



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Smith Island, Virginia

USLSS Station #11, Fifth District
Coast Guard Station #158

Location:	On west side of Smith Island, at south end of Magotha Bay, 1/8 mile west of Cape Charles Light; 37-07' 00"N x 75-53' 40"W in 1915
Date of Conveyance	1878
Station Built:	1875
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1955.

Keepers:

Thomas J. Fitchet Jr. was appointed on NOV 12, 1875 he served until 1877.

David Hitchens was APR 12, 1879. He died in service on MAY 15, 1881.

George D. Hitchens was appointed on JUN 30, 1881 and left the service in 1915.

Albert W. Dunton was appointed in 1915 and was still serving through 1915.

Remarks:

None

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