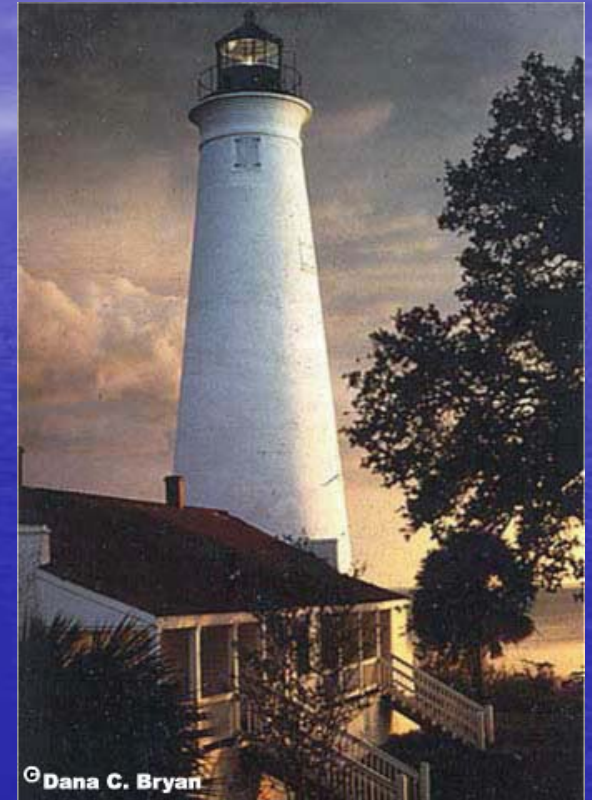


St Marks Lighthouse



St Marks National Wildlife Refuge

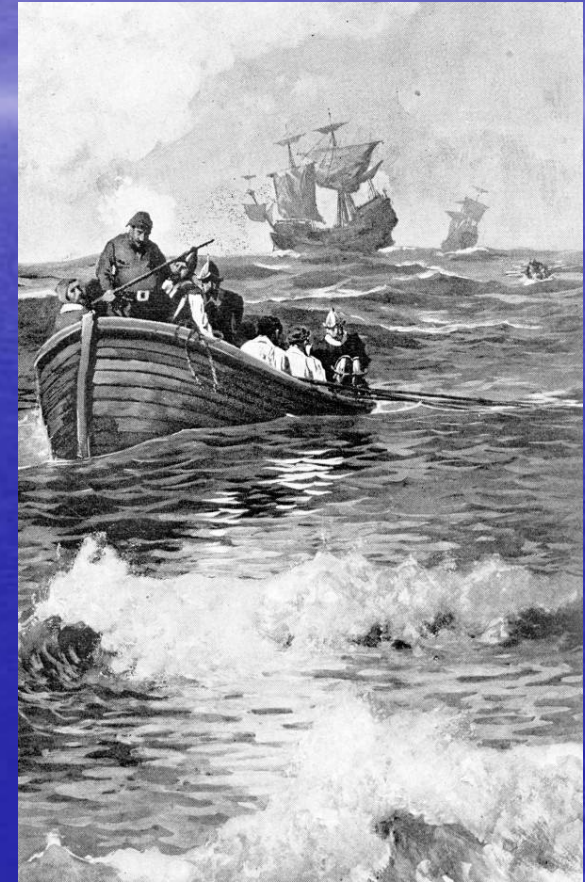


U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Spanish Explorers



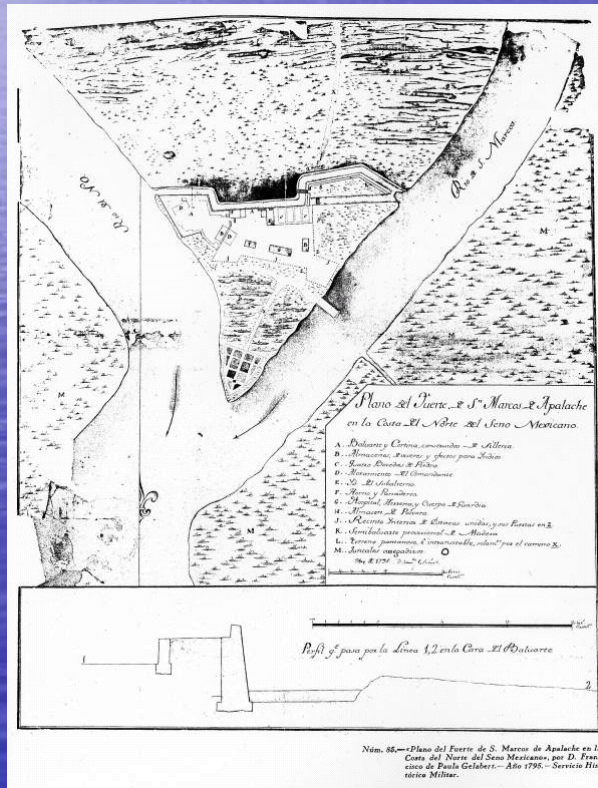
Narvaez Expedition 1528



DeSoto at
Apalachee Bay 1539

Spanish Fort

San Marcos de Apalachee 1679



Territory of Florida



ERIC ERA - 19TH

1st Lighthouse

Commerce Committee
Report Jan 21, 1828

Act Passed March 1828
\$6,000 Appropriation

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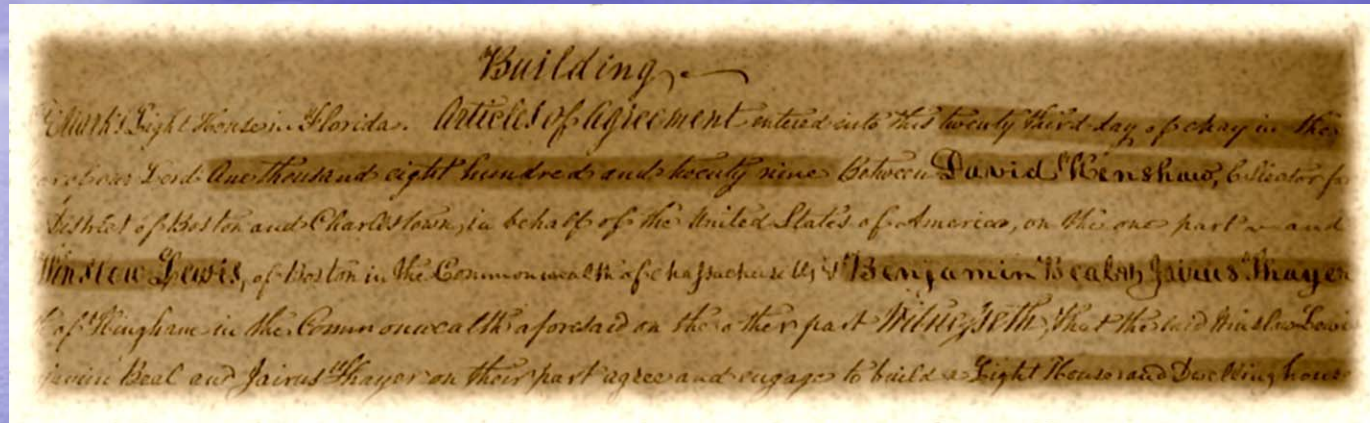
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To Mr. WOODBURY, *Chairman of the
Committee on Commerce, in the Senate.*

SIR: Believing that some explanation of the utility of the measure proposed by me as the Delegate of the Territory of Florida, in relation to the establishment of a port of entry at St. Marks, the erection of a light house, and the improvement of the harbor, might be acceptable to your Committee, I take the liberty of addressing you on the subject. It is one, I conceive, of great importance to Middle Florida, and the adjoining counties of the State of Georgia. From St. Andrew's Bay, which, perhaps, next to that of Pensacola, is the most important on that part of the coast, to Tampa, there is no place, with the exception of St. Marks, likely to be of any great importance as a harbor. The coast is generally shallow, and the land low and marshy. The Apalachie Bay, formed by the rivers Oclockney and St. Marks, is a wide and spacious inlet, the shores trending inwards until they narrow to the point which forms the entrance of the river St. Marks. The entrance of this river is, however, not easily found without the aid of a pilot, on account of the great width of the bay and the numerous shoals.

Contract with Winslow Lewis



- Contract signed 1828
- Tower finished in late 1829
- Customs Collector Refused-hollow walls
- Calvin Knowlton rebuilt tower
- Accepted in 1831-total cost \$11, 765.

