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Liverpool's Lighthouse Keepers		
Name/Rank	Lighthouse	Service
Abernethy, Thomas	Crosby Lightship	1845 - 1856
Keeper	Formby	1856 - 1856 (Formby closed)
Keeper	Crosby	1856 - 1887 (Died)
Adams, James	Puffin Is. Teleg.	1838 – 1860 (Superann.) (Keeper)
Keeper	Bidston teleg.	1861 - 1869
Keeper	Bidston lighthouse	1869 – 1879 (Superann.)
Adams, Jane	Bidston	1870 - 1875 (Assistant)
Adams, Mary	Bidston	1867 - 1869 (Asst. telegraph)
Assistant (LH)	Bidston	1869 - 1870
Ainsdell, Jeremiah	Hoylelake upper	1764 - ?
Appleton, Thos./Samuel	Rock	1830 - 1832?
Askew, James Herbert	Bidston teleg.	1864 - 1864
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1864 - 1869
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1869 - 1872
Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1872 - 1875
Assistant Keeper	Bidston	1875 - 1883
Keeper	Hilbre teleg.	1883 - 1888
Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1888 - 1892
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1892 - 1901
Keeper	Ormeshead	1901 - 1912 (Superann.)
Austin, Ernest	Bidston	1900 - 1901
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1901 - 1903
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1903 - 1911 (Died)

Austin, John	Liverpool Teleg.	1877 - 1883
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1883 - 1885
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1885 - 1900
Keeper	Liverpool Teleg.	1900 - 1909
Caretaker	Leasowe	1909 - 1920
Beaver, Robert	Lynas	1809 - 1814 (Died) Keeper
Bell, Thomas	Lightship seaman	1854 - 1856
	Dock gateman	1856 - 1860
	Landing stage	1860 - 1865
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1865 - 1868
Keeper	Hoylelake upper	1868 - 1880
Keeper	Leasowe	1880 - 1892 (Died)
Bennett, Elizabeth	Hoylelake upper	1828 - 1829
Bennett, John	Leasowe lower	1764 - ?
Bennett, Joseph	Hoylelake upper	1809 - 1828 (Died)
Beynon, Maurice	Lightship	1876 - 1884
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1884 - 1896 (1876 – 1884 lightship)
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1896 - 1905
Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1905 - 1907
Keeper	Point Lynas	1907 - 1915 (Died)
Bird, Henry	Mersey Tender	1854 - 1860
Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1860 – 1868 (Died)
Bird, William	Hoylelake upper	1819 - 1855 (Superann.)
Brett, Ronnie	Ormeshead	1969 - ? (Keeper)
Brown, Joseph	Rock	1834 - 1834 (Resigned)
Brown, Richardson	Lightship seaman	1851 - 1857

	Landing Stage	1857 - 1865
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake upper	1865 - 1871
Buckley, Robert	Lightship seaman	1873 - 1891
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake, lower	1891 - 1896
Keeper	Crosby	1896 - 1898 (Died)
(Lost his life in Crosby fire)		
Chambers, David	Lightship seaman	1863 - 1879
Keeper	Hoylelake lower	1879 - 1888
Keeper	Bidston	1888 - 1903 (Superann.)
Christopherson, John	Rock	1832 - 1833
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1833 - 1834 (Resigned)
1 <sup>st</sup> Keeper	Rock	? - 1836
Keeper	Formby	1836 - 1839
Keeper	Crosby	1839 - 1840 (Resigned)
Codd, James	Lightship seaman	1876 - 1887
Assistant Keeper	Dove Marks	1887 - 1890
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake, lower	1890 - 1891
Subordinate Mate	Lightships	1891 - 1897
Assistant Keeper	North Wall	1897 - 1901 (Superann.)
Curwen, Matthew	Rock	1832 - 1832 (Resigned)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1834 - 1836
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1836 - 1837
Principal Keeper	Rock	1837 - 1841 (Removed)
Dodd, Arthur Middleton	Voel Nant	1868 - 1885 (Assistant Keeper)
Assistant Keeper	South Stack tele.	1885 - 1888
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1888 - 1892
Assistant Keeper	Liverpool teleg.	1892 - 1893 (Resigned)
Dodd, James Johnson	Voel Nant teleg.	1880 - 1882 (Assistant Keeper)
Assistant Keeper	S.Stack Teleg.	1882 - 1885

