



## *L. Vernon Gaskill and Dixie*

This drawing was taken from a photo of keeper Vernon Gaskill with his dog, Dixie. Vernon was the last principal keeper at Bodie Island Lighthouse, serving from 1919 until 1939. His son, John Gaskill, served as a docent and volunteer at the lighthouse until 2010 and, at age 94, still sat on the porch of the double keepers' quarters, his childhood home, answering visitors' questions and telling stories about growing up at one of the most isolated light stations in America.