

The Baker Island Light

Baker Island Light Station marks the southwestern entrance to Frenchmans Bay. It is one of the light stations that were built under orders from President John Quincy Adams. It is located on the eastern coast to warn mariners of the treacherous shoals around the Cranberry Islands and the great sand bar that connects it with Little Cranberry Island.

Many summer people find Baker Island a most pleasant place to visit while on their vacation period. The tower is 105 feet from the level of the sea at high water and affords a grand view of the eastern coast on a clear day.

There have been many wrecks in and about the waters of the surrounding territory of Baker Island, so that the Government saw fit several years ago to establish a Coast Guard Station at Little Cranberry Island. The members of the crew at this station have a large territory of rough water to cover.

[The Little Cranberry Island Coast Guard Station is no longer active and is now a private residence - BK]

Baker Island Lightkeepers			
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Keepers	Dates of Service	Pay	Remarks
William Gilley	1829-48	\$350	compelled to retire
John Rich	1849-53	\$350	
Joseph Bunker	1853-60	\$350	removed
John Bunker	1860-61	\$350	
Freeman C. Young	1861-69	?	
Alden H. Jordan	1869-83	\$560	pay cut to \$540; tr. to Bear I.
Roscoe G. Lopaus	1883-88	\$540	tr. to Blue Hill Light
Howard P. Robbins	1888-[1901]	\$540	
George S. Connors	[1905]	\$540	served on Libby I.
F. Faulkingham	1935		