



The Keeper's Children

Until 1963, there were no roads or bridges to connect Bodie Island to other cities and places, so the family and children of the keepers usually stayed in Manteo on Roanoke Island where they could attend school. But during holidays or when school was out, they could take a ferry over and stay at the lighthouse. There was plenty of open space to play in the shadow of the beautiful striped tower, and with swimming, exploring, shell collecting, and all kinds of outdoor games to play, life was never dull for the keeper's children.