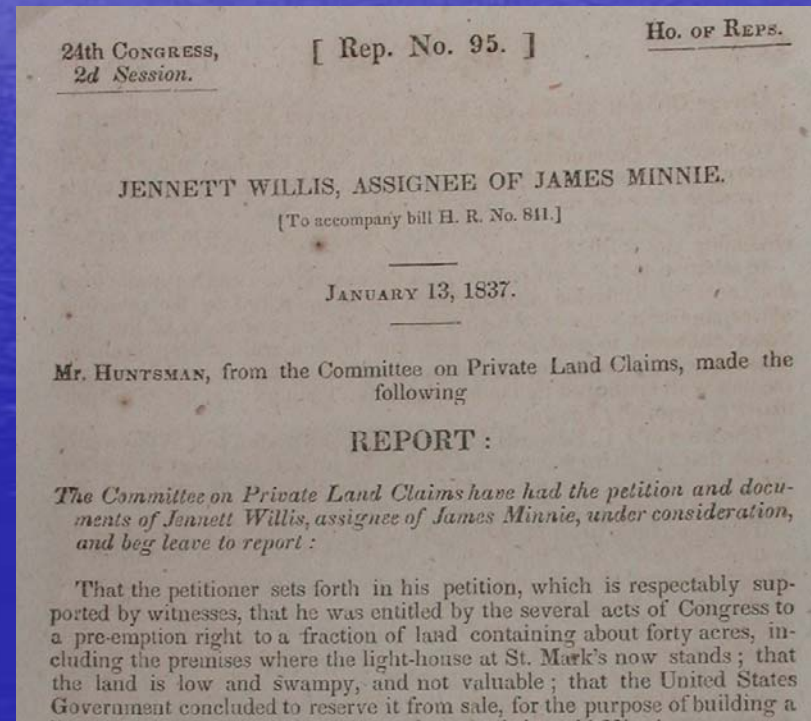
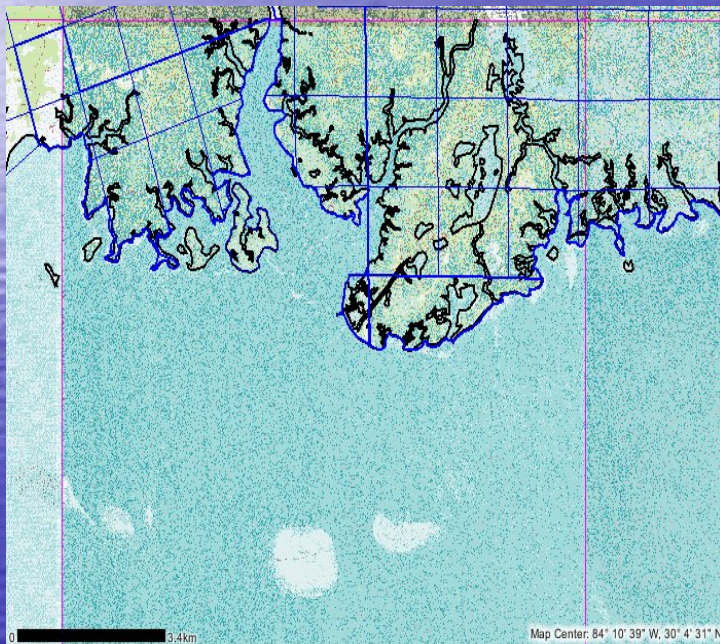
2nd Lighthouse 1831-1841

- Samuel Crosby
1st Keeper
- 2 Hurricanes Aug 1837
10ft wave - killed 8
- 1841 Calvin Knowles
rebuilt in new location.



Lighthouse Legend #1:

The original location of the 1829-1831 Lighthouse was offshore 100-200 yards.



Artifacts

Excavated in 1994 near current lighthouse site.



