

On the last day of March, we'll draw one child winner and one adult winner from all completed sheets turned in at the front desk. Winners receive a book, sticker pack, and 2 museum passes.

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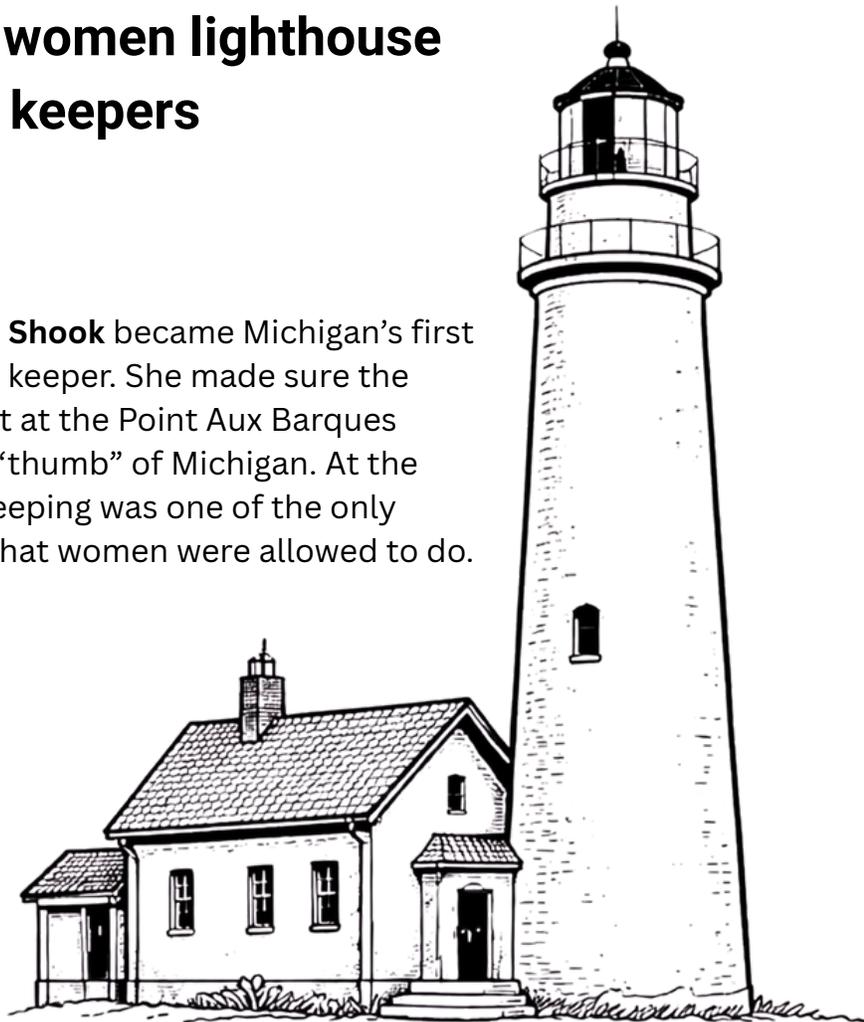
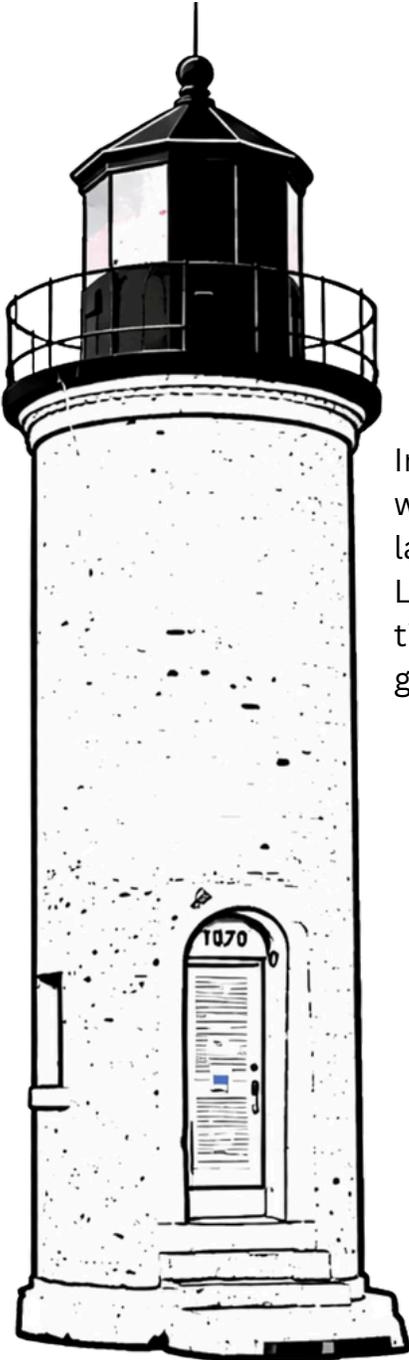
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Discover the stories of two Michigan women lighthouse keepers

In 1849, **Catherine Shook** became Michigan's first woman lighthouse keeper. She made sure the lamp was always lit at the Point Aux Barques Lighthouse in the "thumb" of Michigan. At the time, lighthouse keeping was one of the only government jobs that women were allowed to do.



Elizabeth Whitney Williams worked as a lighthouse keeper for 41 years, making her one of the longest serving keepers in America. She first worked at the remote Beaver Island lighthouse, getting up twice a night or more to prevent the lamp from going out. Later on, she wrote a bestselling book about her life as a lighthouse keeper.

Lighthouses are tall buildings with bright lights on top of them. They serve as a landmark to help sailors navigate and can also warn sailors about dangerous rocks or shallow water. Before there was electricity, it was the job of lighthouse keepers to keep the lighthouse lamp lit every night. It was a lonely and sometimes dangerous job. Most lighthouse keepers were men, but more than 50 women also served as lighthouse keepers in Michigan. That's more women lighthouse keepers than any other state!



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