

Turkey Point Lighthouse Timeline

- 1833** Thirty-five foot masonry tower and wooden keepers' quarters built by John Donahoo on 100-foot bluff overlooking the Elk and North East Rivers.
- 1856** Fourth-order Fresnel lens visible for 13 miles installed.
- 1880s** Improvements made to the dwelling & outbuildings. Fog bell added.
- 1925** Fannie May Salter named keeper by President Coolidge after death of husband, Clarence.
- 1942** Tower electrified.
- 1947-8** Salter retires and light fully automated.
- 1972** Keepers' house torn down. Original Fresnel lens later stolen. Light replaced by plastic lens. Wooden stairs removed and other measures taken to prevent vandalism.
- 1995** Turkey Point Light Station, Inc. established to restore light station to original condition.
- 2000** US Coast Guard decommissions light.
- 2002** Light reactivated and serves as private aid to navigation.

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