Lighthouse Establishment Marker

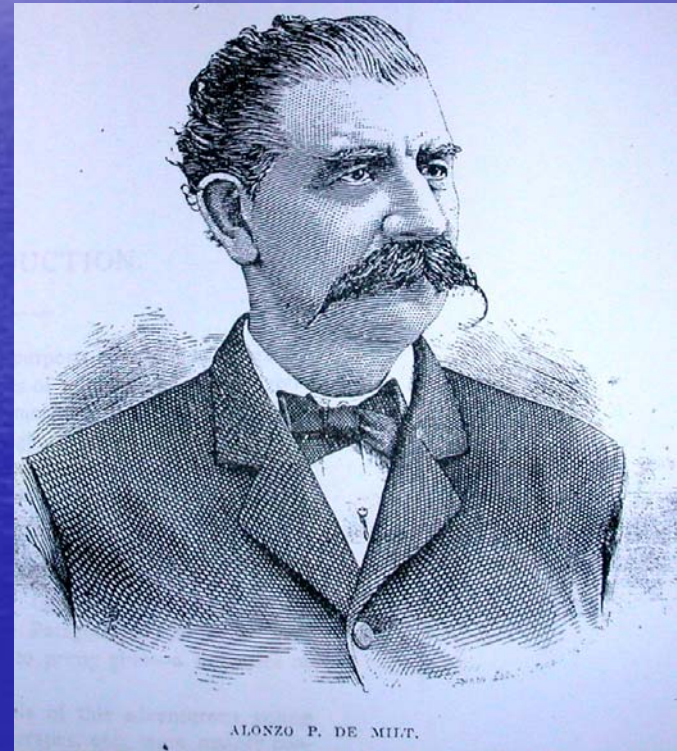
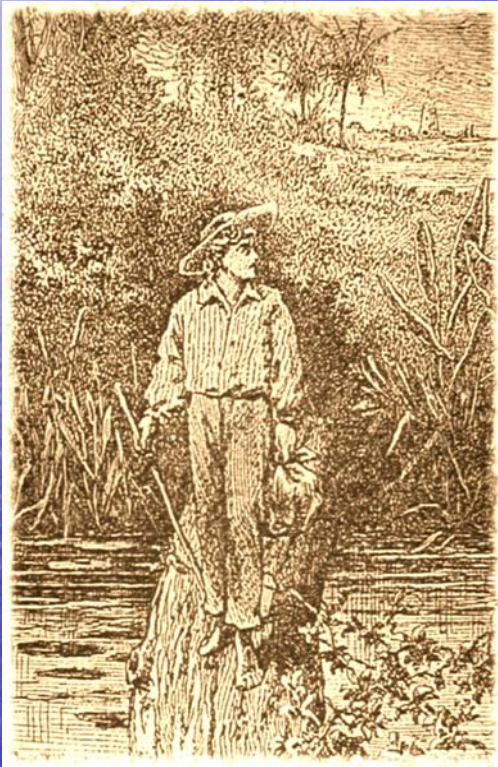


3rd Lighthouse - 1842



- Capt J P Hungerford 2nd Keeper 1839
- Bertrand's "View of Florida" 1842.

Lighthouse Runaway: Alonzo De Milt



Lighthouse Legend #2:

The tower was built with stone from Ft San Marcos.

Stat of Florida dr to J. J. Rawls.

April 13, hire of wagon 8 days at 8 dollars per day,	64.00
2 days 5 dollars -	10.00
22, hire of 3 hands 6. days	27.00
2 hands 4 days.	12.00
my services 10 days	35.00
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	148.00

I certify upon honor that the services charged for in this within bill was rendered and that they were necessary for the construction of the battery at the St Marks Light house & the prices charged were as low as they could be got for at the time }
Jas John Williams
Nov 28th 1861.

Received Quarter Master General's Office Tallahassee
December 14th 1861, from H. V. Small Quarter Master General
One hundred & forty eight dollars in full payment of



Letters to the War Dept.
in 1844 asking for stone
to use in sea wall.

Baltimore February 2d. 1844

Dr. Sir:

I am about to receive a contract from Government, to build a wall around the Light House at St. Marks, which will require a quantity of Stone of the same character as that in the Old Spanish Fort situated near the Light House, and now in a very dilapidated and falling condition, as I learn from a letter in the hands of Mr. Pleasonton, 5th Auditor of the Treasury, from the Collector of the Port of St. Marks.

As this is public property and under your control, and now being used (as you will learn from the letter referred to) by the inhabitants in the neighbourhood, I thought, as it would be some little advantage to me, and only a transfer of a piece of useless government property to