2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1885 - 1888
Keeper	Voel Nant teleg.	1888 - 1915
Keeper	Lynas	1915 - 1930 (Superann.)
Dodd, William M.	Ormeshead	1874 - 1875 (Resigned)
Eaton, Harry	Messenger	1905 - 1921
Junior Asst. Keeper	Ormeshead	1921 - 1925
Assistant Keeper	North Wall	1925 - 1940+
Eccles, Robert	Hilbre teleg.	1883 - 1885 (Assistant Keeper)
Assistant	Voel Nant teleg.	1885 - 1888
Assistant	S. Stack teleg.	1888 - 1892
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1892 - 1896
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Lynas	1896 - 1901
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Keeper	Lynas	1901 - 1913
Keeper	Ormeshead	1913 - 1930 (Superann.)
Eccles, Samuel	Messenger	1888 - 1900
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1900 - 1902 (Resigned)
Eccles, Thomas	Lightship seaman	1865 - 1875
Assistant Keeper	Hoyle lower	1875 - 1890
Assistant Keeper	Dove Marks	1890 - 1899
Keeper	Hoyle lower	1899 - 1905 (Superann.)
Eccles, William	Lightship seaman	1895 - 1905
Assistant Keeper	Hoyle lower	1905 - 1908
	Lightship seaman	1908 - 1914
Assistant Keeper	Rock	1914 - 1924
	Head stage man	1924 - 1934
Flockheart, William	Rock	1830 - 1830 (Resigned)
Francis, John Thompson	Rock	1875 - 1902 (Died) (Keeper)

Gaylord, D.	Lynas	1949 - 1969? (Assistant)
Green, John W.	Rock	1848 - 1864 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Keeper)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1864 - 1874 (Died)
Grumley, Nicholas G.	Ormeshead	1902 - 1903 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1903 - 1910 (Died)
Hannah, John	Rock	1837 - 1841 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Keeper)
1 <sup>st</sup> Keeper	Rock	1841 - 1874 (Superann.)
Henderson, Johnson	Crosby	1840 -1842 (Keeper) (Died)
Hughes, John Edward	Dock gateman	1856 - 1858
Keeper	Hoylake lower	1858 - 1862
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1862 - 1866
Keeper	Hoylake upper	1866 - 1868
Keeper	Hoylake lower	1868 - 1879
Keeper	Bidston	1879 - 1888 (Superann.)
Hughes, Thomas	Rock	1840 - ?
Johns, Thomas (Assistant)	Hoylake upper	1871 - 1880 (Died)
Johnson, Luke	Rock	1830 - 1832 (Dismissed)
Jones, Ann	Leasowe	1854 - 1867 (Died)
Jones, Edward	Lightship seaman	1860 - 1877
Keeper	North Wall	1877 - 1887
Keeper	Crosby	1887 - 1896 (Superann. 1896)
Jones, Ellen	Ormeshead	1863 - 1866 (Asst., Keeper's daughter)
Jones, F.L.	Lynas	? - 1949 (Resigned) (Snr. Asst.)

Jones, Job	Hilbre Teleg.	1833 – 1834 (Resigned)
	Llysfaen Teleg.	1836 - 1842
Keeper	Ormeshead Teleg.	1842 - 1862
Keeper	Ormeshead	1862 - 1885 (Superann.)
Jones, John	Leasowe	1830 - 1854 (Dismissed)
Jones, John	Lynas	1850 - 1856 (Resigned) (Assistant)
Jones, Lewis	Lynas Teleg.	1875 - 1879 (Asst. old telegraph station)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1879 - 1884 (new combined LH & teleg)
Assistant Keeper	Bidston	1884 - 1885
Assistant Keeper	Voel Nant teleg.	1885 - 1888
Keeper	Hilbre Teleg.	1888 - 1923
Jones, William	Dock gateman	1838 - 1850
3 <sup>rd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1850 - 1874 (Superann.)
Kaney, William	Lightship seaman	1870 - 1886
Assistant Keeper	Dove Marks	1886 - 1887
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1887 - 1892
Keeper	Hoylake lower	1892 - 1899
Keeper	Lynas	1899 - 1907 (Superann.)
Lawrence, William	Rock	1842 - 1848 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Keeper)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1848 - 1850
Lee, James, Snr.	Hoylake lower	1836 - 1860 (Died)
Lee, James, Jnr.	Dock gateman	1852 - 1855
Keeper	Hoylake upper	1855 - 1866
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1866 - 1874 (Superann.)

