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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Abear Nelson R **DOB:** 1862

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Nelson A Spear (Name)

Michigan (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Trans. Treasury operation of Lts.	$500	Light Houses, Fryings Pan Island Michigan	July 1, 1903
"	"	42.50	" "	" 1, 1908
"	"	516	" "	Aug 1, 1912
"	Increases.	780	"	Nov 1, 1918
"	Detour L. S. Michigan.	750	"	Apl 1, 1921
"	Read. of pay.	960	"	July 1, 1924
"		1200	"	Feb 1, 1925
"	Increase	1260	" 11th Dist.	July 1, 1925
"	Promotion	1320	" " Detour L. S. Mich	April 26, 1926
"	Trans (13a)	1320	" " At Large	4-1-27
	Retired - Close July 14, 1927.			
	$763.48 Pa.			

CROSS REFERENCE

Inactive

SEE FILE--464/16/ D #1

NAME Abear, Nelson

POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

STATION 11th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt.per annum to be Added	Subtracted
720	240	960	XCR	404.25	1364.25	LHS	3	1140	Yes Approved	60	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1080 TO $1370 $1140

A BOARD FORM NO. 1
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eet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 25
2—12768

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kbear (Surname) Nelson (Given name) (Initial)

2. Department Department of Commerce
3. Bureau Bureau of Lighthouses,
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station Eleventh District,
   (b) Subdivision Detour light Station, Mich.
   (c) City or town Detour State Mich.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Second Assistant Keeper.

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 15; per week 105
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ____; or per week ____
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From 4 to 6 hours m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ____
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $720 per annum; bonus, $240 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $720 per a; bonus, $240 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ____
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: *☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☒ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum ____
    45 cents per day commutation of rations. *(Quarters for self and family)
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $40.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ____; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ____; number of lessons ____; number completed ____

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assists in care and maintenance of incandescent oil vapor light, steam fog signal, and electrically operated fog bell. Duties as follows:	
1. Standing watch for approach of fog and observing functioning of light and signal apparatus, -	25
2. Operation of fog signal -	7
3. Care of light and fog signal apparatus, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	20
4. Painting, minor repairs, and miscellaneous work around buildings, boats, and grounds, -	40
5. Supply trips to nearest store for provisions, mail, etc., - - - - - - -	8

19. Does employee work under immed[illegible] supervision, or to a large extent upon his own res[illegible]nsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under immediate supervision of the Keeper in charge of the station.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 2 years, 2 months

22. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the foregoing questions are correct.

JUL 14 1923, 1923.
(Date)

Edw L Woodruff
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
(Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment	X		
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)		X	
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)		X	
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School		X

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Experienced boatmen; also familiarity with machinery desirable.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 900 to $ 1020

JUL 14 1923, 1923.
(Date)

Edw L Woodruff
(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

June 30, 1927.

Mr. Nelson Abear,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918 (40 Stat., 608), has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Eleventh District), with retired pay at the rate of $763.48 per annum, to take effect at the close of business on July 14, 1927.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUL 1 - 1927

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HARRISON

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1927 JUN 17 PM 2 59

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Enclosure.

1927 JUN 16 AM 9 05 LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.
June 14, 1927.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 24 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 17 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Retirement, Nelson Abear, Keeper at Large, Detour Light Station, Mich.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. Enclosed is letter of January 12, 1927, from Nelson Abear Keeper-at-Large at Detour Light Station, Michigan, making application for voluntary retirement effective July 15, 1927.

2. Mr. Abear was born July 8, 1862. He entered the Lighthouse Service October 24, 1895, since which date his services have been continuous. It is recommended that he be retired effective at the close of July 14, 1927, with retired pay at the rate of $763.48 per annum computed as follows:

July 15, 1922 to June 30, 1923,	@	$720 per.an.	$692.00
July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924,	@	720 " "	720.00
July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925,	@	1,200 " "	
	less 45¢ per day		1,035.75
July 1, 1925 to April 25, 1926,	@	1,260 per an.	1,032.50
April 26, 1926 to June 30, 1926,	@	1,320 " "	238.33
July 1, 1926, to July 14, 1927,	@	1,320 " "	1,371.33
	Total		$5,089.91

Average pay for last five years $1,017.98

Retirement pay recommended (30/40 of average). . $763.48

optional at 65 after 30 yrs.

Chas A Park

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 17 1927

Inclosure
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

H R Pulham
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 16 AM 9 05

JAN 5 1927
DETROIT

Detour, Mich;
January 12, 1927.

Superintendent of Light-houses,
Detroit, Mich;

In reply to your letter of January 6th, I would like very much to retire on or about July 15, 1927.

Yours Respectfully
Nelson R Shear.

Miss B-
Call up March 1
to advise Shear
re arrangements
on pension
Done

Rand 3300
Mr Ruttle

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT.

LIGHTHOUSES 1927 MAY 6 AM 9 10

Detroit, Mich., March 3, 1927.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about March 15, 1927;

Name, Nelson Abear

From Detour Light Station, Mich.

Previous incumbent, Frank T. Whalen

Services terminated, December 4, 1925.

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.)
Salary: $1320 per annum
Grade: $1140-1500.

To Keeper (At Large) assigned to Detour Light Station, Michigan.
Salary: $1320 per annum.
Grade : $1140-1500

Reason, Termination of temporary appointment.

Mr. Abear has applied for voluntary retirement effective July 15, 1927. His health has failed to such an extent that he is unable to perform his duties efficiently at Detour Light Station, but it is considered in the interest of the Service to retain him at Detour for the short time remaining after the opening of navigation until he retires, and to fill his position at this time. The importance of this station and the amount of work to be done this spring warrants having an additional man at the station temporarily.

CARDED

Chas A Park
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Detroit, Mich., May 4, 1927.

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 1, 1927.

Chas A Park
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 6 - 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. G. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE ROE:EDB
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

July 1, 1926.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 2 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated June 28, relative to the date of birth of Nelson Abear, keeper (first assistant) at the Detour Light Station, Michigan. Mr. Abear submits a baptismal certificate showing that one Narcisse Hebert was born July 8, 1862. It is noted that this is the French form of Mr. Nelson Abear's name.

According to the records of the Commission, this employee entered the service through classification, without examination, and has apparently never given his age to the Commission. July 8, 1862, will accordingly be entered on the records of this office as the exact date of his birth. The certificate is returned herewith.

By direction of the Commission:

July 3, 1926. Very respectfully,

Copy transmitted to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JUL 6 1926

John T. Doyle

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

John T. Doyle,
Secretary.

July 7/26 Inclosure 1431.
Noted

June 28, 1926.

Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In support of his claim that July 8, 1862, is the correct date of his birth, Nelson Abear, Keeper (First Assistant), at $1320 per annum at the Detour Light Station, Michigan, submits the accompanying certificate of baptism. It will be noted from the certificate that Mr. Abear's name appears as "Narcisse Hebert," in explanation of which he states - "You will note that I was baptised in a French Church and my name is spelled in the French language, which, translated would be Nelson Abear."

The records of the Department indicate that this employee was born July 9, 1865.

With the return of the enclosed certificate the Department requests to be advised of the action to be taken in this case.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTING

Chief of Appointment Division.

JUN 28 1926

Enclosure.
C:P

To Correspondence.

Please transmit
this request for
change in date of
birth to C. S. Com.
for action.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

HMC:AB

Enclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 23 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JUN 19 AM 9 01

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.

June 17, 1926.

Re date of birth, Nelson Abear
1st A.K. Detour LH.,Mich.

CHIEF CLERK
1926 JUN 23 PM 2

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office have heretofore shown the date of birth of Nelson Abear, First Assistant Keeper of Detour Light Station, Michigan, as July 9, 1865.

