

(Established in 1887.)

Appropriated by act of Congress, for		
a lt. at <u>Anclote Keys</u> , Fla.,	Mar. 3, 1885,	\$17,500.
" For completing the light at		
<u>Anclote Keys</u> , Fla., - - -	Aug. 4, 1886,	17,500.

*An. Rep.*  
1885.  
— *Anclote Keys, west coast of Florida.*—An appropriation of \$17,500 for building a light-house at Anclote Keys was made at the last session of Congress, but a suitable structure cannot be erected for less than \$35,000. It is proposed to erect a light-house similar to that at Cape San Blas, and, as that structure cost, complete, \$35,000, it is recommended that an additional appropriation of \$17,500 be made for this work.

*An. Rep.*  
1887.  
552. *Anclote Keys, at the southern end of the most southerly of the group of Anclote Keys, Florida.*—Proposals were received by the Board on October 4, 1886, and contract was made for the metal work of the tower, to be delivered on the site of this station by March 1, 1887. The proposals received for building two keepers' dwellings were considered excessive, and it was decided to build them by hired labor, with material purchased by contract, and the two dwellings and outhouses were completed. The concrete foundation for the tower was finished. The metal work of the tower reached the harbor at Anclote Keys in the latter part of June, 1887, but all of it had not been delivered on the site at the end of the fiscal year.

NOTE.—This station was lighted on September 15, 1887, for the first time.

*In. Rep.*  
1888.  
569. *Anclote Key, west coast of Florida.*—The tower was finished and the station lighted on September 15, 1887. A broken tension-rod in the fifth series was taken out and a new one put in. Some slight repairs to the illuminating apparatus were made in the lamp shop. A survey of the site was made, also tracings of the reservation and buildings, and various minor repairs were made to the structures.

1892 739. *Anclote Keys, Gulf of Mexico, Florida.*—The sailboat was repaired.

1894 775. *Anclote Keys, on the south end of the most southerly of the Anclote keys, Florida.*—A contract was made for building an oil house. Minor repairs were made.

1898 891. *Anclote Key, on the south end of the most southerly of the Anclote Keys, Florida.*—A wharf 209 feet long by 8 feet wide, with a T-head 15 feet long by 6 feet wide, resting on galvanized-iron-pipe piles, was built. A ladder was put on the outer end of the T-head, and a step was built from the wharf to the T-head at the outer end and from the wharf to the walk at the inner end. A brick walk was built from the new wharf to the light-house 425 feet long by 3 feet wide. Brick walks were also laid from the light-house to the keeper's dwelling, 46 feet; from the light-house to the assistant keeper's dwelling, 46 feet; from the assistant keeper's to the keeper's dwelling, 33 feet; from the light-house to the oil house, 46 feet; from the keeper's dwelling to the out-houses, 90 feet. Two brick drains were laid under the keeper's and assistant keeper's dwellings. Various minor repairs were made. All of the new work was painted or whitewashed, and the station was left in good condition. A set of fourth-order improved lamps was furnished.

1899 902. *Anclote Keys, on the south end of the most southerly of the Anclote Keys, Florida.*—The hard-oil finish was scraped off the inside of the keepers' dwellings at this station, and two coats of white paint put on. The entire dwellings were given one coat of white paint on the outside. The latticework around the foundation of the dwellings was repaired and painted lead color. Various repairs were made to the keepers' dwellings. The ironwork of the light tower was scaled, scraped, and painted. The oil house was covered with galvanized iron, and the entire structure received a coat of mineral-brown paint. An extension was built to the wharf to bring it out to deep water, 200 feet long by 8 feet wide, with a T-head, 20 feet long by 5 feet wide, on outer end, with a ladder leading to the water on outer side and steps leading to the wharf on inner side. Two fender piles were driven on the outside of the T-head. An incline, 20 feet long by 8 feet wide, was built on the inner end of the wharf. The entire picket fence around the station was rebuilt with cypress. It is 5 feet high and 400 feet long, and is fitted with four gates. It has a water table and baseboard, and the ground around the bottom is graded. The entire fence received a coat of white paint. The opening between the kitchen and main dwelling was inclosed, thus making an additional room, which was floored, ceiled, and weatherboarded, and received two coats of paint on the outside. Various repairs were made.

1902 1014. *Anclote Key, on the southerly end of the most southerly of the Anclote Keys, Florida.*—Some 633 feet of picket fence, with four gates, were built and painted.

1904 1057. *Anclote Keys, entrance to Anclote anchorage, Gulf of Mexico, Florida.*—Fourteen piles were driven under the wharf and three fender piles were driven at the outer end. The stringers and decking were repaired. A boathouse was built. A platform was built with winch and boat ways installed for hauling out the keeper's boat. Various repairs were made.