1843 Hurricane: Catastrophe at the Lighthouse

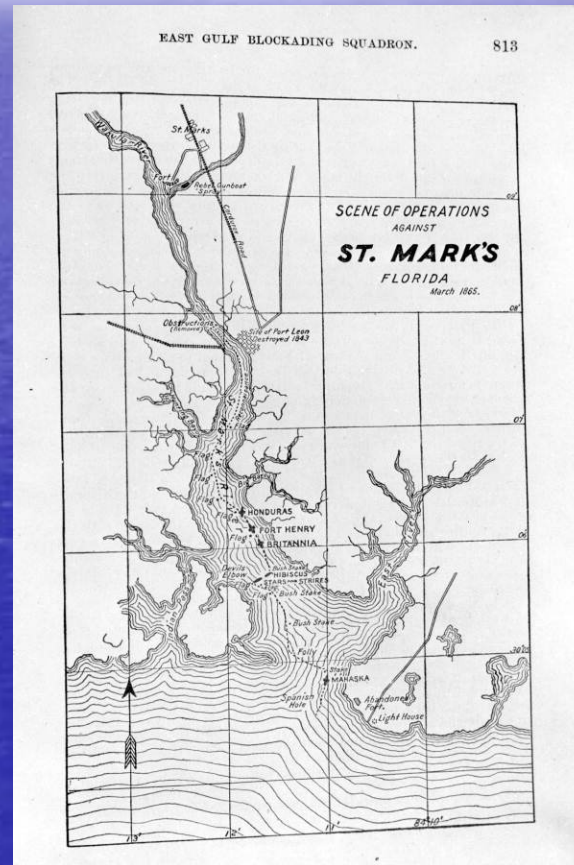
The dreadful catastrophe at the Light-House.
— Those saved, at the Light-House are Capt. Hungerford, his wife and two children, Dr. Tradewell's youngest child, Messrs. Oglesbee, Blethen and Kennedy, pilots, and five negroes. After the high water had rendered the lower story of Capt. Hungerford's house untenable, he retreated, with his family, to the attic. In few moments the roof was worn

1st Women Keeper Ann Dudley

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Ann Dudley, have had the same under consideration, and report:

The memorialist has been for several years keeper of the light-house at St. Mark's, Florida. She, with her family and several boarders, resided at the light-house, about ten miles from St. Mark's, at which latter place she obtained her supplies of provisions, except what she was able to raise from her garden. She also raised hogs, poultry, &c. By the unusual gale of August, 1851, which submerged a large portion of the town of St. Mark's, the breakwater which protected the light-house was washed away, and nearly all of Mrs. Dudley's improvements, stock, furniture, and provisions, amounting, as she says, to the value of \$1,113, were swept away and destroyed; and she prays that Congress will grant her relief.

The Civil War and the Lighthouse



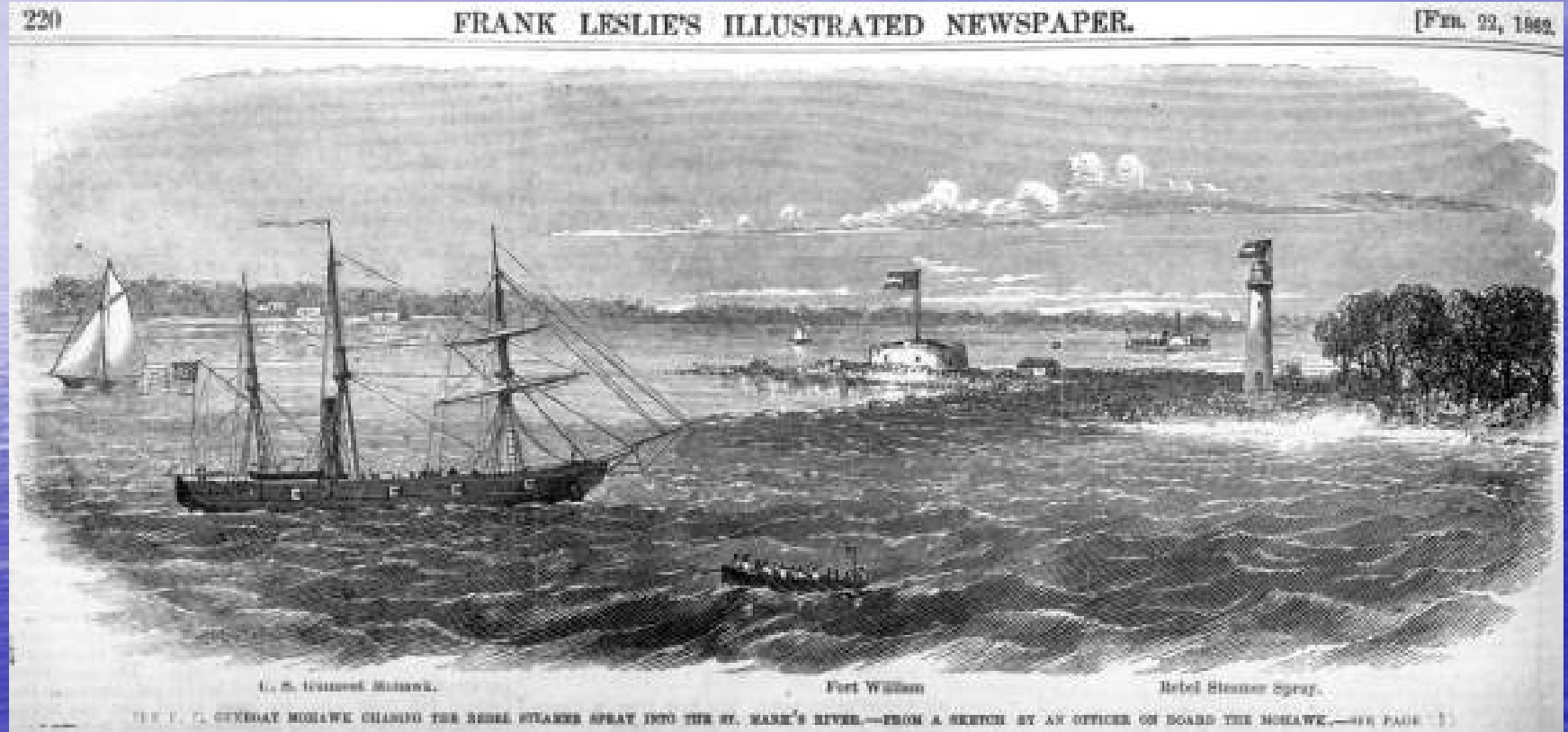
Lighthouse Legend #3:

