



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Hither Plain, New York

USLSS Station #8, Third District
Coast Guard Station #66

Location:	On ocean side of Long Island, 5 1/2 miles west southwest of Montauk Point Light
Date of Conveyance:	1855
Station Built:	1871
Fate:	Abandoned in 1948

Remarks:

This station was built in 1871 at a position originally given as one-half mile south of Ford Pond." The station was again listed as inactive in 1934 and remained so until World War II. The site was abandoned in 1948.

Keepers:

The original keeper was George H. Osborne, who was appointed at the age of 40 on December 9, 1872 and removed on September 14, 1881. He was followed by George E. Filer who was appointed September 14, 1881 and resigned November 16, 1891. Then came William D. Parsons (January 25, 1892 until reassignment to Napeague station August 1, 1917), Hiram F. King (appointed August 1, 1917 until reassignment as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Fourth District on December 9, 1920). Thereafter, the keeper position was vacant and, in 1922, the station is listed as "discontinued as an active unit." The station is back as an active unit in 1925 but a keeper was not assigned until 1928 when Chief Boatswains Mate J. R. Harlow arrived.

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