

**Sturgis Library Archives  
Town and Local History Collection**

**United States Lifesaving Service Postcard Collection  
MS. 131**

**Extent:** 1 box.

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of 361 postcards of United States Lifesaving Stations primarily on Cape Cod but also in other towns in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Long Island, Ohio, Illinois and Florida. Images are black and white and color, many photographs but some original artwork as well. The images depict stations, shipwrecks, and life-saving activities.

**Historical information:** The United States Life-Saving Service was a United States government agency that grew out of private and local humanitarian efforts to save the lives of shipwrecked mariners and passengers. It began in 1848 and ultimately merged with the Revenue Cutter Service to form the United States Coast Guard in 1915.

**Access:** Unrestricted. Credit Sturgis Library Archives for publication purposes.

**Acquisition:** Purchased at Eldred's Auction House, 2013.

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**Contents:** 361 postcards in 91 mylar pages in five folders.