Lloyd, David	Rock	1837 - 1846
Keeper	Crosby	1846 - 1851
Keeper	Formby	1851 - 1855 (Killed, train accident)
Makin, William	Lightship seaman	1887 - 1906
Subordinate Mate	Rock	1906 - 1913
Keeper	Rock	1913 - 1914
Keeper	North Wall	1914 - 1916 (Died)
Mathias, William	Holyhead Teleg.	1847 - 1859 (Assistant)
Keeper	Holyhead Teleg.	1859 - 1872
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1872 - 1885
Keeper	Ormeshead	1885 - 1901 (Superann. 1901)
Started at Holyhead age 12		
Mathias, William P.	Messenger	1909 - 1909
Assistant Keeper	Hilbre Teleg.	1909 - 1910
Assistant Keeper	Liverpool Teleg.	1910 - 1911
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	South Stack Teleg.	1911 - 1912
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1912 - 1937
Senior Assistant	Lynas	1937 - 1947
Keeper	Lynas	1947 - 1949 (Retired ill health 1949)
McLaughlin, John	Rock	1914 - 1924 (then head stageman)
Morgan, Albert Herbert	Messenger	1880 - 1881
Assistant Keeper	Hilbre teleg.	1881 - 1883
Assistant Keeper	Liverpool teleg.	1883 - 1885
Assistant Keeper	Bidston	1885 - 1900
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1900 - 1903
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1903 - 1912
Keeper	Ormeshead	1912 - 1913
Keeper then caretaker	Bidston	1913 - 1916
Keeper	North Wall	1916 - 1927 (Superann.)
Morgan, Alma Inkerman	Lynas	?

Morgan, David	Rock	1841 - 1848
Keeper	Lynas	1848 - 1884 (Superann.)
Morgan, Joseph	Lightship seaman	1843 - 1864
Storekeeper	Marine Surveyor	1864 - 1867
Keeper	Leasowe	1867 - 1880
Keeper	Hoylelake upper	1880 - 1886
Keeper	Dove Marks	1886 - 1886 (Superann.)
Morgan, Lettice	Lynas	1856 - 1863 (Resigned) (Assistant)
Morgan, Mary	Lynas	1863 - 1867+ (Assistant)
Morgan, Ridley Latimer W.	Lynas	1873 - 1875 (Resigned) (Assistant)
Peterkin, Albert G.	Ormeshead	1866 - 1869 (Resigned)
Peterkin, William R.	Ormeshead	1872 - 1874 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant)
Pierce, George	Lynas	? - 1872 (to S. Stack telegraph)
Pritchard, Elizabeth	Lynas	1832 -1848 (Died) Keeper
Pritchard, John	Lynas	1848 - 1848 (Resigned) (Assistant)
Pritchard, Robert, (Lt.)	Lynas	1814 - 1832 (Died) (Keeper)
Pritchard, Robert	Ormeshead	1875 - 1883 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant)
Assistant	Bidston	1883 - 1883 (Died)
Rimmer, Thomas	Hoylelake upper	1764 - ?
Roberts, Richard	Puffin Island	1846 – 1852 (Assistant)
Keeper	Puffin Island	1852 – 1855
Assistant	Lynas	1855 - 1879



1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1879 - 1884
Keeper	Lynas	1884 - 1899 (Superann.)
(53 years with the MDHB)		
Robertson, Thomas	North Wall	1877 - 1906 (Superann.) (Keeper)
Robinson, J.A.	Ormeshead	? - 1936 (Died)
Rowland, A.E.	North Wall	1923? - 1925
Schofield, Walter	Lynas	1948 - 1973+
Seed, Jane	Hoylake upper	1808 - 1809 (sister of Thomas)
Seed, Nicholas	Hoylake upper	1776 - ?
Seed, Thomas	Hoylake upper	? - 1808 (Died)
Slade, William Alfred	Lightship seaman	1897 - 1901
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Bidston	1901 - 1903
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Lynas	1903 - 1912
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1912 - 1930
Keeper	Lynas	1930 - 1937 (Superann.)
Smarley, Alexander	Leasowe upper	1764 - 1765?
Smith, John, Snr.	Hoylake lower	c.1774 - 1814
Smith, John, Jnr.	Hoylake lower	1814 - 1836 (Superann.)
Smith, John	Leasowe	1803 - 1830
Smith, Thomas	Lightship seaman	1886 - 1902
Keeper	Rock	1902 - 1906
Keeper	North Wall	1906 - 1914
Keeper	Rock	1914 - 1919+

