

The Shadow of History and U.S. Customs Images

Warning: Vacation Photos Ahead!



Figure 1: Old, retired U.S. Customs agent standing by a model of the old Boston Customhouse. This landmark building has been repurposed as a Marriott Resort. The bottom portion of the customhouse was built in 1849.



Figure 2: Street view of the former U.S. Customhouse in Boston. The tower you see was added to the original building in 1915. For over 50 years, this was the tallest building in New England.



Figure 3: The USS Constitution also known as "Old Ironsides" was launched in 1797 in Boston. The ship became famous for her actions during the War of 1812. She is still in active service and is berthed at the former Charlestown Navy Yard-Boston National Historical Park.



Figure 4: The Minute Man statue designed by sculptor Daniel Chester French was completed in 1847 and is located within the Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord, Massachusetts. The statue depicts a minuteman stepping away from his plow to join the patriot forces at the Battle of Concord. French's other designs include the four continents' statues on the Alexander Hamilton Customhouse in New York City and the Lincoln statue at the Lincoln Monument in Washington, D.C.



Figure 5: Gravesite of author and former U.S. Customs officer Nathaniel Hawthorne located on Author's Ridge in the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Massachusetts. Hawthorne's home, Wayside House, is in the Minute Man National Historical Park in Concord.



Figure 6: This former U.S. Customhouse in Burlington, Vermont was built in 1906 in the Beaux Arts style. The building was vacated by U.S. Customs in 1960 and it now serves as the Chittenden County Superior Courthouse.



Figure 7: A view across Lake Champlain from Burlington Harbor. The Adirondack Mountains of New York are in the distant background. This lake has been used to smuggle contraband goods both into and out of Canada.



Figure 8: The Black Snake Affair historical marker is located near the site of the murder of three men killed during the Black Snake affair in 1808. Two of the men were Vermont militiamen assigned to U.S. Customs to prevent smuggling on Lake Champlain. These two men, Ellis Drake and Asa March, are considered the first U.S. Customs officers to die in the line of duty.

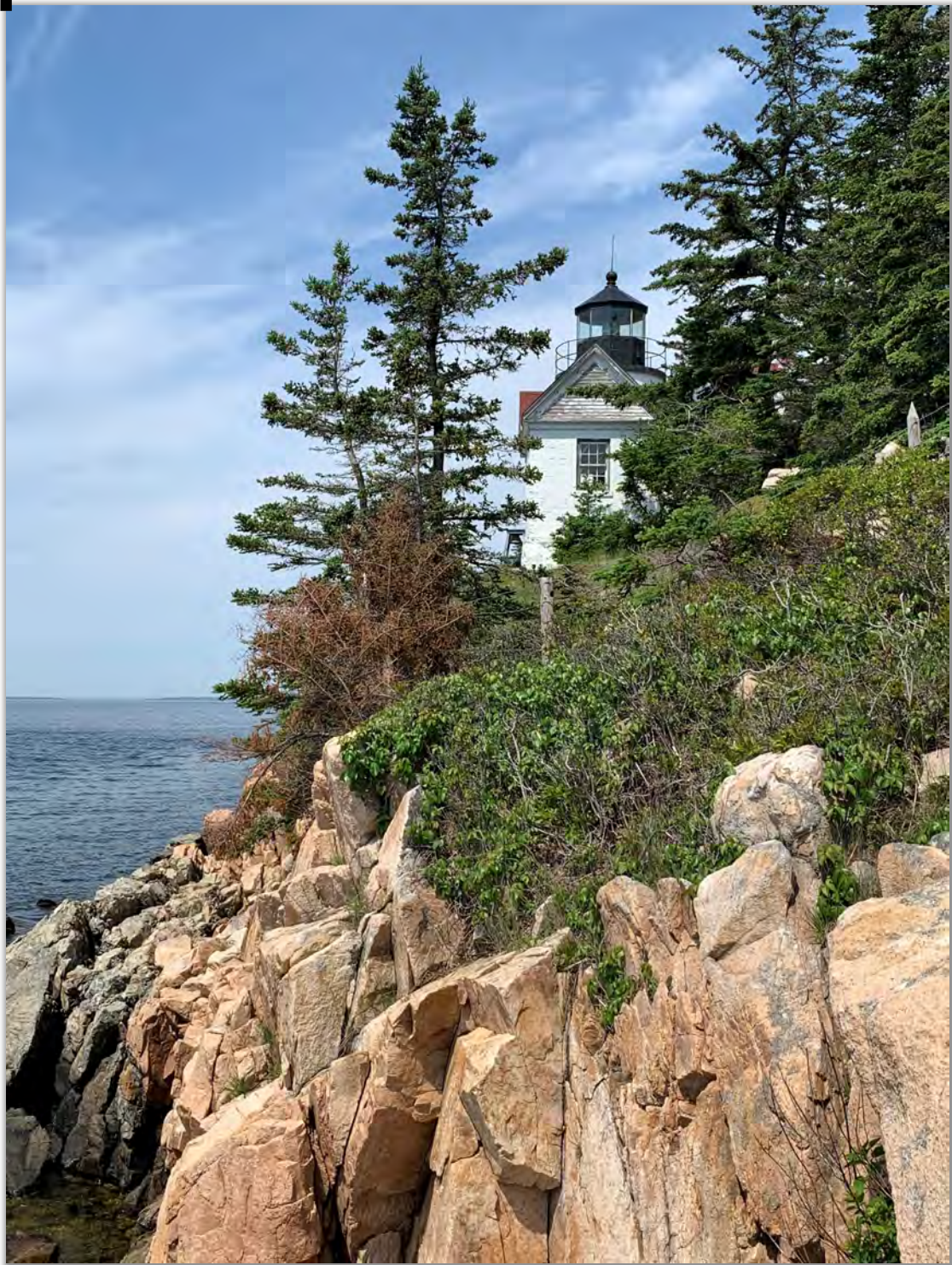


Figure 9: Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse is in Acadia National Park in Tremont, Maine. This lighthouse was built in 1858. The Coast Guard continues to operate an automated light from this location. U.S. Customs was responsible for building and supervising lighthouses for the first 50 years of our nation.



Figure 10: The George H.W. Bush compound is located on Walker Point in Kennebunkport, Maine. President Bush and his wife Barbara spent summers with their family at this location. President Bush led Operation Florida and played a major role in the development of the U.S. Customs Blue Thunder watercraft.



Figure 11: Former U.S. Customhouse in Portland, Maine was built from 1867-1872. The customhouse was built in a combination of the Second Empire and Renaissance Revival styles. In 2012, CBP relocated to a new location.



Figure 12: The former U.S. Customhouse in Newburyport, Massachusetts was built in 1834. This building is now the home of the Custom House Maritime Museum. The museum features an exhibit on the history of the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard considers Newburyport to be their birthplace because the nation's first revenue cutter was built at this port.