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# The Last Lightkeeper

## Le dernier gardien de phare

Angus Newman ❖ 1893-1967

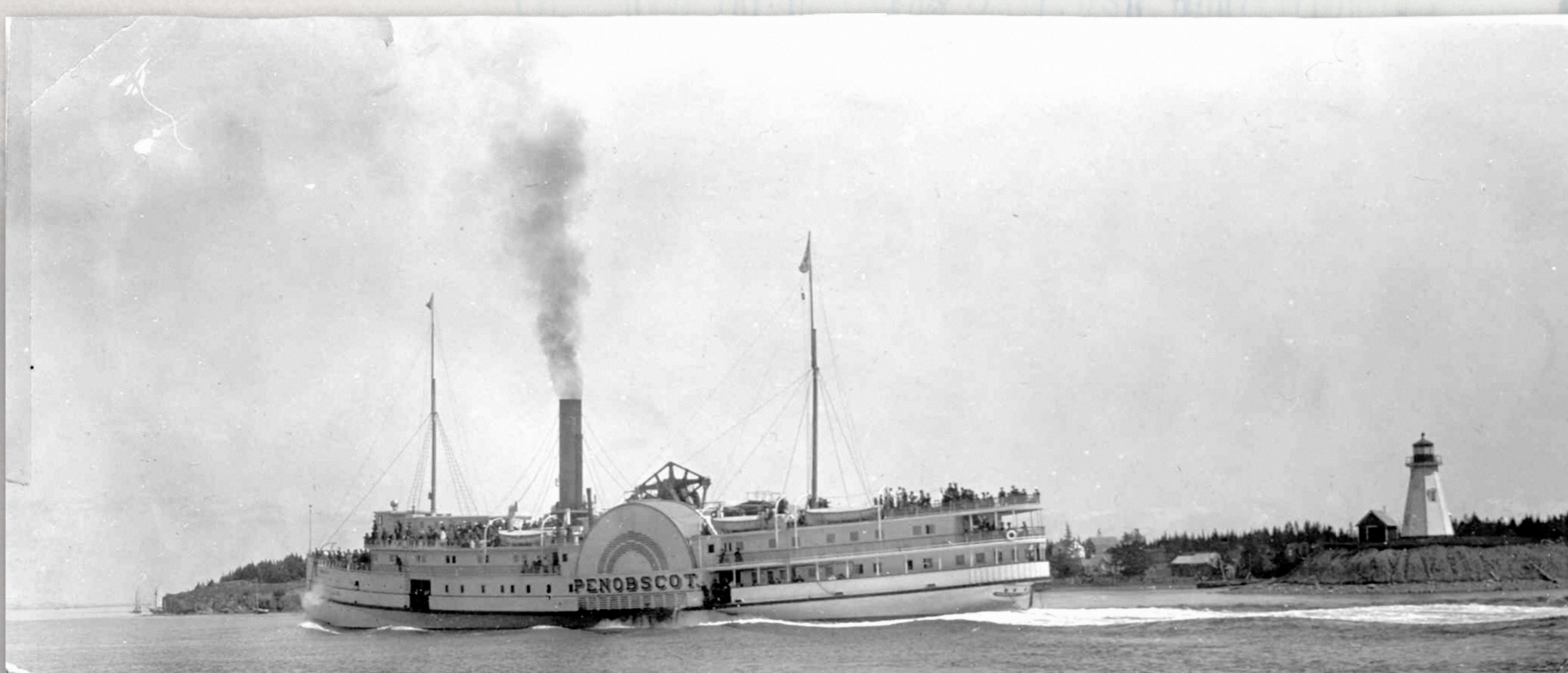
Mr. Angus Newman, a native of Campobello Island, was the last lighthouse keeper for the Mulholland Point Lighthouse. Angus began his vocation in 1926, after serving in the Great War from 1914-1918. He was 33 when he began tending this lighthouse. Angus was extremely faithful to his task, knowing full well that mariner's lives depended on Mulholland Point Light.

Angus Newman's daily task began in the very early hours each morning, leaving home each day well before daybreak, to extinguish the light for the daylight hours, then rowing across the Narrows to Lubec, where he was employed. After working his 8 hour daily shift at the local smoke shed, he would again row across the Narrows, back to ignite the light for the darkening hours, and begin his trek home by foot. Mr. Newman's daily routine consisted of a 5.9 mile walk each day in all seasons, no matter the conditions. Angus walked the equivalent of over three times the distance around the earth's equator during his service.

As can be seen, the currents of the Campobello/Lubec Narrows are notoriously dangerous. When the roads were impassable in winter, Angus would leave his home in Welshpool and walk the weekly 3 miles to his "Light" by way of the shoreline.

In 1963, Angus Newman retired from his lightkeeping duties after serving 37 years of service. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Bridge opened in 1962. The bridge included navigation lights on its underside, and the lighthouse was deemed unnecessary and decommissioned.

This lighthouse stands as a symbol of the Island's maritime history, and a monument to its faithful and last keeper — Angus Newman.



M. Angus Newman, originaire de l'île Campobello, fut le dernier gardien du phare Mulholland Point.

Angus débuta sa carrière en 1926, après avoir servi dans la Grande Guerre de 1914 à 1918. Il avait 33 ans quand il commença à entretenir ce phare. Angus fut très dévoué à son travail, sachant bien que la vie des marins dépendait du signal lumineux de Mulholland Point.



Le travail quotidien d'Angus Newman commençait très tôt le matin. Il quittait sa maison bien avant le lever du soleil afin d'éteindre le feu du phare pendant le jour. Ensuite, il traversait le passage étroit des Narrows à la rame jusqu'à Lubec où il travaillait. Après avoir fait son poste quotidien de huit heures à la boucanière locale, il traversait de nouveau les Narrows afin d'allumer le feu pour les heures d'obscurité et commençait son retour chez lui à pied. La routine quotidienne de M. Newman comprenait un trajet à pied de 5,9 miles en toute saison, quel que soit le temps. Angus marcha l'équivalent de plus de trois fois le tour du monde pendant sa carrière.

Comme on peut l'observer, les courants des Narrows Campobello/Lubec sont extrêmement dangereux. Lorsque les chemins furent impraticables en hiver, Angus quittait sa maison à Welshpool et marchait trois miles sur le rivage jusqu'au phare.

En 1963, Angus Newman prit sa retraite après 37 ans de travail au phare. Le pont Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial fut ouvert à la circulation en 1962. Puisque le pont comportait des feux de navigation sur son dessous, le phare fut jugé inutile et fut mis hors service.

Ce phare est un symbole de l'histoire maritime de l'île et un monument de son dernier gardien fidèle, Angus Newman.

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