Spinks, James	Lightship seaman	1862 - 1864
	Hoyle lower	1864 - 1872 (Dismissed)
Stanford, Charles, Snr.	Lightship seaman	1876 - 1884
Assistant Keeper	Lynas	1884 - 1901
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1901 - 1903
Keeper	Bidston	1903 - 1913 (Superann.)
Stanford, Charles, Jnr.	Bidston	1910 - 1913
Assistant Keeper	Lynas	1913 - 1913
Assistant Keeper	North Wall	1913 - 1923
Senior Keeper	Liverpool teleg.	1923 - 1940+
Stanford, James Henry	Ormeshead	1911 - 1921 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant)
Senior Asst Keeper	Lynas	1921 - 1923
Assistant Keeper	North Wall	1923 - 1929 (Briefly at Lpool teleg.)
Senior Asst Keeper	Lynas	1930 - 1937
Keeper	Lynas	1937 - 1946 (Returned to Lpool tele)
Stirzaker, Thomas	Rock	1841 - 1842
Keeper	Crosby	1842 - 1846 (Promoted Pier Master)
Thomas, John	Ormeshead	1903 - 1911 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant)
Keeper	Ormeshead	1911 - 1912
Keeper	Bidston	1912 - 1913
Assistant keeper	North Wall	1913 - 1913
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Point Lynas	1913 - 1919 +
Trowsdale, Joseph	Lightship seaman	1869 - 1880
Assistant Keeper	Hoyle upper	1880 - 1882
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1882 - 1885
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant	Bidston	1885 - 1887 (Died)
Turner, Thomas	Dove Marks	1892 - 1899 (Assistant Keeper)
Subordinate Mate	Lightships	1899 - 1901

Assistant Keeper	North Wall	1901 - 1913 (Superann.)
Urmson, William	Bidston	1797 - 1835 (Keeper)
Urmson, Ann	Bidston	1835 - 1869 (Keeper) (Died)
Urmson, John	Bidston	1869 - 1872 (Principal Assistant)
Walker, Joseph, Lt.	Formby	1834 - 1836 (Drowned)
Wallace, John	Rock	1833 - 1834 (Dismissed)
Wallace, Thomas	Rock	1834 - 1834
2 <sup>nd</sup> Keeper	Rock	1834 - 1836
1 <sup>st</sup> Keeper	Rock	1836 - 1837
Wilding, Elizabeth	Bidston	1797 - 1800 (Keeper)
Wilding, Richard	Leasowe	1765? - 1771? (Keeper)
Keeper	Bidston	1771? - 1797 (Died)
Williams, Hugh	North Wall	1887 - 1897 (Superann.)
Williams, Job	Messenger	1888 - 1892
Assistant	South Stack tele.	1892 - 1896
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Ormeshead	1896 - 1900 (Resigned)
Williams, John/William	Rock	1830 - 1830 (Dismissed)
Williams, John Edward	Messenger	1919 - 1920
Assistant Keeper	Hilbre telegraph	1920 - 1928
Assistant Keeper	Liverpool teleg.	1928 - 1937
Jnr.Asst. Keeper	Lynas	1937 - 1946
Senior Assistant	Lynas	1946 - 1949
Keeper	Lynas	1949 - 1962

Williams, Mary Elizabeth	Leasowe	1894 - 1908 (LH closed)
Williams, Thomas	Dock Gateman	1868 - 1874
Assistant Keeper	Ormeshead	1874 - 1882
Assistant Keeper	Hoylelake, upper	1882 - 1886 (LH closed)
Keeper	Dove Marks	1886 - 1892
Keeper	Leasowe	1892 - 1894 (Died)
Woods, Robert	Leasowe	? - 1803 (Dismissed)

Notes.

(Died) means that the keeper was still serving when he died.

In the records names are sometimes spelled inconsistently, therefore the most common spelling has been used in this table.

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