



**United States Coast Guard**  
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# Station Far Rockaway, New York

Also referred to as Hog Island, west end

## USLSS Station #34, Third District

<b>Location:</b>	Near the Hog Island Inlet; 40-35' 30"N x 73-44' 00"W
<b>Date of Conveyance:</b>	Unknown
<b>Station Built:</b>	1871
<b>Fate:</b>	The station was destroyed during a gale in 1892 by a sudden gale while being moved across water to a new site.

### **Hog Island/Far Rockaway:**

This station, referred to as "Hog Island, west end" until 1883, is one for which there is very little information. It appears in the 1882 Register as being located "near the Hog Island Inlet." The name was changed to Far Rockaway effective June 1, 1883.

Records mention that the station was moved to a safe locality in 1889 because of "encroachments of the sea." The station is believed to have been destroyed by a sudden gale while being moved across the water to a new site in 1892, but this is not certain. It disappears without comment in the listing of stations in the 1891 Annual Report.

### **Keepers:**

The first known keeper was Joseph Langdon, who was appointed on December 9, 1872 and removed from office on December 12, 1877. Next, John H. Abrams was appointed December 12, 1877; he was reassigned to Coney Island Station October 25, 1889.

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