2. He requested recently that the records be changed to show the correct date as July 8, 1862. Copy of certificate of baptism submitted by Mr. Abear in support of his request is enclosed herewith. On this document Mr.Abear's name appears as "Narcisse Hebert", in explanation of which he states as follows:

> "You will note that I was baptised in a French Church and my name is spelled in the French language, which, translated would be Nelson Abear".

3. It is recommended in view of the foregoing evidence that the date of Mr. Abear's birth be changed on the records to July 8, 1862.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 23 1926

Inclosure

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. It is requested that the certificate of baptism be returned to the Bureau when its purpose has been served.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.
[EDW. J. GARDNER]

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 16 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 8 PM 3 54

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.

May 6, 1926.

Notice, Effective date
change in pay.

CHIEF CLERK
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1926 MAY 10 PM 3 5?

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 11 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Referring to Department letter of April 9, 1926, changing salary of Nelson Abear from $1260.00 to $1320.00 per annum, the Bureau is advised that the effective date thereof is April 26,1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Bill

First Assistant Superintendent.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 10 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

C. S. REPORT DATA
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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1926.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1320 per annum, effective April 12, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASKINS

Chief of Appointment Division.

11—8074 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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APR 14 1926

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 14 1926 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1926 APR 9 AM 8 49 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Mich., April 7, 1926. 19
(City.) (Date.)

1926 APR 9 PM 3

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 9 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 12 1926 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Nelson Abear

Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper (1st Asst)

Salary, $1320 p.a. above min. ($1140-1380)

Location, Detour Light Station, Mich.

Appropriation, ~~Sal. Kprs. of~~ LH. Buoy Etc.

Effective April 12, 1926.

{ ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or
as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (2d Asst.

Former salary, $1260 p.a. ($1080-1320)

Location, same

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, David McRae

Services terminated, about April 10.
Salary: $1320 p.a.

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

Carlson Coker 4/9/26.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

Chas A Park
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 9 - 1926

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

4-9-26

APPROVED:
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

J. Clemens
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

rM Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 7 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1200 ✓

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

11th

JSJ

CARDED FEB 7 1925

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Abear Nelson _____ In accordance with authority

of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-

adjusted to $ 960, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 30 1924 File No. 1095/21.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

1921 APR 14 AM 8 38

April 12, 1921.

APPOINTMENT

1921 APR 15 AM 11 53

CHIEF CLERK

1921 APR 15 AM 10 38

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Referring to Department letter of March 21, 1921, changing salary of Nelson Abear, Lightkeeper. from $780 .00 to $720.00 per annum, the Bureau is advised that the effective date thereof is April 1, 1921.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
APR 14 1921

CARRIED

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1921 APR 14 PM 3 50

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

U. S. REPORT DATA
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1921.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective April 1, 1921 (including $60 per annum longevity pay) or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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11th district

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 2 1 1921

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 11th DISTRICT,

Detroit, Mich., (City.) March 17, 1921. (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1921 MAR 19 PM 3 40

Action recommended, Transfer of:

Name, Nelson Abear, Legal residence, Michigan.

Position, Keeper (2d Asst.) Salary, $720 per annum (Incl. Longevity)

Location, Detour Light Station, Mich. Appropriation, Sal., Kprs. of L.H.

Effective April 1, 1921. [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $780 per annum (incl.Long)

Location, Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich.

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Percentage, 1921, Other eligibles considered:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAR 21 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Peter W. Day Services terminated, March 31, 1921.

Reason, Transfer

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Transfer recommended at request of nominee. Arrangements had been made to transfer this employee to position of First Assistant Keeper at Point Iroquois Light Station, on discontinuance of his present station, as stated in District letter of March 8, but he later arranged for exchange of positions with 2d Asst. Kpr. at Detour, which enables him to reside in the same locality as formerly and is most satisfactory to him.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

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3/21/21.

Edw. L. Woodruff
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAR 19 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1921 MAR 19 PM 2 33

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1918.

r. Nelson Abear,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 516 per annum to $ 780 per annum, November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.) effective

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

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DATED 10-28-18
1095-11

CARDED

Respectfully,
(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NOV 19 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
8—4789-2

LIGHT
MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.
SEP 29 1916
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Abear, Nelson

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse Service 11th Dist

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

See 4

6. Annual earnings:

516.00

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 500.00

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

~~Substitute~~—
Years: 20 ~~Months~~:

~~Regular~~—
~~Years~~: Months: 8

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

~~Michigan~~

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—
Month: July
Year: 1865

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

E10

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State: 11 ~~Michigan~~
County: ~~Chippewa~~

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—
City: DeTour
State: Michigan

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

11—5869

McC-NDW

FEB 14 1917

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of report of the following services rendered by you:

December 27, 1916, in going to the assistance of the tug Rambler, caught in the ice in the vicinity of Detour, Michigan, with a party of nine persons aboard, carrying them food, and safely bringing the persons and mail back to Detour.

December 22, 1916, in going to the rescue of two men in the disabled gasoline boat J. E. O., and taking them ashore.

The Department commends you for the services rendered on the occasions referred to, which it is understood were performed under hazardous conditions.

The fact that you have been commended will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Nelson Abear, Keeper,
Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Light Houses---Appointment Division's files

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed FEB 16 1917 by.....

Form 111

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES AUG 12 1912 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK RECEIVED AUG 15 1912 DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, NELSON ABEAR

do solemnly[1] swear (See below.) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Nelson Abear

(Appointee signs here.)

Sworn (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 16th day of July, A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Thomas H. Watson

(Official title) Notary Public

County Clerk's Office 7/27/1914

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper	$516 p.a.	Frying Pan Island L.S., Mich.

CARDED.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED AUG 17 1912 G DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 11th District

Detroit, Mich. (Address.), August 1, 1912. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1912. (Date.)

Same position; change in pay from monthly to yearly rate. Former pay $42.50 mo.

W. W. McCormick

(Signature, followed by title.)

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 5, 1912.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from $42.50 per month.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED
AUG - - 1912
C [illegible]

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. RECEIVED JUL 6 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Michigan.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE



Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eleventh DISTRICT,

Detroit, Mich., June 10, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:



Action proposed, Change in compensation of:

Name, Nelson Abear, Legal residence, Michigan,

Position, Keeper, Salary, ~~$510~~ 516 per annum,

Location, Frying Pan Island L. S., Mich.

Effective July 1, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, Former salary, $42.50 per month.

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Remarks: Appn., Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

6/21/12 MCP

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

C. A. Park

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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G. B. Putnam

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

May 10, 1911.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Nelson Abear 2. Age 45 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Light-House Service 4. Position Keeper Frying-Pan Island Lt. St.

5. Compensation $42.50 p.m. 6. Where employed Eleventh District

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct. 24, 1895 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of the light-station and public property, and responsible for its proper efficiency.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	100	2	200	
Quality of work	100	3	300	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	
Attendance	100	2	200	
Total		10	955	
Average percentage			95	5

RECEIVED MAY 29 1911 DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Routine

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (e)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

W. W. McCormick

Commander U. S. N. Inspector 11th L. H. District

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

W. W. McCormick

Commander U. S. N. Inspector 11th L. H. District

G. L. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 10 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House Service 2. Where employed Frying Pan Island, Mich.
3. Name Abear, Nelson 4. Where born Michigan
5. Age 43 6. Position Keeper of the Frying Pan Island Light-Sta'n, Mich.
7. Compensation $42.50 8. When appointed (a) ~~Sept. 1, 1895~~ October 14, 1895. October 24, 1895.
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification
10. Appointed from { State Michigan. / Congressional District 12th / County Chippewa } O. R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, including custody of public property on the reservation; keeping of light; and preparation of all reports required by the Regulations.
15. Efficiency { Quantity of work (d) 10/10 / Quality of work (e) Excellent / Interest manifested in work (f) Excellent }
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (g) Thoroughly efficient

Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary
5 June, '09

Lt. Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector.

