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**ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: KATE'S LIGHT: KATE WALKER AT ROBBINS REEF LIGHTHOUSE BY ELIZABETH SPIRES
AND EMILY ARNOLD MCCULLY**

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PILOT BOATS IN NEW YORK HARBOR



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While the lighthouse is extremely difficult to see, the boats give a good reference to those ships that may have been seen at the lighthouse by Kate Walker.

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NOW VACANT ROBBIN'S REEF OR KATE'S LIGHT SITTING MAJESTICALLY IN NEW JERSEY WATERS IN NEW YORK HARBOR / WORLD-TELEGRAM PHOTO BY DICK DE MARSICO.



Reference Link: <http://www.loc.gov/item/2005692545/>

Contributor Names: De Marsico, Dick, photographer

Created / Published: 1945 December 5.

Subject Headings: - Lighthouses--New Jersey--1940-1950

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- NYWT&S staff photograph.

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RALPH REXINGER, AND JOAQUIM H. BRITS STARTING TO EAT WHILE OLAF ANDERSEN COOKING AT STOVE / WORLD TELEGRAM PHOTO BY DICK DE MARSICO.



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THE SUN, DECEMBER 21, 1902, SECOND SECTION, PAGE 6, IMAGE 20

A WOMAN TENDS THIS LIGHT.

**MRS. WALKER'S LONELY HOME
ON ROBBIN'S REEF.**

**In Charge of the Lighthouse Fourteen
Years and Has a Fine Record—The
Only Woman in Such a Post—Her Family
With Her—They Like Their Home.**

The only woman in the world in charge of a lighthouse entirely surrounded by water lives in New York Bay. About her is a population of 6,000,000 people, yet she is not a part of it and has not its ways.

When she leaves her sea-swept home once or twice a year to shop in New York the rush and confusion of the great crowds all about so fill her with loneliness that almost before she has begun her purchases she turns her back on the things dear to the feminine heart and flees precipitously to Robbin's Reef lighthouse. There, she says, she has not known a lonely minute in the seventeen years that she has watched the

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THE SUN, MAY 26, 1918, SECTION 5 MAGAZINE SECTION, PAGE 6, IMAGE 46

6 THE SUN, SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1918.

The Woman Warder of City's Inner Harbor

Sublime Faith Inspires Mrs. Katie Walker, Who Has Kept the Lighthouse on Robbins Reef for More Than a Generation

By EILEEN O'CONNOR.

SHE is a faithful keeper. She has always done more than her share."

An officer of the Lighthouse Bureau pronounced this brief, sufficient encomium on Mrs. Katie Walker, the woman who has kept the lighthouse at Robbins Reef

lence. She learned it from the air and the waves and the great stretches of sky, blue or gray, or cloud veiled, that encompass Robbins Reef.

"There's so much you think that it isn't needful to say." So she quaintly sums her philosophy of sparse speech.

Although she has been much alone, she

life as the only woman who keeps a lighthouse entirely surrounded by water. I repeat her story to you as she told it to me.

"I was living at Sandy Hook when I met Jacob Walker. He kept the Sandy Hook lighthouse. He took me to that lighthouse as his bride. I enjoyed that, for it was on land, and I could keep a

cause my husband had gone ashore and overstayed his time. At all events, when he got back I showed him my packed trunks and told him I was going away. He laughed, and the next day he unpacked my trunks. They have never been packed since.

"My husband caught a heavy cold while tending the light. It turned into pneu-

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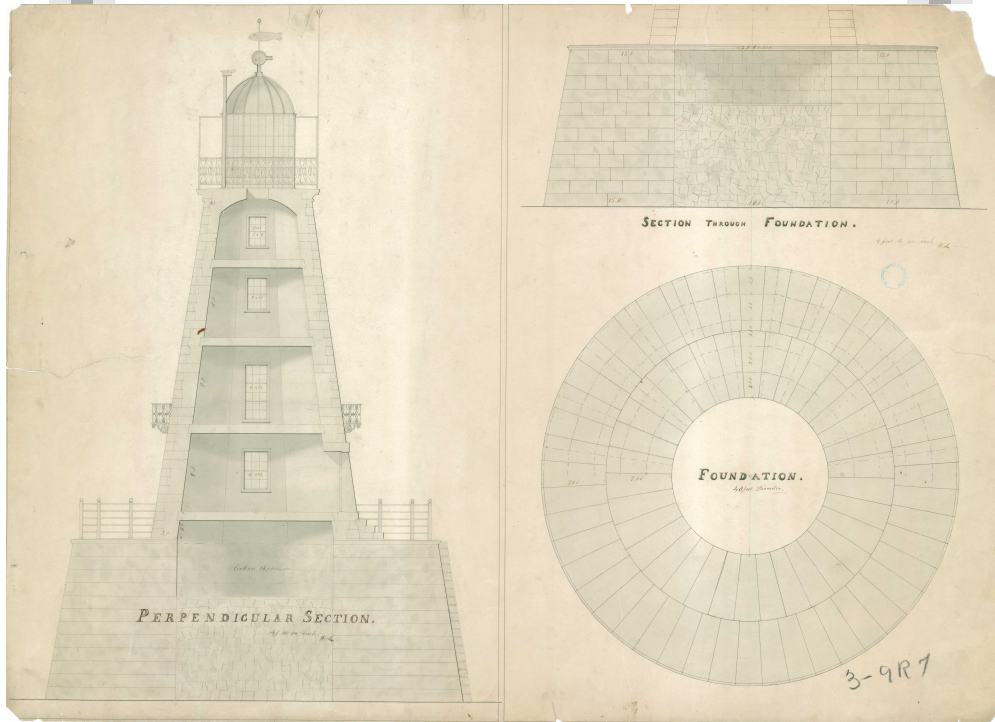
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ROBBINS REEF LIGHTHOUSE



