

U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Island Beach, New Jersey

USLSS Station #14, Fourth District
Coast Guard Station #110



“Island Beach”, no date/photo number.
Probably 1930s.
Courtesy of Van Field.

Location:	On Island Beach, abreast of Barnegat Bay, 8 miles north of Barnegat Light; 39-53' 42"N x 74-04' 57"W in 1880; 39-53' 40"N x 74-04' 00"W in 1915.
Date of Conveyance	1849
Station Built:	1849
Fate:	Abandoned in 1946

Keepers:

F. Rogers was appointed keeper in 1849 and left on an unknown date.

Phineas Potter was appointed keeper in 1856 and left on an unknown date.

Joseph F. Reed was appointed keeper on 30 DEC 1870 and died on 15 MAR 1895.

William E. Miller was appointed keeper on 22 MAY 1895 and was dismissed on 27 JAN 1902.

Joel P. Hulse was appointed keeper on 24 FEB 1902 and was still serving in 1915.

Historical Remarks:

New site was acquired in 1855. A new site was again acquired in 1885.

Photographs:



1917: The surfmen of CGSTA #110 Island Beach (Seaside Park) N.J. (L to R) Cale Worth, George Worth, Harold Wilkins, Edgar Sexton, Alvah Jones and Russel Penn following the morning's rescue drill.

**This photograph was also featured in the credits
of the motion picture "The Guardian."**



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Lifeguard drill





USCG District 5 Superintendent John S. Cole conducting annual inspection drills at Island Beach Station, circa 1917.

Surfman Russell Penn (in the middle) is observing while Surfman Harold Wilkins to the right is timing the drill with a stop watch.



Suffman Harold Wilkins' son Floyd about 2 years old on the front porch.



1919
Keeper Henry Ware's daughter (left) and Floyd Wilkins (right) with Floyd's favorite toy; a wooden wheel barrow he found on the beach in the foreground. The child in the left front is unknown.



1919: Floyd Wilkins with his favorite toy, a wooden wheel barrow in front of the station.

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