

## **Bressay Lighthouse**

Passing the 'Bressa Light' is the starting and finishing point for any journey to or from Shetland by sea and is an iconic landmark.

For over one hundred and fifty years, Robert Stevenson and his descendants designed most of Scotland's lighthouses. Battling against the odds and the elements, the Stevensons constructed wonders of engineering that have withstood the test of time – an amazing historical achievement.

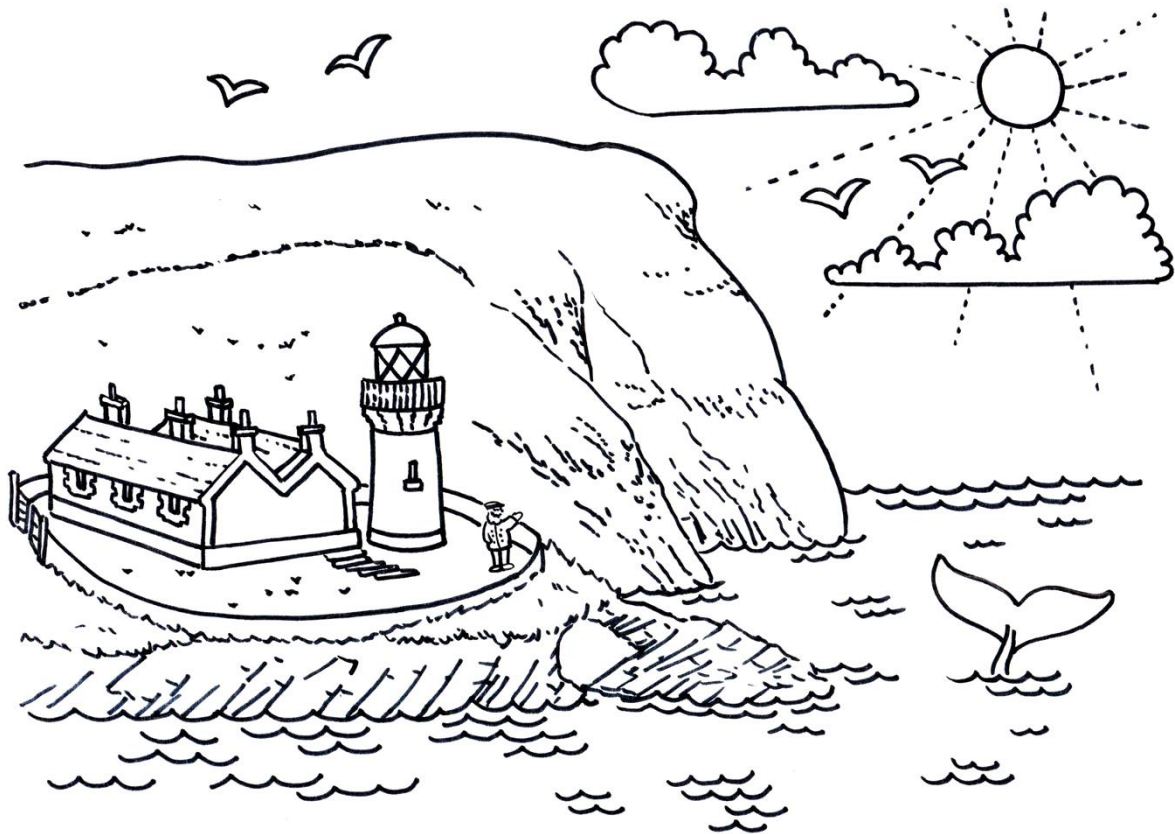
Bressay Lighthouse was constructed on the authority of the Northern Lighthouse Board and first shone its light on 31st August 1858. It was one of four lighthouses erected in Shetland between 1854 and 1858, designed by brothers David and Thomas Stevenson. The complex comprised a lighthouse tower, a principal keeper's house, two assistant keepers' houses, engine room and fog horn. The fog horn was a familiar sound across Bressay Sound during summer months. Bressay Lighthouse was automated in 1989.

In 2012, the light tower was decommissioned and replaced by a flashing LED beacon, mounted on the former foghorn tower. You can see the original light and mechanism within Shetland Museum and Archives in Lerwick. The former keepers' houses are now self-catering accommodation.



Questions.

1. On what date did Bressay Lighthouse first shine?
2. On whose authority was the Bressay Lighthouse constricted?
3. In what year was the Bressay Lighthouse automated?
4. Who designed the Bressay Lighthouse?
5. In what year was the light turned off and replaced?



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