Head of Bureau or Office.

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Form 111

Enclosure.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

No. 4605

I, Mr Nelson Abear

do solemnly[a] Swears that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD.

Nelson Abear

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10th day of September, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Fred D. Hardy

(Official title:) Justice of the Peace

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	Forsing Pan Island	Michigan ~~Wagner~~	Michigan

$42.50 mo.

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 11th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Detroit, Michigan, (Address.), 12 Sept., '08 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on 1 July, '08 (Date.)

(Signed:) Jas. F. Smith

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector. 11.S.

CARDED

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

Failure to fill out this Oath properly will result in its return for correction.

RECEIVED SEP 29 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED SEP 29 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

1605

September 3, 1908.

Mr. Nelson Abers, of Michigan, is hereby appointed

Keeper of Frying Pan Island Light-Station, Michigan,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Forty-two and 50/100 dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning July 1, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Mr. Abers succeeds himself.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from Keeper of Frying Pan Island [illegible], Michigan, at $600 per annum.)

AWARDED

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
SEP 8 1908
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.
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CHANGE REPORTED
SEP 1908
U. S. COMMISSION.

Form 75 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED SEP 3 1908 DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

Office of the Inspector, 11th L. H. Dist.,

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP - 3 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Light-House Board, Detroit, Michigan,

Washington, D. C. 26 August, '08
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) Promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) Mr. Nelson Abear (Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) of (3) Michigan (State of legal residence)

from (4) Keeper (Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) Frying Pan Island Light-Station, Michigan, (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $ 500 per annum (Salary now paid) to (7) Keeper (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Frying Pan Island Light-Station, Michigan, (Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.) at

(9) $42.50 per month (Salary recommended) effective beginning (10) 1 July, '08 (the date

of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~) (Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) Nelson Abear (State name of last person employed in position)

who (12) This increase is recommended in accordance with the report of the Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved on (13) June 25, 1908. (Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,

Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and

was considered with (18) .....

(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

Eff. 8/10 Good.

Commander, U.S.N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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September 2, 1908 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN SEP 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED SEP 3 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

RECEIVED
JUN 6 1904
ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

To the Heads of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED

Secretary.

PART I.

(Blanks in Part I are to be filled by the appointee or employee; but if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case, the statement is to be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.)

mr. Nelson Robert Shear

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? *Nelson Shear*

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Helena (City or town.) *Chippewa, Co mich* (State or Territory, County.) *12* (Congressional district.)

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") *White*

5. Where were you born? *Detroit mich* *1862*

6. When were you born? *July* (Month.) *8 9* (Day.) *1865* (Year.) Change approved by C. S. Comm. see file

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") *No*

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
none	none			

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

appointed before position was classified

11. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

eyesight is good

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American wars? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No never serve in military or naval service at all			

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time, other than during the Civil and Spanish-American wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No never serve			

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Fisherman

15. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: "Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.")

Public School

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Fisherman and carpenter

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

none at all

18. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

doe all my own Written

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 15th, 1904

Witness: (Signature) Nelson Shear

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Hetaur mich
City or town.

Box 112
Number and street.

michigan
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 25th, 1904

(Signature) Robert Lemly
COMMANDER U.S.N.

(Official title) INSPECTOR ELEVENTH L. H. DISTRICT,

PART II.

(Blanks in Part II are to be filled by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Frying Pan Island (Place (city, town, or station).) Eleventh (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Principal Light Keeper

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? August 1. 1900.

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

Seven years eight months

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $600 00 per annum

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903?

Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses. 1904

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6. 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No

(Signature) Herbert Winslow
COMMANDER U.S.N.

(Official title) INSPECTOR ELEVENTH L. H. DISTRICT.

Date: July 25th, 1904

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All communications should be addressed to "The Light-House Board."

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, 26 July, 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Nelson Abear, from the position of Assistant Keeper at Detour, Mich., Light-Station, to that of Keeper at Frying Pan Island, Mich., Light-Station, to date from 1 August, 1900, with pay at the rate of $500. a year, in the place of Mr. Wm. A. Burke, who is recommended for transfer.

Respectfully,

Thomas Perry
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.
Form 111.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
RECEIVED
OCT 23 1895
11TH DISTRICT.

I, Nelson Abear, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: SO HELP ME GOD.

Nelson Abear

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 24th day of October, A. D. 189 3

THOMAS H. WATSON NOTARY PUBLIC CHIPPEWA CO. MICH.

Thomas H Watson
Notary Public

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Assistant Keeper	Detour Light	Michigan	Michigan

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, or a Clerk of a Court, but never before a Collector of Customs, as the latter has no power to administer an oath in such cases. It should be taken at or before the time *when an employé goes on duty*, whether he holds an appointment or not.

[Ed. 1-29-'94—2,000.]

MAIL DIVISION.
Treasury Department.
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OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Nelson Rhees

Position: Assistant

Keeper of Straits

Light Station Mich

Dated Oct. 24, 1895

Respectfully forwarded to the
Light House Board,

W. W. Mead
Commander U.S.N.
Inspector 11th Dist.

Oct. 26th 1895.

Dated. S.W.S. 12 9

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 1756. Every person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, excepting the President and the persons embraced by the section following, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, and before being entitled to any part of the salary or other emoluments thereof, take and subscribe the following oath:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 1757. * * * I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

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AN ACT amending the Revised Statutes of the United States in respect to official oaths, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 2. That section seventeen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and hereafter the oath to be taken by any person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit either in the civil, military, or naval service, except the President of the United States, shall be as prescribed in section seventeen hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, May 13, 1884.

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.
Form 72.

Resignation accepted

NOMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER.

To be sent to the Light-House Board.

Office of the Inspector, 11th Light-House District,

October 10th, 1895.

To the Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to nominate Mr. Nelson Abear

for appointment as ~~Acting~~ assistant

Keeper of the *~~Light~~ Fog Signal *Station at* Detour, Mich.

*, to take effect from date of entering on duty, in

place of Mr. George R. Holden

who † has resigned.

Oct 12, 1895.

Respectfully yours,

W. W. Mead

Commander U.S Navy *Inspector.*

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

Naval Secretary.

Enquire

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REGULATIONS OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.

Inspectors are to select keepers and assistants with particular reference to their fitness for and capacity to perform the duties required of them. Members of the keeper's family should only be nominated in rare and exceptional cases, where the interest of the service requires it.

Keepers and assistants must be over eighteen years of age when appointed. They must be able to read and write, and in every respect be competent to discharge the duties of keeper. Assistants are required to observe the orders of the keepers in all matters connected with the duties of the establishment; and any disobedience of such orders will be held as a sufficient cause for recommending their discharge.

Men of intemperate habits, and those who are otherwise mentally or physically incapable of performing the duties of light keepers, must not be nominated for appointment.

Keepers, when appointed, will receive instructions from the inspector as to the time of entering upon their duties, and will be paid at the rates stipulated in their appointments, from the date at which they actually enter upon their duties, and not before.

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* State whether light or fog-signal station.

† Here must be stated the manner in which the vacancy arose which this nomination is intended to fill. Thus: resigned; deceased; or removed.

NOTE.—This form to be filled in and signed by the nominee.

Sturgeon mich

sept 27, 1894.

Please answer the following questions, and sign your name in *full*.

Where were you born? Detroit mich

Are you a citizen of the United States? yes

What is your age? 22 years

Are you married? No

Were you ever in the U. S. Army or Navy—either regular or volunteer—or in the Marine Corps? If so, state the company, regiment, or vessel. No

In what capacity?

