

## **Cleaning the Lighthouse**

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**Gertie Fowler:**

I'm here in Point Amour this afternoon with Pearl Buckle and Pearl is going to share some of her memories with me today, when she was at the lighthouse.

Okay Pearl, how are you today?

**Pearl Buckle:**

Good

**Gertie Fowler:**

I heard that you had a little memory that you'd like to share with us.

**Pearl Buckle:**

Yes.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay

**Pearl Buckle:**

I helped ah.... I helped to clean this building right through from top to bottom.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yeah

**Pearl Buckle:**

And ah... Mr. Sheppard was here light keeper. Me and Mrs Mina Buckle from Forteau.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay

**Pearl Buckle:**

Mina is now 87 year old, living in chronic care.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Hm..... hmmm

**Pearl Buckle:**

And ah.... our payment at that time....

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yeah

**Pearl Buckle:**

.... was a hundred and ten dollars each. But we didn't have no rushed time to do it, they just came in and told us that ah... we could do it when we wanted to come on our own time. We didn't have no special hours ....

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay, Yup.

**Pearl Buckle:**

.... or anything we came in, so my late husband he use to bring us down and come down ah... he use to bring us down in the morning any day that we was ready to come in the morning, he'd bring us down in the morning and he'd come back after us. We'd bring our lunch with us and he'd come back after us around six or seven clock in the evening.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay, so ah... who was the lighthouse keeper then?

**Pearl Buckle:**

Mr. Sheppard.... Max Sheppard.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay.

**Pearl Buckle:**

Hm..

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yeah.

**Pearl Buckle:**

He was livin' up there in that new home there ...

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay.

**Pearl Buckle:**

right there right? Next door.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yup. So what did you think of the lighthouse?

**Pearl Buckle:**

Oh, I thought it was..... at that time ... it was toren down, hey, a lot you know and ....

**Gertie Fowler:**

Yup

**Pearl Buckle:**

... it was in need of repair. But since that its been repaired, really good. This is the first time I'd been in it since.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Since? Okay. So it brings back a lot of memories today.

**Pearl Buckle:**

Brings back a lot of memories, yeah.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Okay.

**Pearl Buckle:**

Hm..

**Gertie Fowler:**

So is that all you want to share with me today?

**Pearl Buckle:**

That's all my dear, and I'm glad that I could come down and visit again.

**Gertie Fowler:**

Well, I .... Thank you very much for your memories, it was beautiful.