



Station Long Branch, New Jersey

USLSS Station #5, Fourth District
Coast Guard Station #101

Location:	On beach, abreast Breens Poind, 3 miles north of entrance to Deal Lake, and 8 1/2 miles north of Sea Girt Light; 40-16' 36"N x 73-58' 43"W in 1878; 40-16' 40"N x 73-59' 00"W in 1915.
Date of Conveyance:	1878
Station Built:	1849
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1954

Remarks:

Long Branch station was built in 1849 at a position originally given as "Greens Pond;" this was later changed to "at West End, New Jersey, on Breens Pond" when a more desirable site was found. The 1882 Annual Report mentions that the station had to be moved because "the march of town improvements made it necessary." The station was also referred to as the Greens Pond station. In the 1893 Annual Report is the mention that "after much difficulty and consequent unavoidable delay in securing a satisfactory site for the Long Branch station, which has been for several years inadequate, and is no old and dilapidated, suitable premises have been obtained, and the construction of the new building is in progress."

The early keepers who served here were Charles Green (appointed 1856 for unknown tenure), Hamilton Taber (an "experienced surfman" appointed on December 20, 1871, he was removed on March 31, 1874), Walter S. Green (appointed March 31, 1874, he served until he was removed on June 15, 1874), and Hamilton Tabor (may have been the same individual who was an earlier keeper, he was appointed on June 15, 1874, and removed effective March 28, 1876, when the "station was discontinued.") This was

probably when the station was rebuilt, because Walter S. Green appears in the records again as the keeper (January 7, 1879, until his resignation August 17, 1886).

Then came Asher Wardell (appointed August 17, 1886, he served until his resignation due to physical reasons on August 31, 1904), William Van Brunt (August 26, 1904, until his reassignment to Deal station in 1915), Charles White (appointed acting commanding officer when Van Brunt left, he was assigned as commanding officer on November 10, 1915, and served until his reassignment to Deal station on October 27, 1919), and Howard M. Homer (reassigned from Montoloking station on October 27, 1919, he served until his death on February 12, 1928). Next came two Chief Boatswains Mates: Rudolph Rovers in 1928 and B. G. Irons, who was transferred from Spring Lake in 1933 and transferred to Barnegat in 1934. Warrant officer Ira B. Norton was reassigned from the Barnegat station on October 2, 1936, and served until 1938. The station was transferred to the inactive rolls "in care of Monmouth Station" in the 1938 listings. The property was turned over to GSA in 1954.

Keepers:

Charles Green was appointed in 1856. It is unknown when he left the service.

Hamilton Taber was appointed on December 20, 1871. Again it is unknown when he left the service.

Walter S. Green was appointed on January 7, 1879 and resigned on August 17, 1886.

Asher Wardell was appointed on August 17, 1886 and resigned for physical reasons on August 31 1904.

William Van Brunt was appointed on August 26, 1904 and served until 1915.

Charles White (acting) was appointed in 1915 and was still serving in 1915.

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