



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station North Scituate, Massachusetts

Coast Guard Station #27

Location:	2-1/2 miles south of Minot's Ledge Light; 42 14' 00"N x 70-045' 30"W
Date of Conveyance:	1884
Station Built:	1885 (?)
Fate:	Abandoned in 1947

Remarks:

Mention is made in the 1878 Annual Report that a lifesaving station was authorized by the act of June 18, 1878 to be built at or near Scituate, Massachusetts. A station was built here sometime around 1885 and it first appeared in the records in 1886. A notation appears in the 1884 report that "a site for the station at North Scituate, Massachusetts, has been given to the service by Robert Williams, esq., and E. Pomeroy Collier, esq., of Boston, Massachusetts, heirs of Capt. James Collier, deceased." In 1921, the records indicate that the seawall was repaired. Its position was given as "south two and one-half miles of Minots Ledge Light, near North Scituate Beach." The station disappears from the list of stations after 1939.

Keepers:

The first keeper was George H. Brown (appointed November 17, 1886 and resigned for physical reasons on December 12, 1905). Next came Frederick C. Franzen (December 8, 1905 until his retirement with thirty years of service on August 31, 1922), John J. Glynn (reassigned from the Gurnet station on September 8, 1922 until reassigned to the Straitsmouth station on October 15,

1927, and Edward B. Andrews (from the Highland station on October 13, 1927, he returned to Highland on April 8, 1929). Next, Chief Petty Officer S. H. Cobbett is shown as being in charge, having been transferred from the Gurnet station in 1929; he later was reassigned to the Straitsmouth station when John J. Glynn returned from there on June 20, 1932. In 1934, Chief Cobbett is back while J. J. Glynn returned to Straitsmouth.

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