



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Muskeget, Massachusetts

Coast Guard Station #48

Location:	Near west end of Muskeget; 41-20' 20"N x 70-18' 50"W
Date of Conveyance:	1882
Station Built:	Probably 1882
Fate:	Disestablished in 1922

Remarks:

This station first appears in the 1881 Annual Report: "No bids were received for the proposed station at Muskeget." Muskeget station was built during 1882 and completed in 1883 on a site "on Muskeget Island, near west end." In the *1897 Annual Report* is this note: "the station at Muskeget, Massachusetts, which was destroyed by fire some years ago, the crew, meantime, having been quartered in a rented building (was rebuilt)." The station is listed as "discontinued as an active unit in 1922" and disappeared from the records in 1930 and thereafter.

Keepers:

The first keeper, Thomas F. Sandsbury, was appointed on January 2, 1883 and resigned May 20, 1886. He was followed by James H. Luce (May 27, 1886 until his resignation on September 14, 1891), Richard C. Gibbs (September 24, 1891 until his retirement due to physical reasons on September 4, 1907), Albert Rohdin (August 29, 1907 until his reassignment to the Surfside station on April 7, 1915), Horace G. Norcross (acting until his appointment on December 1, 1915 and served until reassigned to the Maddaket station on August 23, 1916), and Frederick W. Howes (February 23, 1917 and reassigned to the Gay Head station on January 10, 1929).

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