



## U.S. Coast Guard History Program

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# Station Plum Island, Massachusetts

Formerly-Knobbs Beach  
USLSS Station #1, Second District  
Coast Guard Station #21

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| <b>Location:</b>           | On Plum Island, 2 1/4 (?) miles from the south end; 42-44' 00"N x 70-47' 15"W |
| <b>Date of Conveyance:</b> | 1873  |
| <b>Station Built:</b>      | 1889 (?)  |
| <b>Fate:</b>               |   |

### **Knobbs Beach / Plum Island (#21):**

This station was completed and placed into operation in 1893 - at a position "on Plum Island, two and a quarter miles from the south end." Until July 1, 1902, it was known as Knobbs Beach. In 1922, the note appears that the mailing address for the station was in Rowley, Massachusetts from April 1 to November 30 and in Newburyport, Massachusetts from December 1 to March 31. The station was rebuilt in 1890.

### **Keepers:**

The first keeper, James N. Elliot, was appointed on October 29, 1879. He resigned on December 2, 1880. He was followed by George F. Woodman (December 3, 1880 until his resignation on April 1, 1882), James N. Elliot (April 4, 1882 for unknown period (may be the same James Elliot)), Frank E. Stevens (December 16, 1890 until his retirement with thirty years service on July 31, 1916), Harry F. Burnham (February 20, 1917 until his reassignment to the Newburyport station on March 1, 1919), and Almond C. Maker (December 1, 1919 until his reassignment to the Isle of Shoals station on December 23, 1924).

Next, Chief Petty Officer H. A. Schwartz is listed as being in charge in 1927 and he is followed by Albert F. Jones who was appointed on November 7, 1930 and reassigned to the Portsmouth Harbor station on January 12, 1932. Next is Chief Boatswains Mate E. F. Godfrey.

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