

Polishing the Lens

Lighthouse keeper Unaka Jennette, fondly known as "Captain 'Naka," is shown here polishing the giant Fresnel (pronounced Fruh-nell or Fray-nell) lens of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Keeper Jennette was the last and longest-working keeper at Hatteras, serving from 1919 until 1937. In 1933, Clifton Adams, a photographer with National Geographic Magazine visited the Outer Banks and took a now famous photograph, from which this drawing was made.