# The Smallest Lighthouse Keeper



Capt. Charles H. Hinckley

Charles H. Hinckley, Lighthouse Service. Born 1849, died 1931, age 82 years.

Captain Hinckley was the smallest lighthouse keeper in the world, it was commonly said. He stood just four feet nine inches in his socks. Everyone on Cape Code knew the keeper of the Bishop and Clerks Light, and rarely did a summer soujourner return without paying him a visit. Captain Hinckley was keeper of Bishop and Clerks up to 1919 when he was honorably discharged. At that time the government converted the light into an automatic gas light, thus doing away with the keeper. For 38 years, Hinckley tended the light and during that time never received a scratch or stove a boat.




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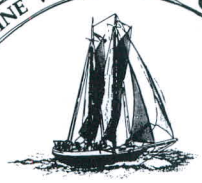

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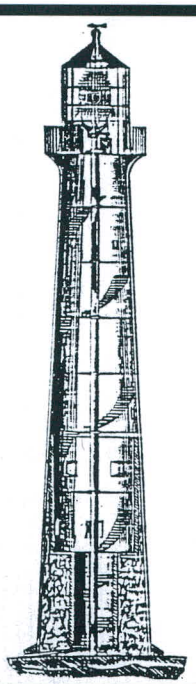

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