

Station Hunniwell's Beach, Maine

Coast Guard Station #9

Location:	On west side mouth of Kennebec River; 43-45' 00"N x 69-49' 55"W
Date of Conveyance	1881
Station Built:	1883
Fate:	Closed on 15 October 1971

Remarks:

The act of May 4, 1882 authorized the establishment of a complete life-saving station at or near Hunniwell's Beach, Maine. Also called the Hunnewell's Beach Station, this station was built on the "west side mouth Kennebec River" in 1883. The station was repaired and improved in 1889 as well as moved "on account of encroachments of the sea." In 1921, a contract was awarded for repair and remodeling of the station building and repairs and extension of the launchway.

The station was still listed as an active station after the war in 1945. It was closed, however, on October 15, 1971.

Keepers:

The first keeper, John H. Haley, was appointed on October 29, 1883 and resigned January 8, 1891. He was followed by John H. Spinney (January 5, 1891 and died "from disease contracted in line of duty" on November 19, 1909) and Harvey J. Berry (January 7, 1910 until his retirement on March 31, 1926). Next came Chief Petty Officers W. E. Sprague (1927) and E. H. Godfrey (1931). Next listed is Rollo A. Morton, having been reassigned from the Fletchers Neck station on May 11, 1933. Morton retired on August 1, 1936.

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