



## *U.S. Coast Guard History Program*

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# Station Wash Woods, North Carolina

Coast Guard Station #166

<b>Location:</b>	On beach, 7 3/8 miles north by west of Currituck Beach Light; 36-32' 00"N x 75-52' 10"W
<b>Date of Conveyance</b>	1914
<b>Station Built:</b>	1878
<b>Fate:</b>	Abandoned in 1951

### **Keepers:**

Calvin B. Cason was appointed on DEC 9, 1878. He was dismissed from service on DEC 27, 1881.

Malachi Corbell a Silver Life Saving Medal recipient (see "Remarks" section below), was appointed on SEP 21, 1882 and died in service on SEP 17, 1908.

Valerious L. Knight was appointed on OCT 20, 1908 and was still serving in 1915

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### **Remarks:**

Coast Guard Station Wash Woods was originally known as the Deal's Island Station. The station is located at Corolla, Currituck County, North Carolina. It was established by an Act of Congress on June 18, 1878. The first Officer in Charge was appointed on December 9, 1878 and only three weeks later, on January 1, 1879, the first crew was engaged.

Prior to 1914 Wash Woods Station occupied land to which the government had no title.

Malachi Corbell saved two African-American fishermen whose boat capsized near Caffey's Inlet, North Carolina and in June, 1877 became the first member of the U.S. Life-Saving Service to win the Congressional life-saving medal. He was awarded a Silver Lifesaving Medal.

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