



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Bois Blanc, Michigan

Coast Guard Station #255

Location:	About midway east side of Boise Blanc Island, Lake Huron, 5 miles southwest of Boise Blanc Lake;
Date of Conveyance:	1889
Station Built:	1890
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1960

Remarks:

Coast Guard Station Bois Blanc is located at Lake Huron in Mackinac County, Michigan. It was established pursuant to an Act of Congress, approved June 19, 1886. Land had been acquired in 1883. Additional ground was conveyed to the station in 1887 and 1888. The buildings of the station were erected in 1890 and rebuilt in 1920. The records indicate that land for a lighthouse in Bois Blanc had been conveyed in 1827 already.

All the land, except for 0.53 acres, was returned to the public domain on June 25, 1956.

Keepers:

George S. Cleary was appointed keeper on 29 October 1890 and was still serving in 1915.

CBM (L) Charles Bontekoe was appointed Officer-in-Charge as of 1938.

Sources:

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