

# THE KEEPERS OF OSWEGO HARBOR

## Oswego Harbor Lighthouse: 1822 & 1837 Lights

### Keepers:

Orlo Steel: November 13, 1821-July 20, 1849 Resigned  
Samuel Freeman: July 7, 1849-June 3, 1853 Resigned  
Jacob M. Jacobs: June 25, 1853-November 6, 1861 Resigned  
John Pringle: November 6, 1861-October 19, 1869 Removed  
John D. Munson: October 19, 1869-June 9, 1884 Removed  
John Budds: June 12, 1884-April 30, 1896 Retired  
George Greenfield: May 1, 1896-July 23, 1903 Died in Service  
Florence G. Garland: July 24, 1903-November 12, 1903 Daughter  
of Greenfield  
George A. Dillon: November 13, 1903-May 31, 1904 Removed  
Charles H. Tucker: June 1, 1904 - 1927 May have continued Service  
at Breakwater Beacon.

### Assistant Keepers:

Thomas Wallace: April 25, 1864-April 11, 1866 Resigned  
Hiram D. Warner: April 11, 1866-July 22, 1871 Resigned  
John Johnson: July 22, 1871-September 20, 1871 Removed  
Edmond Chateau: Sept. 20, 1871-September 24, 1872 Deserted  
Jessie Brown: September 24, 1872-June 15, 1874 Resigned  
John Budds: June 15, 1874-June 12, 1884 Promoted  
William Box: July 16, 1884-March 3, 1887 Transferred  
Horace R. Watts: July 20, 1912-September 1, 1912 Transferred  
Arthur Shaw: 1922-April 1, 1928

**\*\*Both Horace R. Watts and Arthur Shaw are suspected to have been transferred to the Oswego Breakwater Beacon\*\***

## Oswego West Pierhead Lighthouse:

### Keepers:

Bert E. Egelston: 1934 - 1945. Retired  
Olin W. Stevens: 1945 - 1951. Retired

### Assistant Keepers:

1st Karl H. Jackson: 1934 - December 4, 1942. Died in Service  
2nd Oscar K. Elmer: October 9, 1935 - April 1, 1941. Transferred  
2nd Carl A. Sprague: April 8, 1935 - August 25, 1935. Transferred  
2nd Carl A. Sprague: April 1, 1941 - ? Transferred

## Oswego Light Station:

### Keepers:

William Box: March 8, 1887-December 22, 1887 Removed  
John Halleran: January 9, 1888-November 21, 1888 Removed  
Thomas F. Cotter: November 21, 1888-March 26, 1902 Resigned  
Daniel J. Sullivan: April 25, 1903-1913?  
Bert E. Egelston: April 4, 1929-1931 Light Discontinued

### Assistant Keepers:

John Halleran: March 22, 1887-January 9, 1888 Promoted  
John McCalvin: March 21, 1888-May 3, 1888 Removed  
John Cody: May 14, 1888-May 17, 1888 Cancelled  
Thomas Cotter: August 9, 1888-November 21, 1889 Promoted  
Edward Gibson: January 8, 1888-November 18, 1889 Removed  
John W. Loveridge: December 14, 1889-April 1, 1891 Resigned  
George Greenfield: July 13, 1891-May 1, 1896 Transferred  
Charles H. Tucker: May 4, 1896-November 1, 1897 Transferred  
Richard Tonge: November 30, 1897-March 15, 1898 Transferred  
Daniel J. Sullivan: June 23, 1898-April 22, 1903 Promoted  
Sylvester Burke: July 16, 1903-May 31, 1907 Resigned  
James C. Southgate: May 20, 1904-March 31, 1907 Resigned  
Edward C. Wendell: April 13, 1907-March 31, 1908 Transferred  
Paul H. Chauncey: May 29, 1908-April 9, 1909 Transferred  
Arthur L. Litogot: April 21, 1909-November 30, 1909. Transferred  
George W. Clark: January 1, 1910-1912 Resigned  
Horace R. Watts: July 20, 1912-September 1, 1912 Transferred  
Arthur Shaw: 1922? - April 1, 1928. Transferred  
Karl H. Jackson: 1928 - 1932. Transferred

## Keepers of USLSS Station Oswego:

### Keepers:

William Williams: September 8, 1876 - 1877  
John Blackburn: October 1, 1877 - October 23, 1889  
Edwin E. Chapman: October 23, 1889 - October 1, 1892\*  
Fredrick W. Anderson: October 28, 1892 - 1915\*

**\*Edwin E. Chapman was appointed District Superintendent in 1889. Fredrick W. Anderson was responsible for the USLSS/USRCS merge into the USCG at Station Oswego.\***

## Officers-in-Charge at USCG Station Oswego: 1915-1968 (light automation)

Fredrick W. Anderson: January 28, 1915 - August 15, 1916. Retired  
George E. Henderson: August 15, 1916 - September 8, 1916. Acting  
Everett J. Clemons: September 8, 1916 - November 2, 1920. Transferred  
George E. Jackson: November 9, 1920 - December 31, 1925. Transferred  
Mason B. McCune: January 1, 1936 - March 1942. Transferred  
Alston J. Wilson: March, 1942 - December 4, 1942. Died in Service  
Joseph H. Herbert: January, 1943 - July 1946.  
Hugh M. Brown: July 30, 1946 - February, 1948. Transferred  
Kenneth T. Outten: 1948 - April 18, 1951. Transferred  
William H. Bellows: 1951 - 1952. Transferred  
Howard T. Gavitt: 1952 - September 30, 1954. Retired  
Henry E. Brunet: September 30, 1954 - March 3, 1956. Transferred  
Charles F. Marceau: March 3, 1956 - 1957. Transferred  
Benjamin Check: July 17, 1957 - ?. Transferred  
Robert Betz: 1958 - ? Transferred  
Lawrence M. Coale: February 26, 1959 - September 30, 1960. Transferred  
Freeman E. Stuart: September 30, 1960 - November 19, 1962. Transferred  
Richard F. Seymour: November 19, 1962 - November 1963. Transferred  
Karl W. Gillette: November, 1963 - August 29, 1966. Retired  
Lester H. Green: July 1, 1966 - August 29, 1966. Transferred  
William H. Bellows: August 29, 1966 - 1968. Retired

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