



Station Manomet Point, Massachusetts

USLSS Station #5, Second District
Coast Guard Station # 31

Location:	West shore of Cape Cod Bay, on Manomet Point, 5 3/8 miles south southeast from Gurnet Light; 41-55' 29"N x 70-32' 18"W.
Date of Conveyance:	1873 (?)
Station Built:	1874
Fate:	Turned over to GSA in 1955

Remarks:

This station, built in 1874, was first listed as being located on the "west shore of Cape Cod Bay, seven miles southeast of Plymouth, Massachusetts." The 1901 Annual Report mentions that "the old station at Manomet Point, Massachusetts, which was dilapidated and antiquated, has been replaced by a new building." The station was still listed in 1945, but is removed from the list of stations in April 1947. Subsequently the property was turned over to the GSA in 1955.

Cape Cod Canal:

Mention of this station is first made in 1919 that an auxiliary boathouse had been constructed at the eastern entrance to the Cape Cod Canal as an auxiliary to the Manomet Point station. The station as an independent unit is first listed in 1936 and, from the photographs of the station, it appears that a new station building and garage were erected about that time. The first commanding officer was Ralph C. Rich, newly commissioned and appointed on August 10, 1936. This station assumed the identification number "32," causing all subsequent numbers to increase by one. The station was probably an outgrowth of the note for Gurnet station. It is still an active station.

Keepers:

The first keeper was Stephen Holmes, who was appointed at the age of 37, with twenty years as a surfman, on October 15, 1874, and then resigned on October 1, 1884. He was followed by Miranda R. Sampson (October 13, 1884 and resigned March 22, 1902), George W. Holmes (April 4, 1902 and resigned due to physical reasons July 31, 1908) and August B. Rogers (appointed July 29, 1908 and retired with thirty years service December 3, 1923) In 1922, the station is not listed, but must have been rebuilt during this period; subsequently, its listing included the footnote "including auxiliary boat and apparatus house, eastern entrance Cape Cod Canal." The latter was built in 1919. The next keeper was Robert E. Ellis, reassigned from Monomoy Point station on September 19, 1923 and reassigned to the Monomoy station on July 10, 1924. Chief Petty Officer A. J. Young is shown as assuming command in 1927 followed by Chief I. L. Hammond in 1932, and Chief A. J. Young in 1934; Chief Young was not listed in 1935.

Surfmen Cashman, Griswold, and Stark were drowned during an attempt to assist the stricken passenger liner *Robert E. Lee* off Cape Cod in 1930. On the return trip from the stranded liner, the surfboat overturned in the surf.

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