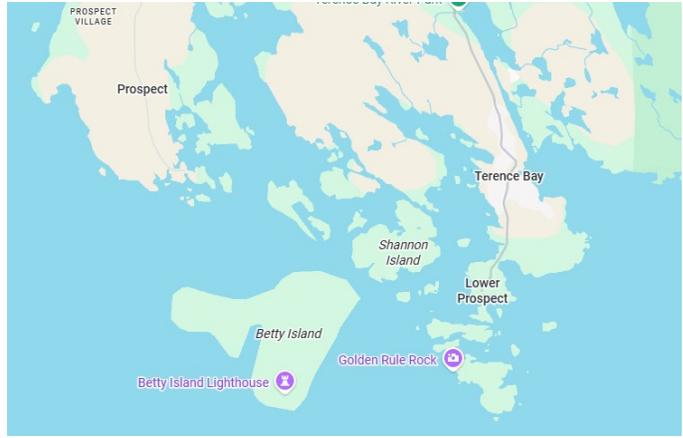




1st Betty Island Lighthouse
Credit: Library and Archives Lighthouse



Location of Betty Island
Credit: Google Maps

Betty Island Lighthouse was built in 1875 in response to the *SS Atlantic* ship disaster near Terence Bay two years prior. It was a solid white wooden sloping tower 16.5m (54 ft) high that rose up through one half of the lightkeeper's dwelling making it a very unusual lighthouse-dwelling combination. Two red horizontal bands were painted near the top of the tower and its revolving red light could be seen 22.5km (14 mi) away. In spite of its location on the storm-driven Atlantic Ocean, it stood for 64 years – a tribute to its builders and the lightkeepers who maintained it.

In 1939 a new lighthouse was built 30m (98 ft) west of the existing one. It was a square two-storey dwelling with a lantern rising from the middle of its roof. This one lasted until 1981 when a second solid wooden tower was built but without a dwelling as authorities had been decided that this lighthouse would be automated in 1983. Afterwards all other buildings include the 1939 lighthouse were destroyed.

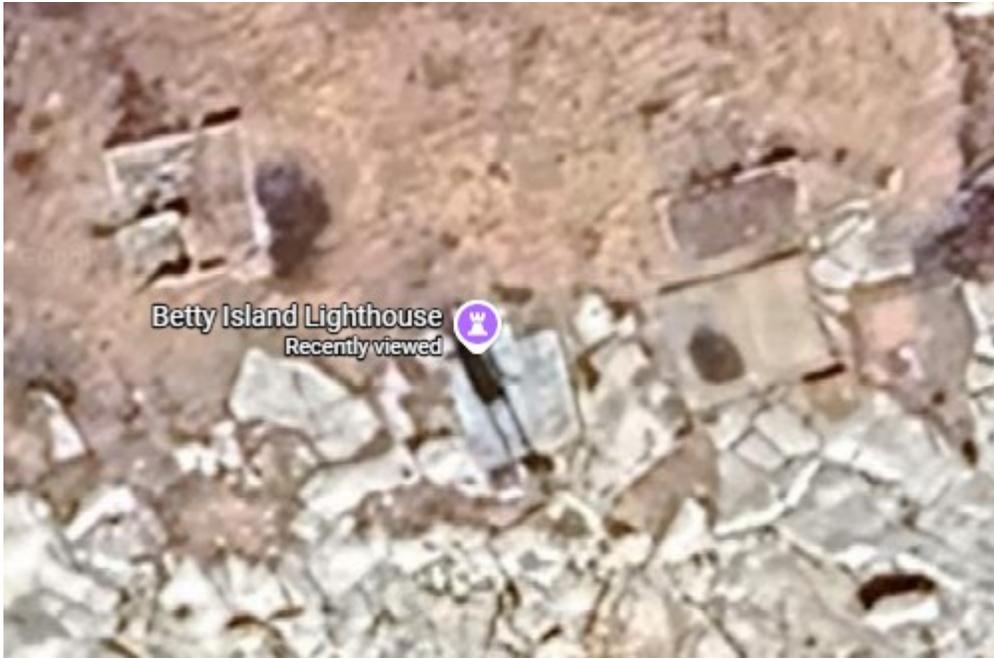
Sometime after 2010, a modern aid to navigation in the form of a steel tower was erected. Nearby foundations and concrete pads are the only evidence of the three previous traditional lighthouses.



2nd Betty Island Lighthouse
Credit: Nova Scotia Archives



3rd Betty Lighthouse Lighthouse
Credit: East Coast Outfitters



Aerial view of foundations and concrete pads of earlier lighthouses
Credit: Google Maps