

U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Cleveland, Ohio

(also referred to as Cleveland Harbor)

USLSS Station 8, Ninth District
Coast Guard Station #239



Station Cleveland circa 1933

Location:	On west pier entrance to Cuyahoga River, Cleveland Harbor, abreast of West Basin, ½-mile southeast by south of the West Pierhead Light.
Date of Conveyance:	1875
Station Built:	1875 (original station); replaced by newer station which was completed in 1940.
Fate:	Decommissioned

Remarks:

Station was moved to West Pier in Cleveland Harbor in 1897.

Keepers:

Samuel Law was appointed keeper on 9 SEP 1876 and left in 1878 (?).

Charles C. Goodwin (G) was appointed keeper on 8 NOV 1878 and died on 18 FEB 1893. [Click here](#) for a narrative of his Gold Lifesaving medal rescue on 31 OCT 1884.

Lawrence Distel was appointed keeper on 30 MAR 1883 and resigned on 19 APR 1894.

Charles E. Motley was appointed keeper on 15 APR 1894 and resigned on 31 MAY 1907.

Hans J. Hausin was appointed keeper on 1 JUN 1907 still serving in 1915.

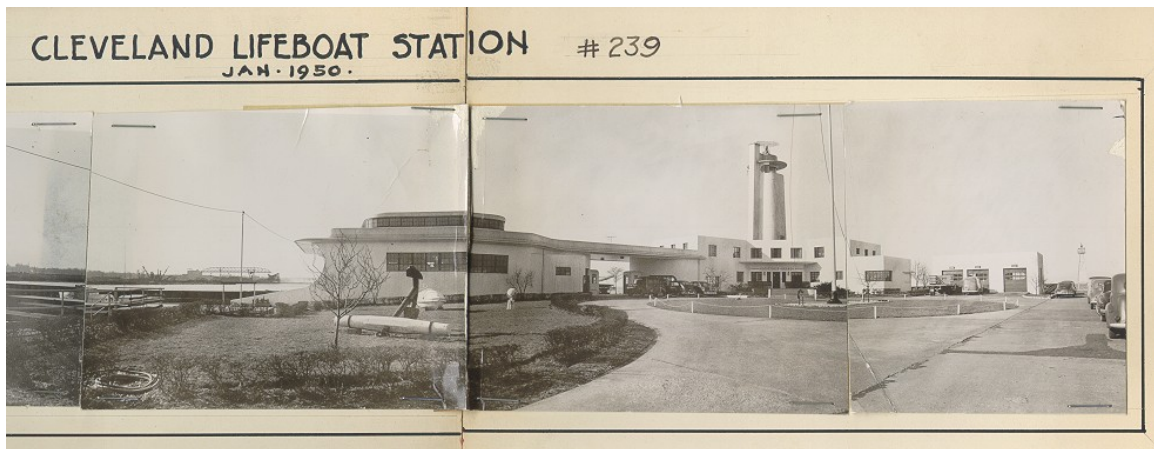
Photographs:



Original caption reads: "Cleveland Station, View From Drill Pole"; photo dated 16 January 1933; no photo number; photographer unknown.



Original caption reads: "CLEVELAND LIFEBOAT STATION, Cleveland Lifeboat Station is situated at the mouth of the Cuyahoga River. One of the most modern structural designs of Lifeboat Stations on the Great Lakes. The Cleveland Lifeboat Station was established in 1873 and the modern station built on an improved island in 1939 and 1940."; April, 1953; Photo No. 04075302; photographer unknown.



Original caption reads: "CLEVELAND LIFEBOAT STATION, #239, JAN. 1950."; no photo number; photographer unknown.

A panoramic view of the station from landward made up of five smaller photos stapled together.



No caption/date/photo number; photographer unknown.
A close up of the station's entrance and lookout tower. Note the radar antenna.



No caption; 15 February 1951; Photo No. CG 121559 03; photographer unknown.



No caption/date/photo number; photographer unknown.
Aerial view of the station, circa 1968.



Original caption reads: "SEMPER PARATUS AT CLEVELAND LIFEBOAT STATION."; Surfboat crew in position as boat rolls from boathouse to water. This method of launching is one of the numerous means employed by the Coast Guard to spread rescue crews on their way immediately upon receiving a distress call."; 19 March 1948; Photo No. 5191; photographer unknown.



View of the abandoned Cleveland station, circa 2000.
Courtesy of USCG 9th District



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