The Confederates hid the lamp in the swamp during the war.

Received Commissioners Office Tallahassee Fla
11th 1862 from A. DeCadeaux Esq. Commissioners
Three hundred and Ninety Dollars and Eight
Cents in full payment of the foregoing
account
A. B. Hayes



Civil War: Ft Williams at the Lighthouse



CSS Steamer Spray

- Invoice for use of steamer *Spray* for transportation to the Lighthouse

State of Florida } Per Comd J. S. Williams.
 Fort Fort Williams. }
 To Steamer Spray Dr.

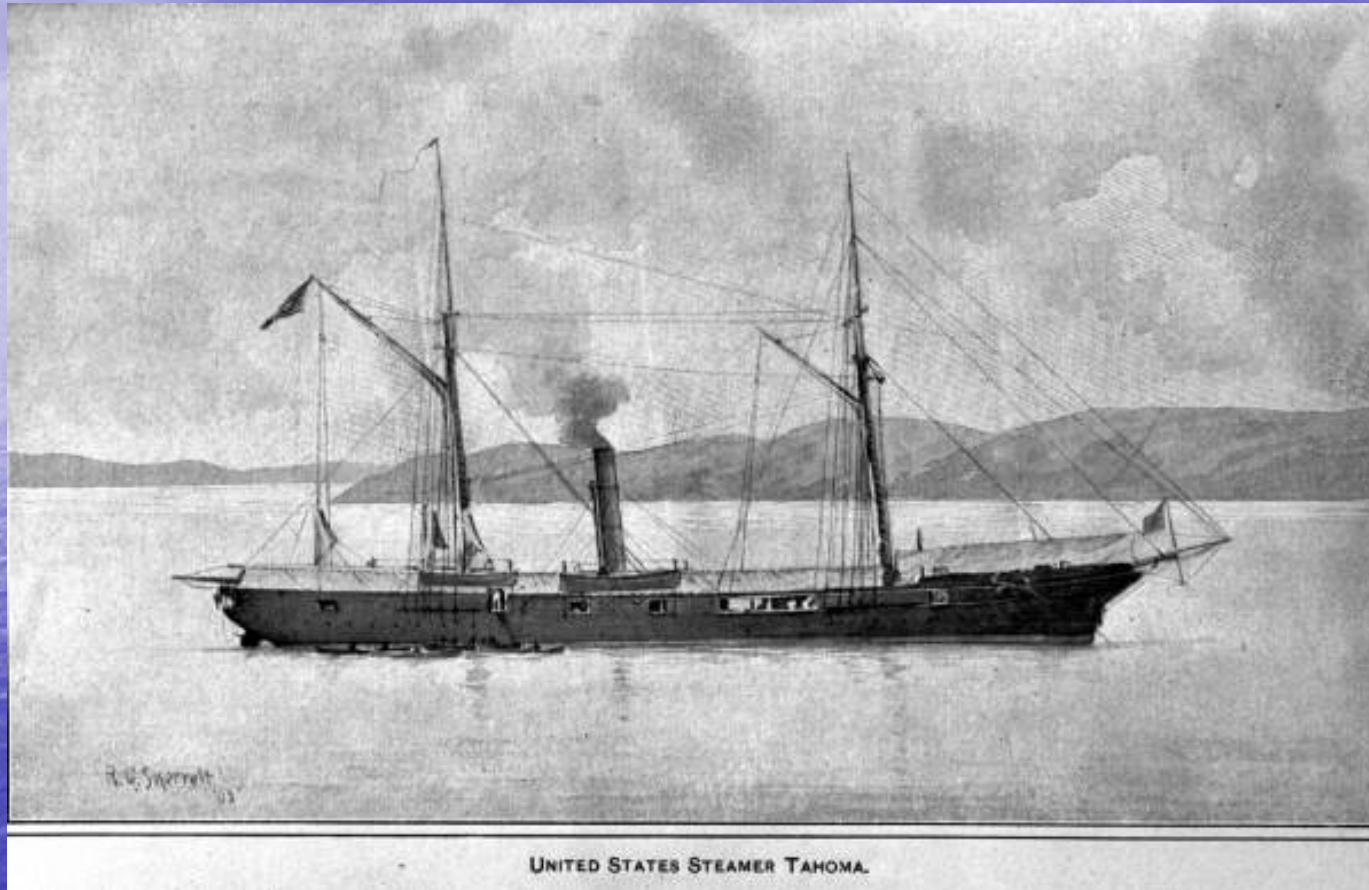
1861	March 27 th	For Lightening Guns to Light House	40.00
	"	" " 5,000 Feet Lumber.	10.00
	April 7 th	" " Hoards and use of Darge -	20.00
	"	" " Lightening Lumber from St. Marks & Kefting it.	8.00
	"	" " Paid Bill Iron work at Foundry -	12.58
Recd of the Comdants office Tall charges \$ 90.38 Oct 14 th 1861 from Comdant of Fort Williams E. C. Smith \$ 100.00 in full payment of New Port May 1 st 1861 the above account			
			Dan Latta 1861



