



The First Coast Guard Station at Peaked Hill Bars. - About 1900 - The Crew of Captain "Wally" Cook. Mrs. Wally Cook in buggy at right.

From... "The Life Savers of Cape Cod" by J. W. Dalton of Sandwich, Massachusetts Published in 1902:

"The Peaked Hill Bars Station is another of the original nine stations which were erected on Cape Cod in 1872. A more bleak or dangerous stretch of coast can hardly be found in the United States than at this station. The coast near the station rightly bears the name "Ocean Graveyard." Sunken reefs stretch far out under the sea at this place, ever ready to grasp the keels of the ships that sail down upon them, and many appalling disasters have taken place there. These bars are ever shifting, and the depth of water on them varies in accordance. It is not often that vessels are wrecked on the outer bars, although they often strike there and are driven over them, only to meet with destruction on the inner bars. The station is located two and one-half miles east of Provincetown village. From Provincetown the road to the station crosses the great sand deserts for which that region is noted. Captain Cook and his crew of the Peaked Hill Bars Station have taken twenty-five persons ashore in their surf-boat, and one in the breeches-buoy since Captain Cook assumed charge of the station (about 1896). The following vessels, which struck on the Peaked Hill Bars, became a total loss: Willie H. Higgins, Albert L. Butler, Cathie C. Berry, Kate L. Robinson, and Jennie C. May.

In a blinding snowstorm on the morning of this day in 1884 schooner William H. Mailler, Calais Maine, from New Brunswick for Boston with lumber, struck on the bar about a mile west of Peaked Hill Bar life saving station. Men of Peaked Hill effected an efficient rescue, getting a line aboard and pulling Captain Cummings, his wife, and the other four men of her crew through a tremendous sea to the shore. Just as the last man was pulled in, the schooner broke up. **March 30, 1884**

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Seventy-Five Years Ago

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A resolution was adopted by the Massachusetts legislature thanking Capt. Isaac Fisher and crew of Peaked Hill Lifesaving Station, Provincetown, for saving the lives of passengers and crews of vessels William Mailler and Robert Smith.

April 1, 1874

Peaked Hill Party

A fine time at the Life Saving Station at Peaked Hill Bars last Thursday. A large number of the residents at the east end of the town rode to the station just before noon. They found awaiting them an extra dinner prepared by the expert hands of Mr. H. A. Jennings, whose skill and taste has also handsomely adorned the walls of their dwelling. The good time concluded with a dance in the evening.