



## Indian River Inlet House of Refuge, Florida

USLSS Station 1, Seventh District  
Coast Guard Station #206

<b>Location:</b>	South side of Indian River Inlet; 27-29' 45"N x 80-17' 50"W
<b>Date of Conveyance:</b>	1885
<b>Station Built:</b>	1885
<b>Fate:</b>	House turned over to Department of Interior in 1948.

### 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."

Replaced Indian River House of Refuge in 1885. Station Fort Pierce is a descendent of this House of Refuge.

### Keepers:

James S. Bell was appointed keeper on 24 MAY 1886 and resigned on 28 APR 1887.

Henry B. Archibald was appointed keeper on 3 JUN 1887 and transferred to Bethel Creek House of Refuge.

Harry H. Jenkins was appointed keeper on 16 MAY 1888 and he was discharged on 31 JUL 1890.

Benjamin W. Jerome was appointed keeper on 6 JUL 1892 and resigned on 30 JUN 1896.

Harry H. Harvey was appointed keeper on 23 MAY 1898 and resigned on 7 OCT 1911.

F. W. Church was appointed keeper on 8 OCT 1911 and left 8 NOV 1911 (Temporary keeper).

Byron Dawley was appointed keeper on 24 OCT 1911 and was still serving in 1915.

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## Photography:

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