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Dear Friend,

Thank you for that wonderful letter, that I received today, as I was so glad to hear about the little store - that my father operated many years ago.

I am Capt. Burke's daughter and lived at the Pebble Light for several years. We were transferred there in 1912 from White Island Light - at the Isles of Shoals - where I had lived for twelve years, - and

my father was stationed there as Head Keeper for nineteen years. He was at Boondsland Light and Burnt Island Light at Boothbay Harbor besides these two lighthouses. serving over thirty years in that work.

After we moved to the Nubble Light in 1912, my beloved Mother passed away there on the Island in March 1914.

I have had a most interesting Sea Life - and, this big Centennial Celebration of the Nubble Light, really means a great deal to me, I really am very excited about it, since "once upon a time" it was "my Home Sweet Home" With many happy memories.

I was at York Beach in June 1977 - and stayed at the Nubble Light Cabanas - where the view was superb and Mr & Mrs Prince were so kind to us.
My daughter was with me, and we went over to the Nubble Light one day - the people in charge were most gracious. ~~took us all through the house,~~ served us "Iced Tea and Cakes" and we had a delightful time and that was my first visit there since we left, many years ago.

I really was thrilled to know you owned my Dad's little store, & it is so pleasant to go back over those years of long ago.

I am 79 years old - and was

born in Portsmouth, N.H. but never lived there. When I was seven weeks old, my Parents took me to "my Island Home" - at White Island Light.

I shall be very glad to answer any questions you would like to ask me - and I do hope to be able to be up there some time in July - for the Big Celebration. I still know quite a few people in York Beach, and York Maine, and it always is so nice to see my old friends and most Certainly, I would enjoy meeting you.

Will be most anxious to hear from you,

Yours truly,

Mrs Herbert W Steffen.