St Marks Lighthouse April 1862



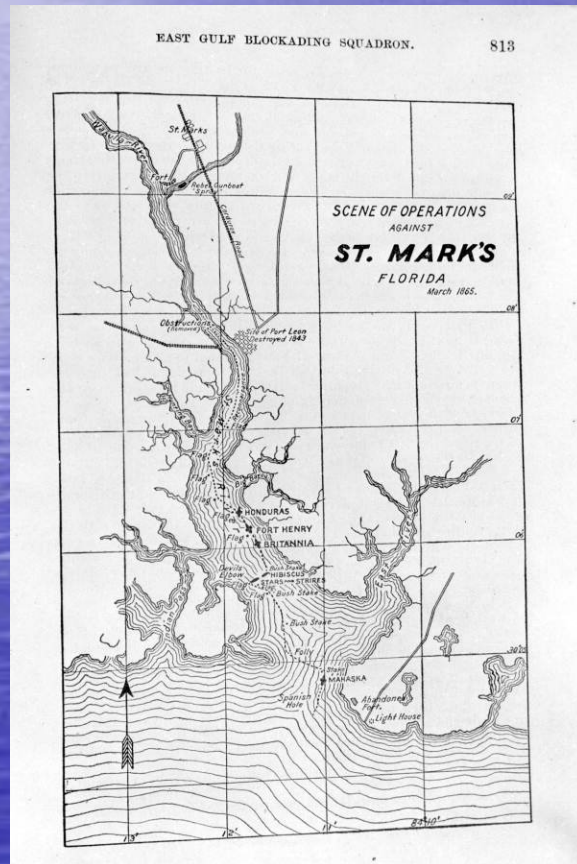
The Blockade: USS Tahoma



Shelled Ft .Williams in June 1862, forces then burned fort and lighthouse.

Battle of Natural Bridge March 1865

Col. Scott's Map



Lighthouse Legend #4:

The Confederates blew up the lighthouse to keep the Union from using it as a lookout.

Post War Repairs & New House

- Photo Ca 1885
- Hurricanes:
- Sept 2, 1837
- Sept 30, 1837
- Aug 30, 1850
- Aug 30, 1851
- Oct 1, 1852
- Sep 1873
- 1883



1892- Keeper Fine & Family



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1904 Mrs Sarah Jane Fine

Light Station, Massachusetts
June 1904
JOURNAL of Light-Station at *St. Mark's Fla*

RECORD OF IMPROBABLE EVENTS AT THE STATION, BAD WEATHER, ETC.
 1904
 MONTH DAY

June

- 1 Light - Battered by heavy
- 2 Fresh S breeze to S W
- 3 Moderate S breeze in the morning Hazy
- 4 Calm in the morning Hazy dry
- 5 Moderate southerly breeze
- 6 Fresh S breeze to S W
- 7 Light S breeze in the morning Cloudy
- 8 Light S breeze in the morning Clear dry
- 9 Light S breeze in the morning Cloudy
- 10 Light S breeze in the morning Cloudy Hazy
- 11 Moderate S breeze to S W
- 12 Moderate southerly breeze
- 13 Fresh S to heavy S W
- 14 Fresh S to heavy S W

