



## *U.S. Coast Guard History Program*

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# Station Brigantine, New Jersey

USLSS Station #25, Fourth District  
Coast Guard Station #121

<b>Location:</b>	New north end of Brigantine Beach, 1 mile south of Brigantine Inlet, and 4-5/8 miles northeast of Absecon Inlet; 39-25' 34"N x 74-20' 03"W in 1878; 39-25' 30"N x 74-20' 30"W in 1915.
<b>Date of Conveyance:</b>	1898
<b>Station Built:</b>	1849
<b>Fate:</b>	Abandoned in 1948

### **Remarks:**

On 8 September 1849 a tract of land was acquired. This conveyance was marked abandoned and there is no evidence that a station was ever located on this land. The first correspondence relating to Brigantine Station is dated 1888 and indicates, at that time, the Station was located on land to which the U.S. had no title. In the same year, a severe storm greatly damaged the buildings. The station was moved some 500 feet north to a point of safety on land owned by a Senator Harner. In 1892 it again became necessary to move buildings to prevent them from being washed away.

### **Keepers:**

Keepers: Thomas Clark was appointed in 1853. It is unknown when he left the service.

James Scull was appointed on 1856. It is unknown when he left the service.

William Holdskorn was appointed on 17 January 1862 and left the service in 1875.

John H. Turner was appointed on 30 March 1876 and was discharged on 8 May 1884.

Constant Bowen was appointed on 20 August 1884 and resigned from the service on 30 August 1887.

James A. Abrams was appointed on 21 September 1887 and died in service on 31 May 1895.

John M. Holdskorn was appointed on 17 June 1895 and was still serving in 1915.

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**Photographs:**



"NORTH BRIGANTINE"; no date/photo number; photographer unknown.

Courtesy of Van Field.

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