

U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Station Tiana, New York

USLSS Station #15, Third District

Coast Guard Station #73



Location:	On Tiana Beach, abreast of Shinnecock Bay, and 2 3/4 miles west southwest of Shinnecock Light; 40-49' 40"N x 72-31' 30"W
Date of Conveyance	1900
Station Built:	1871
Fate:	Abandoned in 1946

Tiana (#73):

Tiana station was built in 1871 at a position "two miles southwest of Shinnecock light." In 1878, it is listed as "Tyana," but by 1882 the name was changed. From a letter dated 1891, it appears that the title to the land being used at that time for a Life-Saving Station had never been acquired by the United States. In 1900,

title to this land was acquired. In 1912, the station was rebuilt to replaced decayed and antiquated buildings. The station was rendered inactive on June 9, 1937 and reactivated for service during World War II and was manned by an African-American crew and commanded by an African-American Chief Petty Officer, CBM Cecil R. Foster. The final position is given as "on Tiana Beach, abreast of Shinnecock Bay, and three and one-quarter miles west-southwest of Shinnecock Light."

The station and grounds were abandoned in 1946.

Keepers:

The first keeper was Edward H. Ryder, appointed at the age of 38 on December 9, 1872, and he served until he was removed on December 22, 1877. He was followed by William F. Phillips (appointed at the age of 48 with 6 years' experience as a surfman on December 22, 1877, he served until his death on April 23, 1882), David A. Vail (September 6, 1882 until resignation March 13, 1886), John E. Carter (appointed March 27, 1886 until his retirement with more than thirty years' service and being more than 64 years of age on March 25, 1915), Joseph E. Jacobs (acting until appointment February 16, 1916 until reassignment to Jones Beach station May 1, 1924). By this time, the position of the station is given as "east four miles of Quogue and southwest two miles of Shinnecock Bay Light." No keeper is listed again until 1928. In 1937, the officer in charge was Chief E. E. O'Neal. CBM Cecil R. Foster served as O.I.C. from 1942 to 1944.

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