Where, and how long did you serve?

Were you honorably discharged?

When and where?

What qualifications do you possess for the position you desire? have been on charity island one winter at light house and can take care of a light

By whom are you recommended?

Morris abear
Capt. J. W. Morgan of Steam City of London
W. B. Ashton
Hugh McLaney Dep. Collr of Customs

Where is your present *legal* residence? Giving Town, County, State, and number of Congressional District.

Hetour mich
Chippewa Co

What other Government appointments have you held, and why did you not continue therein?

Not any

Have you any relatives in any branch of the Government service? *If so, state* WHO *they are, in what capacity they are employed, and what relation.*

Not any

(SIGN NAME IN FULL.) Nelson abear

(Ed. 6-12-'94—3,000.)

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
OCT 12 1895
RECEIVED

NOMINATION.

Date: October 10/95

Inspector of the 11th Light-House District.

Nominating Mr. Nelson Abear

To be Apt Keeper of Detour Light & Fog Signal Station, Mich

in place of Mr. G. K. Holden resigned

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RECEIVED
OCT 14 1895
IN APPT. DIV.

Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

JUN 14 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eleventh DISTRICT,

Detroit, Mich., June 10, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in compensation of:

Name, Nelson Abear, Legal residence, Michigan,

Position, Keeper, Salary, ~~$516~~ $510 per annum,

Location, Frying Pan Island L. S., Mich.

Effective July 1, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Former salary, $42.50 per month.

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Remarks: Appn., Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

C. A. Park

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 5, 1912.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from $42.50 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Michigan.

11—3692

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

May 10, 1911.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Nelson Abear 2. Age 45 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Light-House Service 4. Position Keeper Frying-Pan Island Lt. St.

5. Compensation $42.50 p.m. 6. Where employed Eleventh District

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct. 24, 1895 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of the light-station and public property, and responsible for its proper efficiency.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	100	2	200	
Quality of work	100	3	300	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255	
Attendance	100	2	200	
Total		10	955	
Average percentage			95	5

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Routine

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Fair equivalent

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

19. Is this employee superannuated? No If so, what percentage of salary is unearned?

20. Remarks: (*e*)

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

C. M. McCormick

Commander U. S. N. Inspector 11th L. H. District

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. M. McCormick

Commander U. S. N. Inspector 11th L. H. District

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Chief of Bureau or Office.

Copy.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service.

Eleventh District,
Frying Pan Island.
Dec. 22, 1916.

Inclosure

Inspector, 11th Lighthouse District,

Detroit, Mich.

Commander:

On Dec. 22d I went and took two men off a gasoline boat who was disabled in the middle of the river. The same day the boat burnt and sunk and on the 27th of December I went to a tug Rambler, of Detour, who was frozen in the ice with men and women on board, and brought same supplies for them. Also brought Drummond's mail over same day.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Nelson Abear,

Keeper,

Frying Pan Island.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ELEVENTH LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SUPT. BUREAU CH. CLERK
JAN 4 1917
STATUS ANSWER INSP. INVESTIGATE RECOMMEND
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Frying Pan
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

Dec 27, 1916

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES
Inclosure

Inspector
Ninth Light House District
Detroit mich

Commander
on Dec 26th i went and took two
men off a gas oleen Boat Who Was
disable in the middle of the River
the same day the Boat Burnt and Sunk
and on Dec 27 i went to a Tug
Rambler of St Clair
Who Was Froze in the ice With
men and Woman on Board
and Brought them supplies for them
all so Brought Drummonds mail
over same day

Respfully yours

Nelson Olsen
Keeper
Frying Pan island

Detour Mich

Inspectors of Light house Department Jan 24, 1917



Inclosure

Dear Sirs in regards to my accident I had fall on the Boat F.C. I as Boat I let go the Hook quite late at night it was a very Cold night I intended to lay the Boat up for night and slacked the engine But My steering apparatus Being froze so I could not steer the Boat and drifted on I was trying I an Isl. and then put the anchor down and waited for day light and the next morning Mr Obair Light keeper came out to us and took us ashore and later on in the day I got My Boat Back to the Hook and bailed Thawing her out she got a fire onboard and I was Compelled to sink her in order to save her

I remain yours Truely M. J. Andrus.

Detour Mich

Box 86

Copy.

Detour, Mich., Jan. 12, 1917.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

Enclosure

Inspectors of Lighthouse Department:

Dear Sir:

In regards to my accident last fall on the boat J. E. O. gas boat, I let go the dock quite late at night. It was a very cold night. I intended to lay the boat up for night and started the engine, but my steering apparatus being frozen so I could not steer the boat and drifted out past Frying Pan Island and then put the anchor down and waited for daylight and the next morning Mr. Abear, Light keeper came out to us and took us ashore and later on in the day I got my boat back to the dock and while thawing her out she got afire and I was compelled to sink her in order to save her. I remain yours truly,

(Signed) M. J. Andress.

Box 86,

Detour, Mich.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ELEVENTH LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SUPT. BUREAU CH. CLERK
JAN 23 1917
STATUS ANSWER INSP. INVESTIGATE RECOMMEND

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Frying Pan
(Depot, Vessel, or Light Station)

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

jan 18, 1917

Inclosure

Inspector
11th Lt. House District
Detroit mich
Sir inclose Please find letters
Written By Post office Keeper
and mr. andrews
Relative to Disable motor Boat
and tug Rambler
it was a hazardous condition
to Perform at the time i had the
only Boat that could Perform the
job of going thrue the ice

Respectfully yours

Nathan Oscar
keeper
Frying Pan
Detour
mich

Copy.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eleventh District,
Frying Pan Island,
Jan. 18, 1917.

Inclosure

Inspector, 11th Lighthouse District,

Detroit, Mich.

Sir:-

Inclosed please find letters written by postoffice keeper and Mr. Andress, relative to disabled motor boat and tug Rambler.

It was a hazardous condition to perform at the time I had the only boat that could perform the job of going through the ice.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Nelson Abear,

Keeper,

Frying Pan Island,

Detour, Mich.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

Inclosure

JOHN F. GOETZ
—DEALER IN—
CEDAR TIES, POSTS, TELEGRAPH POLES
AND OTHER
FOREST PRODUCTS

DeTour, Michigan Jan. 18 1917

Department of Commerce.
Light House Service.
Detroit, Mich.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Shear, keeper of Frying Pan Light Station has requested me to write you in reply to your letter of Jan. 5th.

On Dec. 27, 1916. the tug, "Rambler", attempted to cross the river to meet the mail and bring it back to Detour. But while they were on the far side of the river a big field of ice closed in on them, and the boat was unable to move in any direction. It was blowing too hard to reach them with a row boat and there were no other motor boats in commission to offer them assistance. There for the crew were all (nine in all) forced to remain on the tug, in the middle of a field of

JOHN F. GOETZ

—DEALER IN—

CEDAR TIES, POSTS, TELEGRAPH POLES

AND OTHER

FOREST PRODUCTS

De Tour, Michigan _____ 191—

ice, all night. and part of the next day; until Mr Shear and Mr Lee forced their way through the ice with a row boat, and brought them food, which I furnished, and brought the Mail, and Passengers back to Detour.

Hoping this will be a satisfactory explanation. I remain

Yours Truly,

J. A. McDonald

P. M.

Copy.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

Detour, Mich., Jan. 18, 1917.

Inclosure

Department of Commerce,

Lighthouse Service,

Detroit, Mich.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Abear, keeper of Frying Pan Light Station, has requested me to write you in reply to your letter of Jan. 5th.

