



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Metompkin, Virginia

Coast Guard Station #152

Location:	On north end of Cedar Island, abreast Longboat Creek, 1 mile west of Metompkin Inlet; 37-40' 45"N x 75-34' 50"W
Date of Conveyance:	1888
Station Built:	1888
Fate:	Station given to the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1957.

Remarks:

It became necessary to acquire a new site because of the encroachment of the sea upon the old station. A new site was acquired in 1894. Twenty years later this site also was encroached upon the sea and the station was in such danger that it had to be moved upon adjoining land in 1914.

Metompkin Inlet Lifeboat Station is located 24 miles southwest of Chincoteague Inlet and 10 miles northeast of Wachapreague Inlet on the northern end of Cedar Island at Longboat Creek about 1,500 yards west of the Atlantic Ocean in Virginia. The original station was established in 1882. The present land site of 4.5 acres was acquired in 1914 and in 1933, and the present station was built in 1935. The station was removed from the list of active stations in late 1964.

Keepers:

John E. Burton was appointed keeper on 1 FEB 1889 and was discharged on 31 MAY 1890.

Levin E. Core was appointed keeper on 20 JUN 1890 and was dismissed on 26 NOV 1892.

Lynn F. Taylor was appointed keeper on 26 NOV 1892 and was still serving in 1915.

Sources:

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