



Station Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

USLSS Station #13, Sixth District
Coast Guard Station #173

Location:	On beach, 1 mile east by south of Kill Devil Hills, and 12-1/4 miles north northwest of Bodie Island Light; 36-00' 10"N x 75-39' 40"W
Date of Conveyance	1878
Station Built:	1878
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1964

Remarks:

[The crew from this station assisted Orville and Wilbur Wright in their historic first heavier-than-air flight on 17 December 1903. Click here for more information.](#)

Keepers:

Jesse Partridge was appointed on December 9, 1878 and resigned from the service on September 28, 1899.

Jesse E. Ward was appointed on September 29, 1899 and was still serving in 1915 when the Life-Saving Service merged with the Revenue Cutter Service.

Station Photographs:

Original photo caption; description; date & photo number (if known):



No caption/
date/photo
number;
photograph
by Wilbur
Wright,
probably
1902.

Original
negative
now in the
Library of
Congress'
collection.



Kill Devil Hills crew, circa 1903, from left to right: Jesse E. Ward, William Thomas Beacham, unidentified crewman, John T. Daniels, and W. S. Dough.



"Kill Devil Hill Coast Guard Station"; no date/photo number; photographer unknown. Probably 1930s.

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