On Dec. 27, 1916, the tug "Rambler" attempted to cross the river to meet the mail and bring it back to Detour, but while they were on the far side of the river a big field of ice closed in on them, and the boat was unable to move in any direction. It was blowing too hard to reach them with a row boat and there were no other motor boats in commission to offer them assistance. Therefore, they were all (nine in all) forced to remain on the tug in the middle of a field of ice, all night, and part of the next day; until Mr. Abear and Mr. Lee forced their way through the ice with a row boat, and brought them food, which I furnished, and brought the Mail and passengers back to Detour.

Hoping this will be a satisfactory explanation, I remain

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. A. McDonald,

P. M.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
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Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

LIGHT
FEB 5 1917
HOUSES

AWP-WCG

Feb. 2, 1917.

1 Inclosures. Received

Commendation, Keeper,
Frying Pan Island.

Commended
Feb. 14 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Referring to Par. 478 of the Regulations, 1914, there are forwarded herewith letters received from Nelson Abear, Keeper, Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich., dated Dec. 22, 1916, and January 18, 1917, together with letters of M. J. Andress and J. A. McDonald, relative to assistance rendered by Mr. Abear to a disabled motorboat and a tug caught in the ice.

The services rendered were performed under hazardous conditions and it is my opinion that they merit commendation by the Secretary and recommendation is made accordingly.

Woodworth

LIGHT
FEB 15 1917
HOUSES

Dec 22

McC-NDW

FEB 14 1917

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of report of the following services rendered by you:

December 27, 1916, in going to the assistance of the tug Rambler, caught in the ice in the vicinity of Detour, Michigan, with a party of nine persons aboard, carrying them food, and safely bringing the persons and mail back to Detour.

December 22, 1916, in going to the rescue of two men in the disabled gasoline boat J. E. O., and taking them ashore.

The Department commends you for the services rendered on the occasions referred to, which it is understood were performed under hazardous conditions.

The fact that you have been commended will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by ----------
Mailed FEB 15 1917 by ----------

Secretary.

Mr. Nelson Abear, Keeper,
Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Lighthouse Inspector ....Detroit, Mich....
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Copy of your report of Feb 2, 1917.

JCR
Acting Chief Clerk

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mcc

NDW

Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On February 14, 1917, the Secretary of Commerce commended Nelson Abear, Keeper of Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich., for services rendered on December 27, 1916, in going to the assistance of the tug Rambler, caught in the ice in the vicinity of Detour, Mich., with a party of nine persons aboard, carrying them food, and safely bringing the persons and mail back to Detour; and on December 22, 1916, in going to the rescue of two men in the disabled gasoline boat J. E. O., and taking them ashore.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

HMC:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Enclosure.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.
June 17, 1926.

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JUN 19 AM 9 01

Re date of birth, Nelson Abear
1st A.K. Detour LH.,Mich.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. The records of this office have heretofore shown the date of birth of Nelson Abear, First Assistant Keeper of Detour Light Station, Michigan, as July 9, 1865.

2. He requested recently that the records be changed to show the correct date as July 8, 1862. Copy of certificate of baptism submitted by Mr. Abear in support of his request is enclosed herewith. On this document Mr.Abear's name appears as "Narcisse Hebert", in explanation of which he states as follows:

> "You will note that I was baptised in a French Church and my name is spelled in the French language, which, translated would be Nelson Abear".

3. It is recommended in view of the foregoing evidence that the date of Mr. Abear's birth be changed on the records to July 8, 1862.

Park Olmsted

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

Inclosure

JUN 23 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. It is requested that the certificate of baptism be returned to the Bureau when its purpose has been served.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
ROE:EDB
FILE
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

July 1, 1926.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce.

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 JUL 6 PM 4 01

To 11th

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of letter dated June 28, relative to the date of birth of Nelson Abear, keeper (first assistant) at the Detour Light Station, Michigan. Mr. Abear submits a baptismal certificate showing that one Narcisse Hebert was born July 8, 1862. It is noted that this is the French form of Mr. Nelson Abear's name.

According to the records of the Commission, this employee entered the service through classification, without examination, and has apparently never given his age to the Commission. July 8, 1862, will accordingly be entered on the records of this office as the exact date of his birth. The certificate is returned herewith.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

July 3, 1926.

Copy transmitted to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Clifford Hasley
Chief of Appointment Division.

John T. Doyle,
Secretary.

Inclosure 1451.

JUL 15 1926

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 1 1th Supt

Be guided accordingly.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HLC:AB
Enclosure.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.
June 14, 1927.

1927 JUN 16 AM 9 05 LIGHTHOUSES

Retirement, Nelson Abear, Keeper
at Large, Detour Light Station, Mich.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. Enclosed is letter of January 12, 1927, from Nelson Abear Keeper-at-Large at Detour Light Station, Michigan, making application for voluntary retirement effective July 15, 1927.

2. Mr. Abear was born July 8, 1862. He entered the Lighthouse Service October 24,1895, since which date his services have been continuous. It is recommended that he be retired effective at the close of July 14, 1927, with retired pay at the rate of $763.48 per annum computed as follows:

July 15, 1922 to June 30, 1923,	@	$720 per.an.	$692.00
July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924,	@	720 " "	720.00
July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925,	@	1,200 " "	
		less 45¢ per day	1,035.75
July 1, 1925 to April 25,1926,	@	1,260.per an.	1,032.50
April 26,1926 to June 30, 1926,	@	1,320 " "	238.33
July 1, 1926, to July 14,1927,	@	1,320 " "	1,571.33
	Total		$5,069.91

Average pay for last five years $1,017.98

Retirement pay recommended (30/40 of average). . $763.48

Airways
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Dep. Comm.
Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 17 1927

Inclosure
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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FILE
U. S. C. G.

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 12 1939
MEDICAL SECTION

U. S. COAST GUARD 1
REC'D OCT 9 [illegible]

ANS.

V. S. Coast Guard
Washington D.C.

Helen mich
oct 6th 1939

Sir about a year ago i was in Detroit v. s. marine hospital for a skin cancer and wart in my nose
The skin cancer on my neck is all heal up and O.K.
But the wart in my nose cam back and bother me
i wish you'd inform me if i can get treated at the Sault St Marie mich
By som doctor there
it cost me abut 50. Dollars to go and com to Detroit
in the sault i can stay with my Daughter it would save me som Expence

Respectfully yours

Nelson Aber

Retired Keeper

Med-75

12 October, 1939.

FILE

From: Commandant.
To : Keeper, retired, Nelson Abear, Detour, Michigan.

Subject: Hospitalization.

Reference: (a) Your letter, 6 October, 1939.

1. Replying to reference (a), Headquarters regrets to advise you that there is no authority for your hospitalization at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

By direction.

CHAS. W. DEAN,
Acting Chief Personnel Officer.

MAILED
OCT 13 1939

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FILE
A.K.Z.

26 February, 1943.

From: Commandant.
To: Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired,
1407 Marquette Avenue, Bay City, Michigan.

Subject: Income Tax.

References: (a) Your letter 25 January, 1943.
(b) Your letter 24 January, 1943.

1. Receipt of reference (a) is acknowledged, and the changes in your address have been noted. Reference (b) has also been received and the amount of retired pay received by you, as stated in said reference, namely, $63.62 per month, or the total amount of $763.44, for the calendar year 1942, is in accordance with the records in this office. However, the information requested relative to filing your income tax return should be obtained from your nearest Collector of Internal Revenue, or the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Washington D. C. You should state that you have received the amount given above as retired pay from the U. S. Coast Guard.

2. You are further advised that in accordance with Section 450 of the Revenue Act of 1942, effective 1 January, 1943, there is imposed and withheld at source a Victory Tax of 5%, namely, $0.90 monthly, from your retired pay of $63.62, making a net payment to you of $62.72 per month. Since this reduction is required by law future checks will be in the reduced amount.