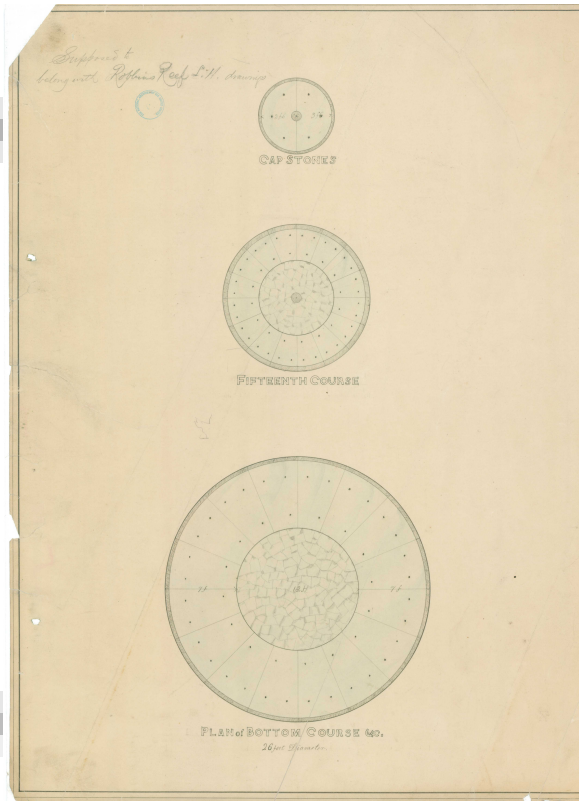
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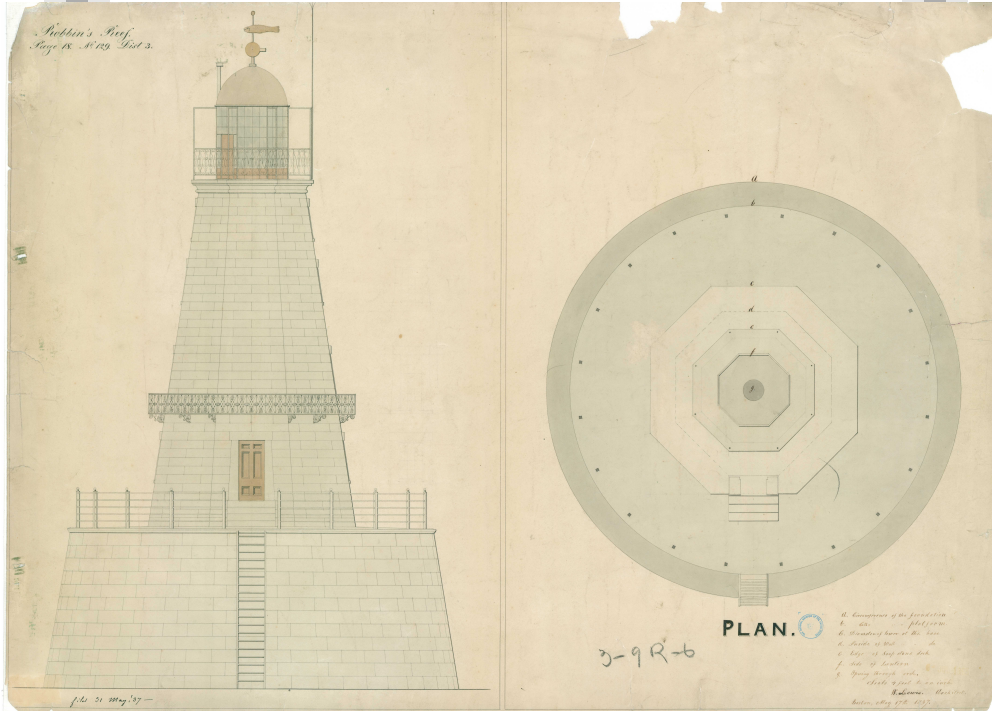
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[NEW JERSEY] MPS ROBBINS REEF LIGHT STATION

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Robbins Reef Light Station
Hudson County, NJ
(Light Stations of the United States
Multiple Property Listing)

Narrative Description

Robbins Reef Light Station is a cast iron conical lighthouse built in 1883. It is located offshore in about six feet of water approximately two miles west of Bayonne, New Jersey. This light marks a hazardous shoal near the west side of Upper New York Bay's main shipping channel. The lighthouse includes a 48-foot tall superstructure that sits atop a masonry pier. Its pier is about 45 feet in diameter and built of granite blocks. This pier was originally constructed in 1839 as the foundation of an earlier light tower at the site. A riprap breakwater abuts the pier's northeast side and curves to the west. This provides a modestly protected mooring area for boats. The pier was formerly painted white, though most of the paint has weathered away. The existing light tower is four stories tall and supports a cylindrical watch room and decagonal lantern. The tower's

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THE PORT OF NEW YORK--BIRDS EYE VIEW FROM THE BATTERY, LOOKING SOUTH



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