



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Orange Grove House of Refuge

USLSS Station #3, Seventh District

Location:	North of Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach [see marker on North Ocean Blvd.]
Date of Conveyance:	1877
Station Built:	April 1876
Fate:	Discontinued in 1896

Remarks:

According to the 1879 "Annual Report of the Life Saving Service" these houses of refuge along the east coast of Florida "contemplate no other life saving operations than affording succor to shipwrecked persons who may be cast ashore, and who, in the absence of such means of relief, would be liable to perish from hunger and thirst in that desolate region. Crews of surfmen are not needed here, but the keepers and members of their families are required to go along the beach, in both directions, in search of castaways immediately after a storm."

Station consisted of four rooms downstairs and an upper half-story dormitory. For more information see: Gilbert L. Voss, "The Orange Grove House of Refuge No. 3," *Tequesta* XXCIII (1968).

Keepers:

Hannibal Dillingham Pierce was appointed keeper on 7 OCT 1876 and left in 1877.

Stephen N. Andrews was appointed keeper in September 1877 to October 1896.

Sources:

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