C. L. HERNDON,
By direction.

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
MAILED FEB 26 1943

Wild Rose, Wisconsin
January 25, 1943

Dear Sir:

as I am taking the opportunity of visiting my children this winter, I wish to inform the office of my next address which will be:

1407 Marquette, ave., Bay City, Mich.

In the month of March I will be at

408 Fort Sreet, Saulte Ste Marie, Mich.

from where I will go to my permanent home in Detour, Mich.

I am inclosing a letter for information in regards to income tax.

Sincerely,

Nelson Abear

Noted
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January 24, 1943

Dear Sir:

In the year of '42 I received my pension of $63.62 per month and I sold a piece of land for $150. Then I sold timber amounting to $700. (seven hundred).

Please inform me what, if any, income tax I will have to pay on and how much. My household consists of just myself and my wife.

Respectfully yours,

address:

63.6 (1942)

Nelson Abear Kpr. Ret

63.6
.90 V. tax
62.7

1409 Marquette, ave.
Bay City, Mich.

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Civilian Personnel

Name: Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased

Address: Detour, Michigan

Pay Rate: $63.62

Death: 3-20-45

(Retired Pay files have no record of last active duty station)

File
2-2
MDK

(PMM)
CG-75

13 April, 1945

Mrs. Nelson Abear
Box 112
Detour, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Abear:

Headquarters is in receipt of your notification of the death of your husband, Nelson Abear, Keeper former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, on 20 March, 1945. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your husband final retired pay in the amount of $42.41. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continuance of any part to dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of this final pay are herewith inclosed.

If there will be no legal representative to administer the estate, the next of kin or the person who paid, or will pay the funeral and burial expenses should execute the inclosed Form No. 1055, claim for final pay, in the presence of two witnesses and a notary public, taking care to answer all questions as checked by pencil mark. If a representative is appointed a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment should be attached to Form No. 1055. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker who conducted the services should be forwarded. Otherwise, the undertaker should sign the inclosed waiver form. This information is necessary to support the claim for final pay.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. A. ANDERSON
Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incls.
1. Form No. 1055
2. Waiver

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
RECEIVED APR 16 1945

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MJM.

File
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(PMM)
CG-75

7 June 1945

Mrs. Lillie Abear
DeTour, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Abear:

Receipt is acknowledged of Form No. 1055, claim for the final pay due the estate of your husband, Nelson Abear, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired. It is noted that you have been appointed executrix of the estate. Before payment of this claim may be made it will be necessary that you forward to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C. a copy of the Court Order showing your appointment.

Upon receipt of this document your claim for the final pay will be forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. A. ANDERSON
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL ROOM
MAILED JUN 8 1945

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(PMM)
CG-73

19 July 1945

Mrs. Lillie Abear
DeTour, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Abear:

Your claim for the final pay due the estate of your husband, Nelson Abear, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, ~~Retired,~~ has been approved by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

As the Coast Guard has no further jurisdiction in the settlement of this claim it is suggested that in the event of undue delay you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

L. H. MORINE
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

U.S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
MAILED JUL 20 1945

BSJ:mmf return to 2-4

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DG-73

19 July 1945

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Inclosed is Form No. 1055 executed by Mrs. Lillie Abear claiming the final pay due the estate of her husband, Nelson Abear, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died 2 March 1945. Attached to the claim is a copy of the Court Order Assigning Personal Property to Mrs. Abear.

This claim in the amount of $42.41 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 1750910. Retired Pay Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945.

Funeral expenses incurred by the claimant in the amount of $245.00 have been paid as per the attached receipted bill.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

L. H. MORINE
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Chief, Military Morale Division

Incls
1 - Form No. 1055
2 - Form No. 2661
3 - Court Order
4 - Receipted Bill

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
MAILED JUL 20 1945

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Form 39 A

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

3-2 File

D. O. Vou. No. 78046

PAID

O. F. McCLOW
S. D. A.
(Navy)

Symbol No. 55-040

CERTIFICATE No.

1296753

Paying Officer will please show this CERTIFICATE NUMBER on the check used in payment hereof, and insert the check number in space provided below.

Claim No. 184,7101

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1946 (Date) as of 5/31/46

Lillie Abear, as widow of Nelson Abear, deceased,
Box 112,
Detour, Michigan.

I CERTIFY there is due from the United States to the above-named claimant(s), payable from the appropriation(s) indicated, the sum of—

FORTY-TWO AND 41/100 Dollars ($ 42.41)

on account of

retired pay due the estate of Nelson Abear, deceased, as keeper, former Lighthouse Service, during the period March 1, to 20, 1945. (Navy, U.S.C.G., Letter dated 3/31/45 The Commandant (PA-AR, CG-51)

1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

(21-125)
1200

To: Disbursing Officer,
Coast Guard Headquarters.

MEMORANDUM

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MAY 28 1946

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
CLAIMS DIVISION
Form No. 2089

MAY 28 1946

SCHEDULE OF CERTIFICATES OF SETTLEMENT PAYABLE FROM CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS

Navy (Department or establishment) | Coast Guard (Bureau or office) | MAY 28 1946 (Date paid)

By Disbursing Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Period May 1946 (Month or quarter ended) Symbol No. 55-040

Bureau Schedule No. 302837 Date May 17, 1946

DISBURSING OFFICER'S VOUCHER NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	PAYEE	APPROPRIATION	AMOUNT
78046 wfm	1296753	Lillie Abear, etc.	1750910	42.41

The Certificates of Settlement listed hereon, payable from current appropriations, are transmitted herewith for payment to the payees named therein.

16—96-3 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

NCG 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

Appropriation: 1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*, Lillie Abear, widow

To Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased Retired
(Name)

(Designation), *U. S. Coast Guard*

DeTour, Michigan (23)
(Address)

Total years of service

Pay period, duty, or grade ////

Monthly rate of pay $63.62
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 3-1 *19*45 *to* 3-20 *19*45 *exclusive*

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance	$	
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	42.41	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS	$ 42.41	
CHARGES:		
Allotment	$	
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES	$ None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits	$ 42.41	
Less—Total Charges, $ None Amt. retained		
TOTAL	$ None	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher	$ 42.41	

REMARKS: Died; 3-20-45. Last paid for period 1-28 February, 1945 On D.O.Vou. No. 437, settled in the February 1945 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. Navy, Symbol No. 55-152.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

21-125
1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences

Account verified; correct for $ 42.41

(Signature or initials) JL

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was not assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; that, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to them or to any other officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of _____ (Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried child or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

and that, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $_____, in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated _____, 19____ {attached hereto / filed with voucher} for _____ (Month), 19____ is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except (Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

23 April (Date), 19 45 (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Approved for $ 42.41

Date 19 July, 1945

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN)

Commanding, District Commander.

L. H. MORINEA Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Division

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-1

Form 39-A

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D. O. Vou. No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

PAID BY

O. F. McCLOW
S. D. A.
(Navy)

Symbol No. 55-040

Claim No. 1847101

WASHINGTON, May 1, 1946
(Date)

CERTIFICATE No.

1296753

Paying Officer will please show this CERTIFICATE NUMBER on the check used in payment hereof, and insert the check number in space provided below.

Lillie Abear, as widow of Nelson Abear,
deceased,
Box 112,
Detour, Michigan.

I CERTIFY there is due from the United States, to the above-named claimant(s), payable from the appropriation(s) indicated, the sum of—

FORTY-TWO AND 41/100 Dollars ($ 42.41)

on account of

retired pay due the estate of Nelson Abear, deceased, as keeper, former Lighthouse Service, during the period March 1, to 20, 1945. (Navy, U.S.C.G., Letter dated 3/31/45 The Commandant (PA-AR, CG-51)

1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

(21-125)
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To: Disbursing Officer,
Coast Guard Headquarters.