Inspection

- 15 receives P. H. inspection
- 16 Fresh S to heavy S W
- 17 receives P. H. in inspection log

Inspection

- 18 Light S to heavy S W
- 19 Moderate variable winds
- 20 Light S breeze to S W
- 21 Fresh S breeze in the morning cloudy
- 22 Fresh S breeze S W
- 23 Moderate S breeze to S W
- 24 Light southerly breeze
- 25 Calm in the morning Hazy dry
- 26 Light variable winds P. H.
- 27 Light S breeze to S W
- 28 Moderate S breeze in morning
- 29 Calm in the morning Hazy
- 30 Fresh breeze to S W

Mrs Sarah J. Fine

1914



1924



ST. MARKS LIGHT HOUSE

Lighthouse keeper's Daughter

- Vera Gresham



1926



1937
Road open



1941



1940s-Lighthouse Island



1940s-Lighthouse Island



1946-1948



1950s



Alton Gresham



1960- Light Automated

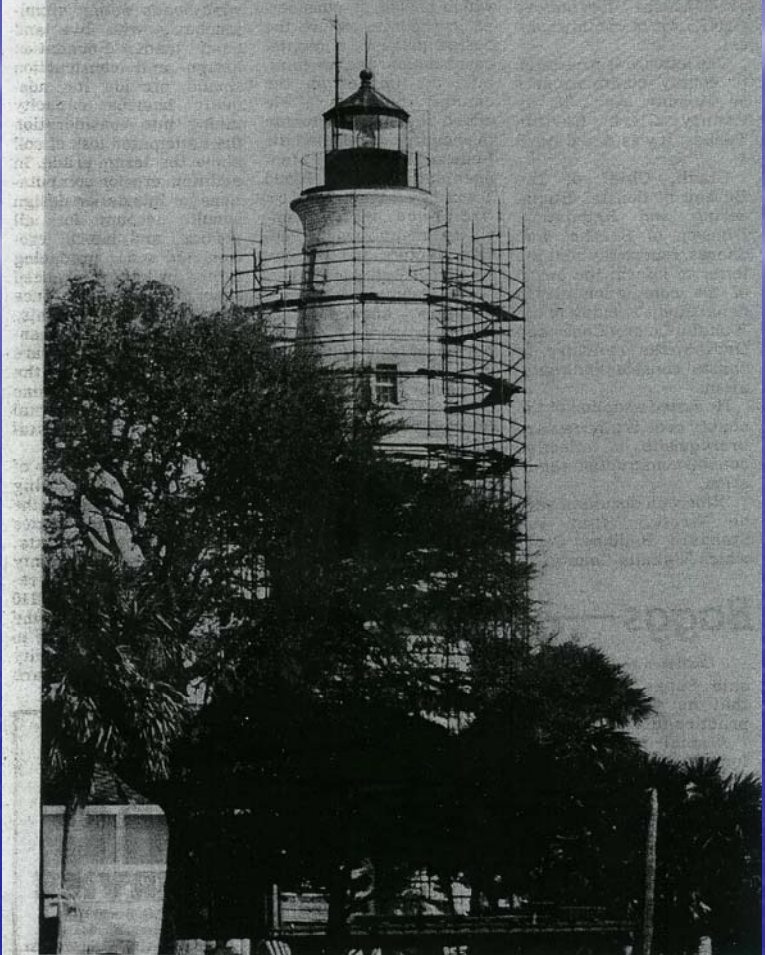


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1983

- Coast Guard Repairs
- 1983

Wakulla News
Our 88th Year, 16th Issue Thursday, April 21, 1983



Lighthouse Shines

Members of the U.S. Coast Guard from Panama City and Mobile, Ala. joined forces to renovate the St. Marks Lighthouse. The project was last undertaken by the Coast Guard in 1957, according to Chief Richard Perkett.

Sixteen men under the command of Chief Warrant Officer Jay Smith have been involved in the project, which reportedly cost about \$25,000. Perkett said he thought the project would be completed by Friday, April 22. The project reportedly included painting the lighthouse inside and out, repairing the roof and shutters. (Photo by Ron Branson)

St Marks Lighthouse

