838, Florida territorial delegate Charles Downing requested a lighthouse be built on Cape Canaveral. The first lighthouse completed in January 1848, stood 65-feet tall, had a 55-foot tower and a 10-foot lantern room equipped with 15 lamps on 21-inch reflectors. The brick tower and keeper's home cost under \$13,300. Nathaniel Scobie oversaw construction and appointed the first keeper. With the advent of the Civil War, S. Mallory, Confederate Navy Secretary, ordered Florida East Coast lighthouses "extinguished." Keeper Mills Burnham removed the lamps and sent them to St. Augustine. A state-of-the-art, 151-foot iron tower was erected in 1868 and topped with a 1st Order Fresnel lens. The tower's living quarters were used for storage and a weather station. In 1871, a storm surge washed over the lighthouse area spoiling lamp oil and drinking water. This and shoreline erosion caused the lighthouse to be moved. From October 1893 to July 1894 the tower was dismantled, moved by tram one mile inland and re-erected, along with a 1st and 2nd assistant's and keeper's home to its present location. In 1939, the Coast Guard took ownership. In 2000, stewardship was transferred to the 45th Space Wing, Patrick Air Force Base.

Foundation History

The lighthouse was transferred to the Air Force from the Coast Guard on December 14, 2000. The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation Inc. was established on May 20, 2002.

The purpose of the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation is to assist the 45th Space Wing in preserving, protecting, and interpreting the lighthouse and its historical significance to the Florida Space Coast, State of Florida and our Nation. The Foundation supports the Air Force in the development and operation of a lighthouse program that informs the public and commemorates the historical activities of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The Foundation is charged with promoting the lighthouse through advertisements, brochures, and other means.

The Foundation holds an Annual Meeting for the entire membership and holds other public events including lobster/clambakes, barbecues, etc.

The affairs of the Corporation are managed by a Board of Directors who meet bi-monthly. The Board consists of nine to fifteen members. Plans are in place to return the lighthouse community to what it once was, including Keepers Cottages and connecting brick walkways.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Willing to Volunteer Yes No

Please choose a membership category below:

- Head lighthouse keeper \$100
 - Lighthouse keeper (family) \$ 50
 - Asst. Lighthouse keeper \$ 35
- (Individual)

Remember your donation is tax deductible. Please make your check payable to Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF) and mail to:

Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Fdn.
 P.O. Box 1978
 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

Direct questions to: Yvonne Thornton at myvonnelight@aol.com

HELP US BUILD....The Keeper's Walkway

The brick walkways that once linked the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse with the Keeper's Cottages are being bricked in a historically accurate manner and you can be a part of this exciting project! Each brick comes with a certificate of authenticity.

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Please fill in your information, print and mail with your check to:
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 P.O. Box 1978
 Cape Canaveral, FL 32920
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Please print Purchaser's Name _____

Address: _____

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4" X 8" brick: \$150.00 each (includes engraving of three (3) rows with up to 12 characters per line). All donations are tax deductible. Make check payable to the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation (CCLF)

Periods and spaces take one block each. The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation reserves the right of final approval of copy. Purchase may also be made on PayPal at the Foundations's website: www.CanaveralLight.org

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Purchase a brick and the light will shine on your name in perpetuity. Makes a memorable gift too!

Lighthouse History

The first lighthouse on Cape Canaveral was completed in 1848. Since its light could only be seen from 10 miles at sea, construction of the present lighthouse began in 1859 and was completed in 1868. The tower is 167 feet tall and is visible from 16 plus miles. During 1892-1894 it was moved due to erosion and now stands about one mile inland from the eastern tip of the Cape.



Cape Canaveral is thought to be the oldest mapped location in the United States. The name means "Cape of the Canes." The lighthouse is owned by the 45th Space Wing U.S. Air Force and is the only operational lighthouse in the United States that is owned by the U.S. Air Force.

Restoration of the lighthouse began in 2004 when the Air Force completed restoration of the oil house adjacent to the lighthouse.

The black and white stripes of the daymark were painted, the gallery and lamp room were removed and restored with new supports and the original brass cupola was refurbished. On April 29, 2007 the beacon was re-lit to welcome mariners returning home.

KEEPER'S CLOSET GIFT SHOP

The Foundation operates "The Keeper's Closet" gift shop offering high quality Cape Canaveral Lighthouse merchandise and memorabilia for sale. The Keeper's Closet is opened from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the Cape Cafeteria for badged personnel, at the lighthouse during all public tours, Foundation events, and for your convenience we are always open online at <http://www.CanaveralLight.org>. Please click on the Keeper's Closet tab at the top of that webpage to see photos of everything we offer at the shop. If you are local, we deliver or shipping can be arranged. Contact Janey Powell at 321-635-8363 or e-mail janeyzee@cfl.rr.com for ordering info. To volunteer at the Keeper's Closet, use Janey's contact info. All proceeds from the shop help to restore and preserve the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.



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TOURS OF LIGHTHOUSE

The 45th Space Wing Public Affairs Office conducts public bus tours of the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, including the lighthouse, free of charge. Visitors may now walk into the lighthouse and ascend to the fifth level. Call the PAFB Public Affairs Office for tour reservations and more information at 321-494-5945.

HISTORY CAPSULE

- 1848 First 65' tall lighthouse structure is built.
- 1853 Captain Mills Burnham becomes the lighthouse keeper, a position he would hold for 33 years until his death in 1886.
- 1859 Work begins on a new iron and steel lighthouse, but is halted by Civil War.
- 1868 The 150' tall lighthouse is completed.
- 1873 The daymark is added, black and white horizontal bands painted on structure.
- 1892 Work begins to move the lighthouse about a mile and a half inland.
- 1894 Relocation is complete. Lighthouse is re-lit.
- 1939 The U.S. Coast Guard takes over the lighthouse from the U.S. Lighthouse Service.
- 1954 The lighthouse is automated and the last lighthouse keeper retires.
- 1993 The Fresnel lens is removed and a modern optic installed.
- 2000 Ownership of the lighthouse is transferred from the Coast Guard to U.S. Air Force.
- 2002 The Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. is formed and a Memorandum of Agreement signed with the U.S. Air Force.
- 2004 Restoration of lighthouse began.
- 2007 Lighthouse beacon is re-lit.



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