



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Fourth Cliff, Massachusetts

First known as Scituate

USLSS Station #3, Second District
Coast Guard Station #28

Location:	South end of Fourth Cliff, Scituate; 42-09' 30"N x 70-42' 10"W
Date of Conveyance	(?)
Station Built:	1879
Fate:	Abandoned in 1952. Station was destroyed by fire in 1919, the site was then used as an auxiliary to Brant Rock.

Scituate/Fourth Cliff (#28):

The original station location is given as "south end of Fourth Cliff, Scituate." Until changed by Treasury Department Circular No. 42, effective June 1, 1883, the station was referred to as the Scituate station. "Necessary repairs and improvements" were made to the station in 1893; "the sea was making dangerous inroads upon the station lot, and it was deemed advisable before making repairs to move the station to a secure position, which was done."

In 1919, the station was destroyed by fire and the site was thereafter used as an auxiliary to the Brant Rock station.

Keepers:

The first keeper was John H. Smith who was appointed on September 3, 1879 and removed on September 22, 1880. The next keeper was Frederick Stanley, who was appointed on September 22, 1880 and retired at age 64 with more than thirty years service on March 22, 1915. The last keeper was Matthew Hoar who

served in an acting capacity until October 27, 1915 and reassigned to the Peaked Hill Bars station on June 24, 1919.

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