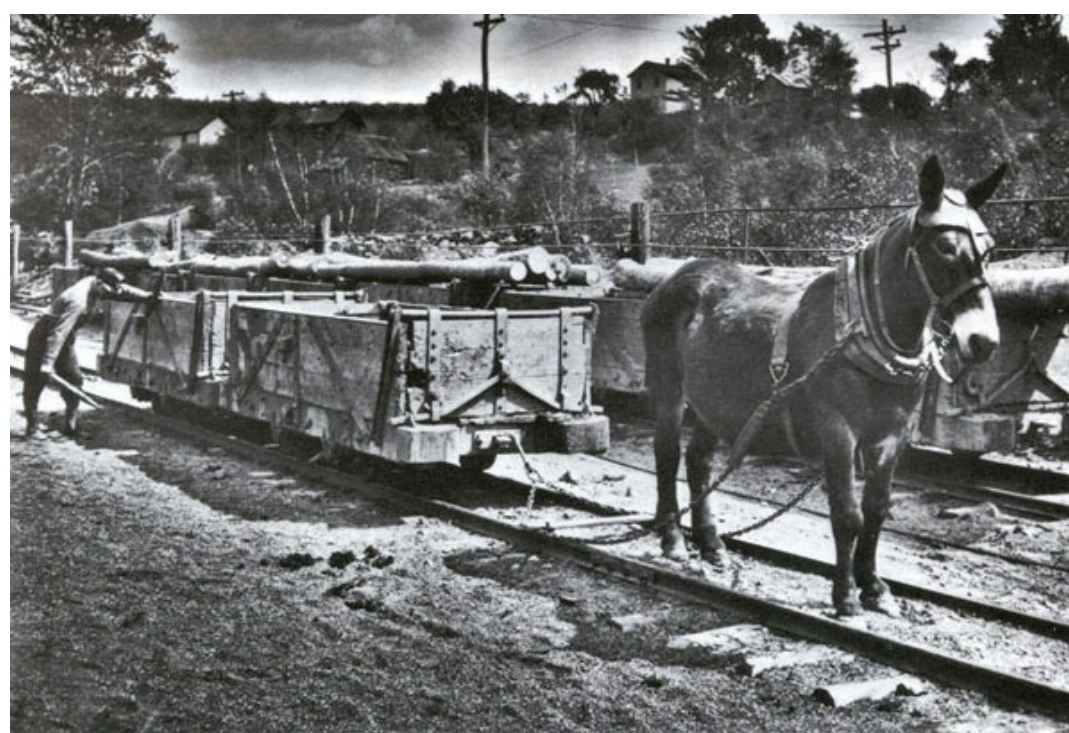


## Nancy's Story: A Mule's True and Faithful Lighthouse Service

A mule, supposedly called Nancy by the Lighthouse Keepers' families, worked for the Lighthouse Board for 33 years - most of her life. Her first job was in 1873 at the Charleston Lighthouse Station in South Carolina. Then she started to specialize in construction and worked to build the light stations at Amelia Island, Florida, then Mosquito Inlet, Florida.

In 1893, she was ordered to Cape Canaveral to do the heavy lifting for moving the Lighthouse to its present location. After the move was complete, Nancy transported the oil used to keep the light burning from the pier where it was delivered every few months. She also hauled driftwood from the beach to be used as firewood. Two times a week, she made a trip to the post office (about 4 miles from the station) for mail and household supplies for the Keeper and two assistants.

In April 1906, the Lighthouse Board thought her usefulness may be at an end, but Keeper Clinton P. Honeywell came to her defense. Nancy died at Cape Canaveral on May 16, 1906 and is likely buried nearby.



A working mule, like Nancy