

(Established in 1801.)

Appropriated by act of Congress, for		
a lt-ho. on <u>Wigwam Point</u> , entrance		
to <u>Annisquam Harbor</u> , Mass.,	Apr. 29, 1800,	\$2,000.
" for removing obstruction in		
harbor, - - - - -	Mar. 3, 1823,	6,000.

MEMORANDA of CESSIONS,
by Massachusetts.

*L. A. Laws
& Appropriations,
1789-1855.
p. 44.*

1800. June 12. Jurisdiction of a tract not exceeding seven acres on Wigwam Point, in the town of Gloucester, for a light-house.

"In the second light-house district, embracing the coast from Hampton harbor, New Hampshire, to Goosebury Point, Mass., lenses have been placed in the following named light-houses:

1857. Annisquam, Straitmouth, Eastern Point, Ten-pound Island, Baker's Island, Marblehead, Cape Cod, Chatham, Monomoy, Great Point, Brant Point, Point Gammon, Cape Poge, Cuttyhunk, Dumping Rock, Clark's Point, Palmer's Island, Ned's Point, Bird Island, Wing's Neck."

1867 At Annisquam, a covered walk 109 feet long, from dwelling to tower, has been built, new shelves put in store-room of dwelling, iron brackets under mantel, house built over well, new well curb and windlass supplied, shingling of porch roof repaired, a chimney which had been blown down rebuilt and furnished with an Emerson ventilator, white paint for inside of tower supplied.

1868 47. *Annisquam*.—Two rooms and entry of dwelling papered; leaks around chimney stopped; shingling on roof of barn patched, and lamp-heater supplied; new gate at entrance to grounds built, and eight fathoms rope for well furnished; burner repaired.

1869 47. *Annisquam Harbor*.—The dwelling, floors, and finish of one room have been repainted, burners repaired, timepiece cleaned, damaged pane of lantern glass removed, and cooking-stove supplied.

1877 62. *Annisquam, entrance to Annisquam Harbor, Massachusetts*.—This station, having received considerable repairs, is now in good order.

1882 63. *Annisquam Harbor, east of entrance to the harbor, Massachusetts*.—The well and well-house were repaired, and a 7-inch base and ventilator furnished for the kitchen chimney.

1897 85. *Annisquam Harbor, Massachusetts*.—The tower and workroom were rebuilt on the same foundations. Minor repairs were made.

1901 88. *Annisquam Harbor, east side of entrance to the harbor, Massachusetts*.—Extensive repairs and improvements were made to the dwelling, including its entire interior rearrangement. Some 375 feet of post and wire fence, a wire fence along 3,000 feet of the boundary wall, and a stone retaining wall along the beach for a roadway, were built.

90. *Annisquam Harbor, east side of entrance to the harbor, Massachusetts*.—The light-station was connected with the city water supply.

1907.

HISTORY OF ANNISQUAM HARBOR

LIGHT STATION

MASSACHUSETTS

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Congress appropriated \$2,000 (Vol. 2, page 58, Sections 5-6-Statutes-at-Large) on April 29, 1800 on an act which provided "That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a sufficient lighthouse to be erected on Wigwan Point, so called, within the town of Gloucester in the State of Massachusetts, where it will best serve the purpose of discovering the entrance of Annisquam Harbor and to appoint a keeper and otherwise provide for the support of such lighthouse at the expense of the United States: Provided, that sufficient land for the accommodation of such lighthouse, together with the jurisdiction thereof, shall be duly and legally granted to and vested in the United States."

On October 26, 1800, Gustavus Griffin of Gloucester, Mass. deeded to the United States "six and one half acres of land at Wigwan Point, so called, in Gloucester, aforesaid extending from the same point to the highway of equal width at each end bounded easterly on land of William Davis, southerly on the road, and on my land and westerly on land belonging to me and on the bay, reserving unto me and my heirs the land on said Point for my and their use and benefit and the land here conveyed when fenced at the expense of said United States." The consideration was "one hundred and forty dollars paid me by the United States of America."

