



## U.S. Coast Guard History Program

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# Cape Malabar House of Refuge

<b>Location:</b>	30 miles south of Cape Canaveral; 28-03' 10"N x 80-32' 45"W
<b>Date of Conveyance:</b>	1884
<b>Station Built:</b>	1886
<b>Fate:</b>	Station was discontinued in 1891. Property turned over to the War Assets Administration in 1947.

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### 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."

### Keepers:

Joseph M. Hopkins was appointed keeper on 13 MAY 1886 and was discharged on 31 DEC 1891.

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