

U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Toms River, New Jersey

USLSS Station #13, Fourth District
Coast Guard Station #109



Location:	On Island Beach, abreast of Barnegat Bay, 1-7/8 miles east of mouth of Toms River, and 10 1/2 miles north of Barnegat Light; 39-56' 10"N x 74-04' 30"W
Date of Conveyance:	1898
Station Built:	1872
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1964

Keepers:

Samuel Chadwick was appointed keeper in 1856 and left on an unknown date.

William H. Miller was appointed keeper on 13 NOV 1867 and left in 1875 (?)

Stephen Bills was appointed keeper on 10 MAR 1876 and left in 1879.

William H. Miller was appointed keeper on 27 AUG 1879 resigned on 28 NOV 1893

William E. Rogers was appointed keeper on 28 NOV 1893 and was dismissed on 7 FEB 1902.

Henry Ware was appointed keeper on 17 FEB 1902 and transferred to Station Cedar Creek on 15 JUL 1910.

David B. Bowen was appointed keeper on 1 JUL 1910 and he was still serving in 1915.



"U.S. Life Saving Station No. 13, Sea Side Park, N.J.
No date/photo number; photographer unknown.
Postcard image.



No official caption/photo number; photographer unknown; dated 1915.



No official caption/photo number; photographer unknown; dated 1917.



"TOMS RIVER"; no date/photo number; photographer unknown; courtesy of Van Field.



"U.S. COAST - GUARDS [sic] TOMS - RIVER - STATION [;] 1930"; no photo number; photographer unknown; courtesy of Van Field.



No official caption/photo number; photographer unknown; dated 1945.



No official caption/photo number; photographer unknown; dated 1945.



No official caption/photo number; photographer unknown; dated 1948.
The Tom's River crew pose in front of a surfboat.



Same as above with BMC Newt Mathis highlighted.



BMC Newt Mathis, USCG
OIC of Station Tom's River



Seaside Park Borough Hall



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