On June 12, 1800, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had passed an act ceding to the United States "the jurisdiction of the tract of land which shall be required for the Lighthouse authorized by Congress to be erected on Wigwan Point ~~wherein~~" provided that all civil and criminal processes under the authority or by any officer of the Commonwealth (of Massachusetts) shall have full force and effect on the said tract of land or in any buildings thereon."

The \$2,000 Congress appropriated was expended in 1801 in the erection of the lighthouse.

On March 3, 1823 (Vol. 3, Page 781, Section 3 - Statutes-at-Large) Congress appropriated \$6,000 with the following proviso "That the President be authorized to cause such an examination and survey to be made of the obstruction between the harbor of Gloucester and the harbor of Squam as may be requisite to ascertain the expediency of removing such obstruction; and the President is hereby authorized to cause such obstruction to be removed by contract or otherwise, under the direction of the collector of the district of Gloucester, if, from the report of persons he may appoint to examine and survey same, he shall deem it expedient."

In 1857 the Lighthouse Board reported that lenses had been placed in the Annisquam lighthouse. In 1867 a covered walk from the dwelling to the tower was built and other improvements made. Other repairs were made over the years and in 1897 the tower and workroom were rebuilt on the same foundations. In 1901, extensive repairs were made to the dwelling including its entire interior rearrangements. Three hundred seventy-five feet of post and wire fence, and a wire fence

along 3,000 feet of the boundary wall were built, together with a stone retaining wall along the beach for a roadway.

In 1907 the light station was connected with the city water supply and in the same year telephone service was first provided for the keeper's dwelling.

In 1930, the buildings on the site were described as a "six-room dwelling for lighthouse keepers; wooden tower for light; brick oil house for oil for light; fuel house and barn (wooden) for dwelling."

In the 1950 Light List, the Annisquam Light Station is described as located on Wigwam Point, east side of entrance to Annisquam Harbor, Mass., at $42^{\circ} 39.7'N$, $70^{\circ} 40.9'W$. The light is 45 feet above the water and can be seen for 12 miles. It is located in a white cylindrical tower, with an elevated walk to dwelling. The white light is 30,000 candlepower and flashes 0.9 seconds and is eclipsed 6.6 seconds. The 8,600 candlepower red light is of 5th order electric light and flashes every 7.5 seconds from 180° to 212° . An electric siren fog signal blasts for 5 seconds and is silent 55 seconds. It operates between the 15th of May and the 15th of October each year during daylight hours.

From "Statement of Appropriations, &c."
 from March 4, 1789, to June 30, 1882.
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FORM 152.

General object (title of appropriation), and details and explanations.	Date of act making the appropriation.	Reference to the Stats. at Large.			Amount of annual appropriation.	Year of expenditure.	Expenditure by warrants.	Repayments.	Amount carried to the surplus fund.	Net expenditures.
		Volume.	Page.	Section.						
<p><i>Annisquam Harbor light-station.</i> Section 5 of the act of April 29, 1800, provides, "That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a sufficient light-house to be erected on Wigwam Point, so called, within the town of Gloucester, in the State of Massachusetts, where it will best serve the purpose of discovering the entrance of Annesquam Harbor, and to appoint a keeper and otherwise to provide for the support of such light-house at the expense of the United States: <i>Provided</i>, That sufficient land for the accommodation of such light-house, together with the jurisdiction thereof, shall be duly and legally granted to and vested in the United States." The act of March 3, 1823, provides, "That the President be authorized to cause such an examination and survey to be made of the obstruction between the harbor of Gloucester and the harbor of Squam as may be requisite to ascertain the expediency of removing such obstruction; and the President is hereby authorized to cause such obstruction to be removed, by contract or otherwise, under the direction of the collector of the district of Gloucester, if, from the report of persons he may appoint to examine and survey the same, he shall deem it expedient."</p>	Apr. 29, 1800	2	58	5-6	2,000 00	1801	2,000 00	-----	-----	2,000 00
	Mar. 3, 1823	3	781	3	6,000 00	1824	6,000 00	-----	-----	6,000 00
Total					8,000 00	-----	8,000 00	-----	-----	8,000 00