



U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Caffey's Inlet, North Carolina

USLSS Station #10, Sixth District
Coast Guard Station #170

Location:	Abreast of Currituck South, and 9 5/8 miles south by east of Currituck Beach Light; 36-13' 40"N x 75-46' 20"W
Date of Conveyance:	1875
Station Built:	1874
Fate:	Turned over to the GSA in 1964

Remarks:

Malachi Corbell saved two African-American fishermen whose boat capsized near Caffey's Inlet, North Carolina and in June, 1877 became the first member of the U.S. Life-Saving Service to win the Congressional life-saving medal. He was awarded a Silver Lifesaving Medal.

Keepers:

W. G. Partridge was appointed on December 4, 1874 and left the service in 1876.

Malachi Corbell, a Silver Life-Saving Medal recipient (see "Remarks"), was appointed on March 3, 1876 and left the service in 1877. He was appointed keeper of Station Wash Woods on September 21, 1882 and died in service on September 17, 1908.

Daniel B. Austin was appointed on September 15, 1879 and resigned from the service on November 30, 1891.

Thaddeus M. Snow was appointed on January 4, 1892 and left the service in 1915.

Andrew Scarborough was appointed in 1915 and was still serving in 1915 when the Life-Saving Service merged with the Revenue Cutter Service.

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