

*U.S. Coast Guard History Program*

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## Station Lewes, Delaware

### Coast Guard Station #139



<b>Location:</b>	On Breakwater Harbor, 2 miles southwest of north tip of Cape Henlopen; 38-46' 50"N x 75-07' 10"W
<b>Date of Conveyance:</b>	1883
<b>Station Built:</b>	1883; 1939
<b>Fate:</b>	Turned over to the GSA in 1969

**Remarks:**

The first station was built in 1883 and was originally part of the Fifth Life-Saving Service District. During a service-wide reorganization it became part of the Sixth Life-Saving Service District (circa 1905?).

A newer station was constructed on the site in 1939.

**Keepers:**

John A. Clampitt was appointed keeper on 9 February 1894 and resigned for physical reasons on 10 November 1893.

William E. Tunnell was appointed keeper on 27 December 1893 and was promoted to Superintendent of the 6th District on 12 March 1907.

Theodore Salmons was appointed keeper on 4 April 1907 and died on 9 August 1909.

John S. Lynch was appointed keeper on 9 September 1909 and was still serving in 1915.

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**Photographs:**



**No caption/date; Photo No. 34; photographer unknown.**

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LOOKING SOUTH FROM LAUNCHWAY.



Lewes Lifeboat Sta. #139  
Lewes, Delaware  
3rd. CG. District. 3/27/51



**"Lewes Lifeboat Station"; 1964; Photo No. 3CGD10146425; photographer unknown.**

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