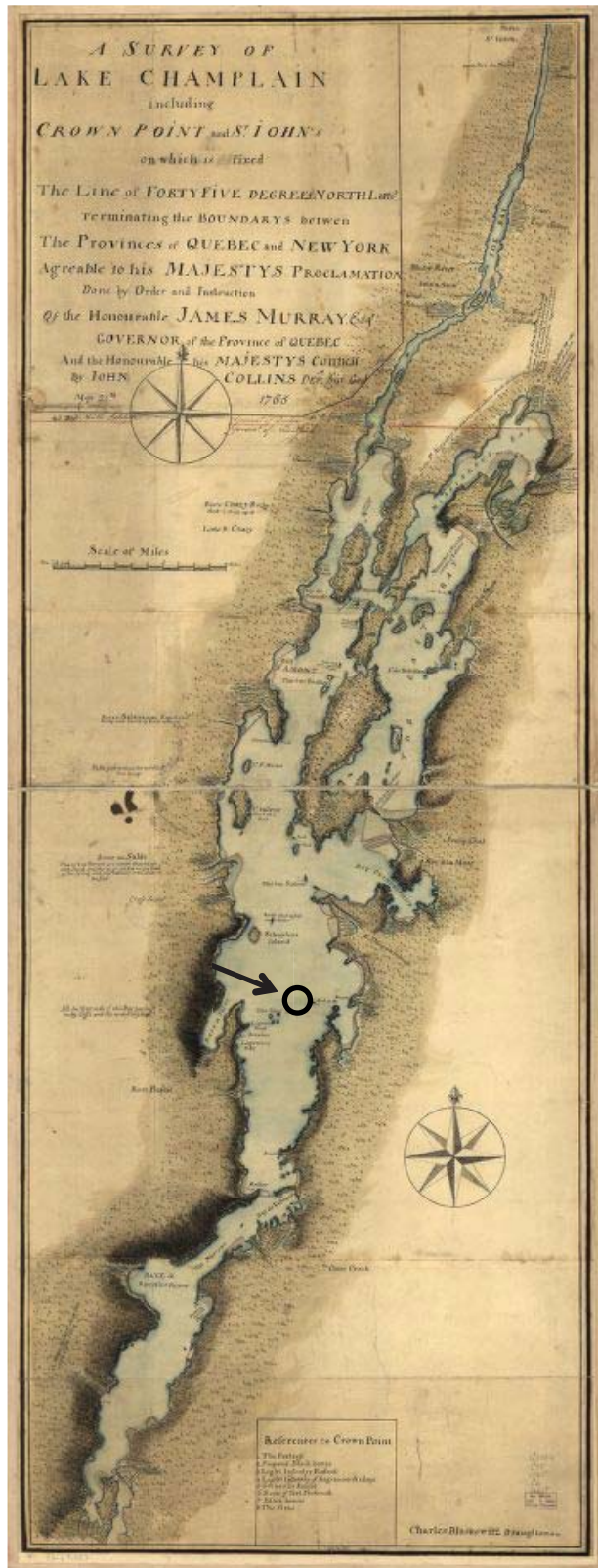




Juniper Hall's Namesake

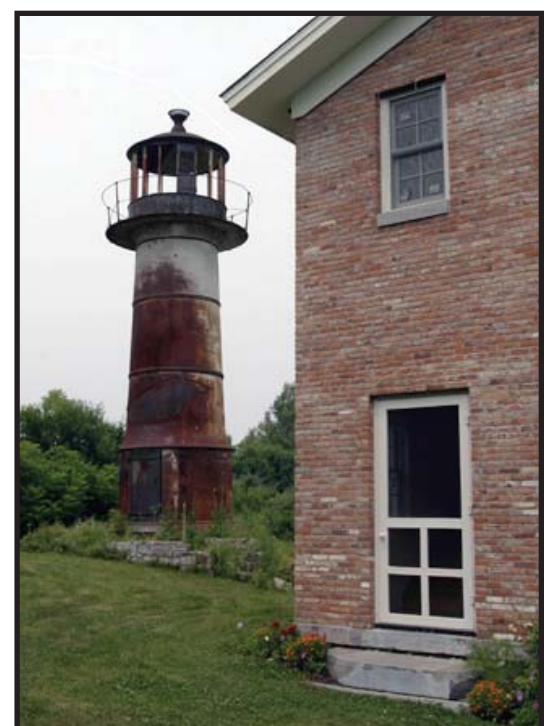


Map of Lake Champlain from 1765

In the early 19th century, due to its location on Lake Champlain, Burlington developed into the second-largest lumber port in the United States. As traffic increased, Juniper Island was identified as an ideal site for a lighthouse to help navigate the waters. The original 30-foot-tall brick structure was built in 1826, and was the first lighthouse built on Lake Champlain. A 30-foot cast-iron tower replaced the original in 1846, and is the oldest standing cast-iron lighthouse in the U.S. The light was originally produced by 10 lamps and reflectors. These were replaced with Fresnel lenses, which are thinner and allow the light to be visible over greater distances. The light was replaced by a skeleton tower with an automatic light in 1954. In 1956, the island was sold in an auction to State Senator Fred Fayette. The keeper's house was destroyed in a fire in 1962. The Fayette family began restoration work on the house in 2001 with salvaged and reused bricks. There are plans to restore the lighthouse tower; however, the navigational light would most likely not be returned to the tower because tree coverage makes the lighthouse difficult to see from the water.



Juniper Island and Rock Dunder, late 1800s
Photo by: J. S. Wooley



Juniper Island Lighthouse, 2007
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