

**U.S. COAST GUARD WOODS HOLE (including U.S. Light House Service)  
NOBSKA LIGHT HOUSE**

**BOX 1** (5.5 X 14 inch box)

**U.S. LIGHT HOUSE SERVICE**

1-1. Miscellaneous Information on Light Ships and Service

1-1A. Relief Light Ship Records, 1881

- a. Small ledger book. Notebook of Expenses, Relief Ship Number 9, 1881.
- b. Small ledger book. Notebook of Articles Received, Relief Ship Number 9, 1881.

1-2. U.S. Light House Service Ships' Supply and Equipment Lists

Embossed book cover with lined pages inserted. *Said to belong to Captain William Maxon Gifford (residence: High Street).*

1-2A. Account books for U.S. L.H. Service ships' supplies, origin unknown

- a. Account book. Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book, 1891-1892, with penciled lists and costs of meat ordered.
- b. Account book. "In account with ( ) Dealer in Provisions....", 1896, with penciled lists and costs of meat ordered.

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1-3. Typed manuscripts. U.S. Coast Guard timeline and history (Woods Hole)

- a. A brief history of the U.S. Coast Guard in Woods Hole, 1857-1988
- b. "The Coast Guard at Woods Hole" by Judith Stetson (for *Woods Hole Reflections*).

1-4. U.S. Coast Guard: Miscellaneous Newsclippings and Documents  
(includes copy of deed for original light house property, 1822)

1-5.. U.S. Coast Guard Base 18, history and images of. Mostly donated by Captain Robertson Dinsmore (U.S. C.G. Ret), Acc. No. 03-6

- a. Typewritten manuscript. Early Morning Calm – Great Harbor – 1929.  
Multiple copies (original and xerox copies)
- b. Ink engraving. "Early Morning Calm: : Outlook From The Breakwater Hotel: : : Woods Hole Cape Cod 1929 Great Harbor". Drawn by Dickinson.  
Original and scanned printed copies.
- c. Photograph. U.S. C.G. Acushnet tied up at the U.S. Coast Guard Base 18, probably in mid 1920s (the hull was painted black in the 1930s).  
Xerox copy.
- d. Two photos of Base 18 in Great Harbor shortly after its construction in 1925.  
Laser copies of originals and captions.
- e. Photo. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acushnet breaking ice in New Bedford harbor in 1932, with extended caption. Copy photo.

1-6. Rum Running (1920s-1930s)

- a. Internet article. U.S. Coast Guard website article on Rum Running ("Rum War"), 22 pp.

- b. Typewritten ms. Bibliography of articles and other information on “The Rum War”.
  - c. Internet article. Black Duck Inn and information on the *Black Duck* (rum runner).
  - d. Newsclippings, 1932. Articles on capture of rum runners and Base 18’s role in captures. Copies.
- 1-7. Typewritten manuscript. U.S. Coast Guard Training Manual, 1943
- 1-8. U.S. Coast Guard Base Woods Hole 1980s, 1990s
- a. Newsclippings (copies), 1980s. Xerox copies.
  - b. Typewritten letter. Letter from Thomas Crane to Mary Lou Smith with concerns about pollution from C.G. base on Juniper Point and surrounding waters, April 30, 1992. Xerox copy.
- 1-9. U.S. Coast Guard Base Woods Hole 2000 to date
- Newsclippings.
- 1-10. U.S. Coast Guard Base Woods Hole, Plans For Expansion 1980s to date
- a. Typewritten manuscript. Statement of opposition by the Falmouth Historical Commission to plans of the U.S. Coast Guard Base Woods Hole to demolish the Davis house (9 Little Harbor Road), 1982.
  - b. Typewritten letters.
    - Letter from Captain W.C. Nolan, U.S. C.G. Woods Hole to Nancy Egloff, n.d. (1982).
    - Letter from Sylvia Crane to Gerry Studds, April 27, 1982.
  - c. Newsclippings. Newsclippings, 1982, re proposal (above) and reaction of the Historic Commission. Falmouth Enterprise, original clippings.
  - d. Typewritten manuscript. “An Explanation of the Petition from the Citizens’ Group For the Improvement of Little Harbor To the United States Coast Guard.” N.D.
  - e. Typewritten letter and manuscript. Cover letter, December 31, 1991, from Captain A.J. Pettit, and information package.
  - f. Typewritten manuscript. Coast Guard Group Woods Hole, Engineering Support Facility, February 1992 Newsletter.
  - g. Typewritten manuscripts, plans and diagrams. Coast Guard Group Woods Hole, Engineering Support Activity Planning Schedule, 1991-1996. Copies.
  - h. Typewritten letter. From Captain W. Russell Webster, U.S. Coast Guard Group Commander, July 26, 2001.
  - i. Power Point presentation print-out, 2001 (accompanied above letter).
- 1-10A. U.S. Coast Guard Base Woods Hole, 2015 Plans for Proposed Base Renovation and Demolition of 1917 Brick Building.