JUN 4 1946

MEMORANDUM

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DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

(To be retained by payee, and when payment is made by check, to be used as mailing copy)

1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

Appropriation: ____

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased Retired
(Name)

(Designation), U. S. Coast Guard

(Address)

Total years of service ____

Pay period, duty, or grade ____

Monthly rate of pay $63.62
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 3-1, 19[illegible] *to* 3-20, 19 45
(Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	42.41	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	42.41	
CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES $	None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	42.41	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $	None	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	42.41	

REMARKS: Died; 3-20-45. Last paid for period 1-28 February, 1945 On D.O. Vou. No. 437, settled in the February 1945 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. Navy, Symbol No. 55-152.

DK 3/5/45

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)	(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)	(Payee will NOT use this space)
	21-125 1200	Differences ____
		Account verified; correct for $ 42.41
		(Signature or initials) JC 3-29-45

I certify that the foregoing account is true and correct and that payment therefor has not been received; that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed I was assigned adequate quarters at my permanent station; that, if without dependents, I was not on field or sea duty during the period for which rental allowance is claimed; and, if with dependents, I did not occupy with them any public quarters assigned to me without charge at any station, nor did any of them occupy public quarters assigned to another officer or his dependents except for brief visits; that the increased allowances for dependents are claimed because of ____
(Here state whether lawful wife, unmarried daughter or children under 21 years, mother dependent upon officer for support, giving names and addresses of dependents, also ages of minor children)

____

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And, in case of dependent mother, I have contributed to her support during the current period for which allowances are claimed the sum of $____, in cash or its equivalent, without any consideration in return, which contribution is her *chief support*, and each and every statement as set forth in her affidavit dated ____, 19____ {attached hereto / filed with voucher} for ____ (Month), 19____ is true and correct, and so remains at this time, except

(Here state fully changes occurring between date of last affidavit and signing of this voucher)

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____

(Date), 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) ____ Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.
(Name) (Official designation)

I certify that I have examined the foregoing account; that the statements contained therein have been compared with the records of the United States Coast Guard and found correct except as otherwise indicated; that the officer named is entitled to the amount of pay and allowances herein approved; and that during the period for which rental allowance is claimed on this voucher, the above-named officer was not assigned adequate quarters at his permanent station.

Paid for $____

____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) ____
Commanding, District Commander.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-1

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(FA-AR)
CG-51

31 March, 1945

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Nelson Abear, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay in his case:

Date of death 20 March, 1945

Gross pay to date of death . . . . . $ 42.41

Federal Tax withheld and disposed of $ None

Other deductions $_____ $ None

Net amount due on death. . . . . $ 42.41

Last paid to and including 28 February, 1945, on D.O. Voucher No. 437, settled in the February 1945 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. (NAVY), Symbol No. 55-152

Appropriation to which chargeable: 1750910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1945

Application for payment of amount due the deceased (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished next of kin.

Very truly yours,

APR 5 1945

C. L. HERNDON
Lieut. Commander, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

KBH:ghb

22 August, 1940.

Mr. Nelson Abear
Box 112
DeTour, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of 16 August, 1940 regarding physical examination, you are eligible to receive medical service from the U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station at Sault Ste. Marie. An application blank is, therefore, enclosed for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

F. P. Dillon,
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Assistant Chief of Staff.

HMC:JS

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~ Commander, Cleveland District.

United States Coast Guard,
(Place)

Cleveland, Ohio, 22 August, 1940.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,
Relief Station,
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

SIR:

The bearer, Nelson Abear
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the xxxxx
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A lightkeeper or an assistant lightkeeper ~~on duty at~~ retired
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined _____

Nativity America Age 78 years. Height 5 feet 10 inches.

Color of eyes blue Color of hair gray

Distinguishing marks _____

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service 24 October, 1895.

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, _____, 19____ By direction,

F. P. DILLON,
(Title of officer signing request)
Assistant Chief of Staff.

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper.

†Fill in only in case of lightkeeper or assistant lightkeeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

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Returned

De Tour, Mich.,
Aug. 16, 1940.

Treasury Dept.
U. S. Coast Guard,

ROUTING
For Action
D. Comdt.
Ch. Staff.
Asst. Bfo.
Asst. Det.
Asst. Pers.
Asst. Sta.
Hydro.
Engineer.
Marine.
Civil.
Mech.
Radio.
Commun.
Gunnery.
Law.
Reserve.
Public R.
Pay.
Supply.
Ch. Clerk.
Ch. Yeo.
Files.

Dear Sir,

I was supposed to report back to the Marine Hospital in Detroit the latter part of this month and the check I get just about covers living expenses.

Would it be alright for me to see the Marine Doctor in the Sault Ste. Marie for a final examination?

It costs me almost $20.00 to go and come and it takes me a long time to save up that much.

Yours truly,
Mr. Nelson Abear,
De Tour, Mich.
Box 112.

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Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE FORMER LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the ~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~ Commander United States Coast Guard, Cleveland District.

(Place)

Cleveland, Ohio, 23 March, 19 40.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,
Marine Hospital,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

The bearer, Nelson Abear,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the xxxxx
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A light keeper or an assistant light keeper ~~on duty at~~ retired
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined .....

.....

Nativity America Age 77 years. Height 5 feet 10 inches.

Color of eyes blue Color of hair gray

Distinguishing marks .....

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service October 24, 1895.

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, ..., 19.... By direction,

F. P. DILLON
(Title of officer signing request)
Assistant Chief of Staff.

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

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Treasure Department
U.S. Coast Guard
Commander Cleveland District
Cleveland Ohio

3120-40
Detour mich

Sir can i get information as to how i can enter the U.S. marine hospital Detroit mich

i was there a year ago for treatment and i would like to go back again sometime in april

Respfully yours

Nelson Abear
Retired Lt. keeper

Detour mich

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
RECD MAR 22 1940
Office Of Commander
Cleveland District

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 11th District.

Detroit, Michigan.
(Place)

Setpember 19, 1938.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,
Room 1002 Federal Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Sir:

The bearer, Nelson Abear,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)

is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the xxxxx
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A light keeper or an assistant light keeper ~~on duty at~~ xxxxxxxx retired
(Name of station)

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined .....

Nativity America Age 75 years. Height 5 feet 10 inches.

Color of eyes blue Color of hair gray

Distinguishing marks .....

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service October 24, 1895

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, ---, 19

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

[signature]
(Title of officer signing request) Clerk, 11th LH District.

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

11—5992

OFFICE

HMC:AIB

August 5, 1938.

Mr. Nelson Abear,
Detour, Michigan.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of August 1, 1938, requesting to be advised what action would be required for you to gain admittance to the U. S. Marine Hospital at Detroit for treatment. It is noted that you have already been to the Marine doctor at Sault Ste. Marie, for which an application was furnished you by this office under date of June 3, 1938.

The provision of law which permits retired lighthouse keepers to obtain free benefits of the U. S. Public Health Service is more restrictive than for the employees who are in active service. You are eligible to apply to any Public Health Service relief station or marine hospital for medical attention but the Public Health Service is not authorized to go to any additional expense except as can be furnished by its regular facilities. Therefore, if you came to Detroit, you would be required to pay all expenses of travel, etc., except during the time that you were in the hospital.

If you are willing to bear this expense, it is suggested that you confer with Dr. Willison and obtain an official diagnosis which, if furnished to this office, will be used as the basis for taking the matter up here with the Medical Officer in Charge of the Marine Hospital.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

Respectfully,

/s/ H. M. CROSS
Chief Clerk.

