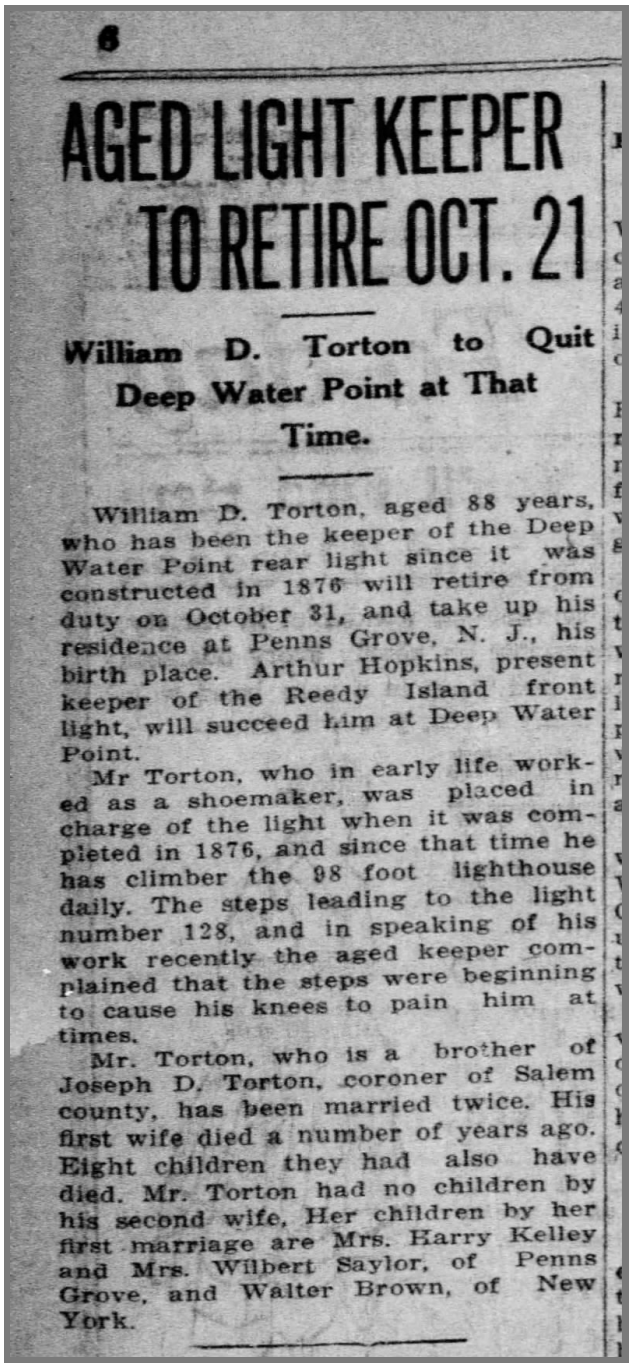
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AGED LIGHT KEEPER TO RETIRE OCT. 21

William D. Torton to Quit Deep Water Point at That Time.

William D. Torton, aged 88 years, who has been the keeper of the Deep Water Point rear light since it was constructed in 1876 will retire from duty on October 31, and take up his residence at Penns Grove, N. J., his birth place. Arthur Hopkins, present keeper of the Reedy Island front light, will succeed him at Deep Water Point.

Mr Torton, who in early life worked as a shoemaker, was placed in charge of the light when it was completed in 1876, and since that time he has climber the 98 foot lighthouse daily. The steps leading to the light number 128, and in speaking of his work recently the aged keeper complained that the steps were beginning to cause his knees to pain him at times.

Mr. Torton, who is a brother of Joseph D. Torton, coroner of Salem county, has been married twice. His first wife died a number of years ago. Eight children they had also have died. Mr. Torton had no children by his second wife, Her children by her first marriage are Mrs. Harry Kelley and Mrs. Wilbert Saylor, of Penns Grove, and Walter Brown, of New York.

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