## **NOBSKA LIGHT HOUSE**

- 1-11. Nobska Light House – General Information
- a. Proclamation. Act Establishing and Support for Light Houses by Congress, August 7, 1789 (xerox copy).

- b. Typewritten ms. List (Partial) of Light House Keepers at Nobska
- c. Deed. Copy of original deed for land where light house was built, 1822.
- d. Typewritten ms. One page history of Nobska Light House
- e. Miscellaneous typewritten, printed matter (copies) and photos relating to Nobska Light House, 1828 – 1900. Xerox copies (poor quality) from The National Archives (Clipping Files, Nobsque Point Lighthouse, Mass. 2<sup>nd</sup> District).
- f. Photos and material about signal flags flying for last time, 1976, 1982
  - Color snapshots of hurricane flags flying for the last time at Nobska, 1976.
  - Telegraph message (copy) about weather display pole at Nobska being removed, August 1982.
- g. Typewritten letter. Letter from Captain W.C. Nolan, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Woods Hole Group, February 23, 1983 enclosing historic Information sheet on Nobska Light House.
- h. Newsclipping. “Nobska Is On Woods Hole Plate,” Falmouth *Enterprise*, April 5, 1983. Xerox copy.
- i. Typewritten ms. Description and history of Nobska Light House to go with cup plate sold by the Woods Hole Historical Collection, 1963.
- j. Newsclipping. Photo essay by Amy Rader, Falmouth *Enterprise*, May 6, 1983.
- k. Newsletter. Woods Hole Passage, Spring 1985, with front page article on Nobska Light House Keeper’s House. 2 copies.
- l. Newsclipping. “The Story of a Lighthouse and the People Who Lived There.” By Angela Carter, Falmouth *Enterprise*, July 17, 2015.

1-12. Scripts and information on Nobska Light House written for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

1-13. Proposal for Nobska Light House to be included in National Register of Historic Places, 1986

1-14. 2014 project for re-use of Nobska Light House Keeper’s House by Town of Falmouth and local non-profit organizations.

### **NOBSKA LIGHT HOUSE, CTD.**

**BOX 2 OVERSIZED IMAGES: DEEDS, RECORDS, PLANS AND ELEVATIONS**  
(large flat map box; box also contains aerial photos of Woods Hole).

*Most of the following items were copied (?) at the National Archives on photo paper OR on shiny facsimile paper. Rather poor quality.*

2-1. Facsimile copy. Original “deed” creating light house and dwelling at Nobsque Point, with specifications for work to be done, September 22, 1828.

2-2. Photo copy. Photo of one page of “Journal of Vessels which passed by in the vicinity

of the light station *Nobsque*" (n.d.).

- 2-3. Facsimile copies. Various plots of land, shore edge and water features at Nobska with building outlines, 1868 and n.d.
- 2-4. Facsimile and xerox copies. Fog horn tower at Nobska Point, plans and elevations. N.D. 3 copies 11 x 17 inches.
- 2-5. Facsimile copies. Generic iron light tower (4<sup>th</sup> order), elevations and cross-sections. 1875. 11 x 17 inch copies.
- 2-6. Facsimile copies. Bell tower, Second District. N.D. 11 x 17 inch copies.
- 2-7. Facsimile and blue line (ozalid) copies. Keeper's House at Baker's Island Mass. and Nobska, 1875. Generic plans and elevations of keeper's house.
- 2-8. Facsimile. Plan of buildings at Nobska Point, Mass, 1886.