COPIES to Medical Officer in Charge, U. S. Public Health Service Relief Station, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for his information.

Officer in Charge, Sault Ste. Marie Lighthouse Depot, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

De Tour, Mich.
August 1, 1938.

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Mech-Elec.
Constr-Repr.
Marine
Procurement
Financial
Personnel
Property
Stenog.
Depot
Radio Lab.
Dist. Radio
Foreman Mech.
File

U.S. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
RECEIVED
AUG 2 1938
DETROIT
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Ans 8/8/38 ach

Supt of Lighthouses,

Dear Sir

Sometime ago I wrote to you about medical care and you referred me to the Marine Doctor in Sault Ste. Marie. I went to see Doctor Willeson from the Sault and he said they couldn't care for me there that I would have to go to the Marine Hospital in Detroit. What will I have to do to be entered in the hospital? The last years that I was in service at the De Tour Point, I underbrushed there and contracted something that turned to a skin cancer.

Very respectfully yours,

Nelson Abear

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 11th District.

Detroit, Michigan, June 3, 1938.
(Place)

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To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,
Federal Building
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Sir:

The bearer, Nelson Abear - - -

Supt.
Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Mech-Elec.
Constr-Repr.
Marine
Procurement
Personnel
Property
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Depot
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Foreman Mech.
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Send app
+ resp.
June.

Petoskey mich
may 31 - 1938

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
RECEIVED
JUN - 2 1938
DETROIT
DISTRICT

Office of Superintendent 11th District
3760 Jefferson ave east
Detroit mich

sir Will you Please inform me if I am entitle to medical Treatment any ware in the Sault St Marie mich

at goverment Expence

and oblige

Very Respfully yours

Nelson Abear

date E.O.D - 10/24/95

Form 707 - (Rev March)
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LIGHTHOUSES
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June 30, 1927.

U.S. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
RECEIVED
JUL 8 1927
DETROIT
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Mr. Nelson Abear,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In compliance with your request, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, (40 Stat., 608), has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Eleventh District), with retired pay at the rate of $763.48 per annum, to take effect at the close of business on July 14, 1927.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Original mailed 7/20/27.

Entered BK✓
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cc to Accts.✓44

HMC:AB
Enclosure.

June 14, 1927.

Retirement, Nelson Abear, Keeper at Large, Detour Light Station, Mich.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

1. Enclosed is letter of January 12, 1927, from Nelson Abear Keeper-at-Large at Detour Light Station, Michigan, making application for voluntary retirement effective July 15, 1927.

2. Mr. Abear was born July 8, 1862. He entered the Lighthouse Service October 24,1895, since which date his services have been continuous. It is recommended that he be retired effective at the close of July 14, 1927, with retired pay at the rate of $763.48 per annum computed as follows:

July 15, 1922 to June 30, 1923,	@	$720 per.an.	$692.00
July 1 , 1923 to June 30, 1924,	@	720 " "	720.00
July 1 , 1924 to June 30, 1925,	@	1,200 " "	
		less 45¢ per day	1,035.75
July 1 , 1925 to April 25,1926,	@	1,260.per an.	1,032.50
April 26,1926 to June 30, 1926,	@	1,320 " "	238.33
July 1, 1926, to July 14,1927,	@	1,320 " "	1,371.33
		Total	$5,089.91

Average pay for last five years $1,017.98

Retirement pay recommended (30/40 of average). . $763.48

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DETROIT, MICH.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.
June 14, 1927.

Nelson Abear, Keeper-at-Large
Detour Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

Reference: Your letter of January 12, 1927.

You are informed that recommendation as follows has been submitted this date to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. :

Action recommended	Effective date
Your retirement at the rate of $763.48 per annum.	July 15,1927.

The result will be communicated to you in due course.

Respectfully,

Chas. A. Park

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 11th DISTRICT.

Detroit, Mich., March 3, 1927.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on or about March 15, 1927;

Name, Nelson Abear

From Detour Light Station, Mich.

Previous incumbent, Frank T. Whalen

Services terminated, December 4, 1925.

Position, Keeper (1st Asst.)
Salary: $1320 per annum
Grade: $1140-1500.

To Keeper (At Large) assigned to Detour Light Station, Michigan.
Salary: $1320 per annum.
Grade : $1140-1500

Reason, Termination of temporary appointment.

Mr. Abear has applied for voluntary retirement effective July 15, 1927. His health has failed to such an extent that he is unable to perform his duties efficiently at Detour Light Station, but it is considered in the interest of the Service to retain him at Detour for the short time remaining after the opening of navigation until he retires, and to fill his position at this time. The importance of this station and the amount of work to be done this spring warrants having an additional man at the station temporarily.

A A Park

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Detroit, Mich., May 4, 1927. , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 1, 1927.

A A P

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Abear
Keeper Detour
& notified 3/8/27
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entered P&P Co's.
B.

Acting Commissioner.

COPY

JAN 15 1927
DETROIT

Detroit, Mich.,
January 12, 1927.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Detroit, Mich.

In reply to your letter of January 6th, I would like to retire on or about July 15, 1927.

Yours Respectfully,
Nelson R. Abear.

Nom

11th

Detroit, Mich., April 7, 1926.

Promotion

Nelson Abear — Michigan

Keeper (1st Asst) — $1320 p.a. ($1140-1380)

Detour Light Station, Mich. — Sal. Kprs. of LH.

April 12, 1926.

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Keeper (2d Asst. — $1260 p.a. ($1080-1320)

same

David McRae — / about April 10.

Transferred — Salary: $1320 p.a.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1926.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1320 per annum, effective April 12, 1926, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.
May 6, 1926.

Notice, Effective date
change in pay.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Referring to Department letter of April 9, 1926,
changing salary of Nelson Abear
from $1260.00 to $1320.00 per annum, the Bureau is
advised that the effective date thereof is April 26,1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

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First Assistant Superintendent.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

U.S. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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January 31, 1925.

Mr Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

LIGHTHOUSES
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Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1200 ✓✓

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1921.

r. Nelson Abear,

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Sir: Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective April 1, 1921 (including $60 per annum longevity pay) or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this change, and an oath of office is not required.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 11TH DISTRICT
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DETROIT, MICH.

April 12, 1921.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D.C.

Referring to Department letter of March 21, 1921,
changing salary of Nelson Abear, Lightkeeper.
from $ 780 .00 to $ 720.00 per annum, the Bureau is
advised that the effective date thereof is
April 1, 1921.

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Detroit, Mich., March 17, 1921.

Transfer of:

Nelson Abear, Michigan.

Keeper (2d Asst.) $720 per annum (Incl. Longevity)

Detour Light Station, Mich. Sal., Kprs. of L.H.

April 1, 1921. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Keeper $780 per annum (incl.Long)

Frying Pan Island Light Station, Mich.

Peter W. Day / March 31, 1921.

Transfer

Transfer recommended at request of nominee. Arrangements had been made to transfer this employee to position of First Assistant Keeper at Point Iroquois Light Station, on discontinuance of his present station, as stated in District letter of March 8, but he later arranged for exchange of positions with 2d Asst. Kpr. at Detour, which enables him to reside in the same locality as formerly and is most satisfactory to him.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

July 5, 1912.

Mr. Nelson Abear,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.



Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By change from $42.50 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Michigen.

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Detroit, Mich., June 10 2.

Change in compensation of:

Nelson Abear, Michigan,

Keeper, $516 per annum,

Frying Pan Island L. S., Mich.
July 1, 1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

$42.50 per month.

Appn., Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 11TH DISTRICT
DETROIT, MICH.

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Light-House Inspector

SUBJECT:

No. of Inclosures