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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Aldridge, William F.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District		
From: 1912	To: 1913	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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William F. Aldridge

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Conn ~~New York~~

William F. Aldridge

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Asst. Keeper, S.W. Ledge L.S., Conn.	$40. per	Light House	May 10, 1909
" " " " L.S. etc. "	"	"	Apr 1. 1910
Removed - (date to be reported) — Clerk Jan 23. 1911.			
Asst. Kpr. Penfield Reef L.S. Conn.	$480	L. H.	Nov 8, 1912
Resigned clerk May 31. 1913.			

INACTIVE

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

RLM-NO. 868

Office of the Inspector, Third L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,

May 13, 1909.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) probationary appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) William F. Aldridge of (3) New York,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) ____
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) ____
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $____ to (7) ~~assistant keeper~~
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $~~40. per mo.~~ Wag 515 pa, effective beginning (10) May 10,1909 (the date
(Salary recommended)
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) Curt A. Rollka
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) resigned on (13) April 18,1909
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) Aldridge stands No. (15) 1 in list of eligibles,
Class (16) 1, with an average of (17) 82.8 per cent, and
was considered with (18) Owen F. Burdge and Kingsland M. Frost
(19) letters of declination of ____ herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Thomas.

Captain, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

May 24, 1909.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. William F. Aldridge stands number 4, the first three eligibles being considered in connection with another vacancy. (Fire Island)

H. T. Mayo

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

May 25, 1909.

Mr. William D. Aldridge, of New York, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Forty dollars per month, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning May 10, 1909, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice Curt A. Rolka.)

Retention in the service after the expiration of probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

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

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REPORTED
MAY 27 1909
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Acting Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

CARDED

CHANC. REPORTER
MAY - 1909
C. S. COMMISSION.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 5 1909
NO. 12412

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, William F. Aldridge

do solemnly [a] 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.

William Franklin Aldridge
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 8 day of June, A. D. 1909.

(Affix official seal here.)

(Name:) John P Buckley

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Asst. Keeper in the Light House Service.	$40. pr.mo.	Southwest Ledge (Conn.)	Kentucky.	New York.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 3rd. Light-House District,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address.), June 4th, 1909. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 10th. 1909. (Date.)

CARDED

(Signed:) C. Thomas.

Captain, U.S. Navy,
Inspector.

[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.

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NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

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.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 5 1909
NO. 12412

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

December 17, 1906.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.

Oscar S. Straus

Secretary.

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PART I.

(Part I should be executed 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 should 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. William Franklin Aldridge

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? (This should agree with signature to your oath of office.)

William F. Aldridge

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

~~Long Island, Conn~~ ~~Long Island~~ ~~Long Island~~ ~~Long Island~~ Richmond ~~Second~~ 8th.

City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

See other sheet

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

5. Where were you born? Crum Lewis Co. Ky.

6. When were you born? November 9 1872

Month. Day. Year.

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. 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? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No.				

9. 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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

* Local C.S.exam. for Keeper or Asst. Keeper, Tompkinsv.N.Y. Feb.9,1909.

I never was appointed through the Civil service for any position

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

I haven't any physical disabilities

11. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

No I never held any position in the civil service of the United States

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
I never served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time			

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 11, 12, and 13.)

My occupation was farming & working at a sawmill up until the last five years I have been Motorman on the Troy cars ever since

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.)

I never received education only from a Public school

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

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* Written in office of Inspector 3rd. L. H. Dist.

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

I never passed any civil service examination

* Local C.S.exam. for Keeper or Asst. keeper, Tompkinsv.N.Y. Feb.9,1909.

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.)

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 3, 1909

Witness:

(Signature) William Franklin Aldridge.

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: New Haven Conn
City or town.
#349 Light House Road
Number and street.
Conn.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 4th. 1909., 190

(Signature) C. Thomas.

(Official title) Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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 foregoing questions is employed.

Light House Service. (Bureau or Service.) Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta. (Place (city, town, or station).) Third (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Assistant keeper

3. State the date of appointment. May 25th. 1909.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

May 10th. 1909.

5. State the date of the oath. June 3rd. 1909.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. May 10th. 1909.

7. What is his salary? $ 40. per month.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive.

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6th. 1896.

11. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Local Civil Service examination for Keeper or Asst. keeper, Tompkinsville, N.Y. February 9th. 1909.

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

(Signature) C. Thomas.

(Official title) Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

Date: June 4th, 1909., 190

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAY 28 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Third Light-House District 2. Where employed Southwest Ledge L.S., Ct.
3. Name William R. Aldridge 4. Where born Kentucky
5. Age 36 6. Position Assistant Keeper
7. Compensation $40. per mo. 8. When appointed (a) May 10, 1909.
9. How appointed (b) From Civil Service Eligible Register.
10. Appointed from — State New York. Congressional District 8th. County Richmond.
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 (Card record)
14. Duties (describe fully) Assisting in attending and operating a light and fog-signal, and incidental duties connected therewith, including cleaning and painting the station.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 8. Quality of work (e) Good. Interest manifested in work (f) Good.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g)

O.R.

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Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

May 20, 1909., 19

C. Thomas.
Head of Bureau or Office.
Captain, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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April 4, 1910.

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W. F. Aldridge;
appointment.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Title of station changed on April 5, 10, to conform to this request. D.

1. The Board has the honor to recommend that the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at $40 per month, be discontinued, effective at the close of March 31, 1910, and that in lieu thereof the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut, at the same rate of pay, be authorized, effective April 1, 1910.

2. The Board further recommends a change in the appointment of William F. Aldridge, of New York, from assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at $40 per month, to assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, and New Haven Middle Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut, at the same rate of pay, effective April 1, 1910.

Respectfully,

W. P. Faperton

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

12412

April 5, 1910.

Mr. William F. Aldridge, of New York, is hereby appointed

Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, and New Haven Middle, Breakwater East End Light, Connecticut.

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Forty dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning April 1, 1910, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. [vice himself.]

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

[By change from Assistant Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, at $40 per month.]

CARDED.

Chas. Earl
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-House Board.

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APR 8 - 1910
C. S. COMMISSION.

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APR 7 - 1910
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
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NO. 12412

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED Enclosure.
APR 27 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, William F. Aldridge

do solemnly [a] 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.

William F. Aldridge.
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 18th day of April, A. D. 1910.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) J. Edward Biggs

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Asst, Keeper in the Lt. Ho. Service.	$ 40. pr.mo.	Southwest Ledge L.S., & New Haven Middle B'kwater East End Light.	Kentucky.	New York.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector, 3rd. Light-House District,

CARDED

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 20th. 1910.
(Address.) (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1910.
(Date.)

(Signed:) R. Mc. Doyle

Captain, U.S. Navy,

Inspector.

[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 taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

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.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

Washington

Set of inclosures.

January 3, 1911.

W. F. Aldridge;
dismissal.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to inclose a letter of the 30th ultimo from the Inspector of the Third Light-House District, together with its inclosures, in re charges against William F. Aldridge, assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, etc. Conn for remaining away from his station, on three separate occasions, after expiration of leave granted him by the keeper without proper authority.

2. Attention is especially invited to the last and present case against Mr. Aldridge, it being shown that he left his station on the morning of December 3, 1910, after having obtained permission from the keeper, with the understanding that he would return to his station the same night; that he failed to return at the time stated, and did not do so until 9:00 A.M., December 9, 1910.

3. The Inspector's letter of July 28, 1910, to Mr. Aldridge, warned him that a repetition of such conduct would result in his dismissal from the Service, which, however, Mr. Aldridge apparently did not care to heed. The Bureau is of the opinion that Mr. Aldridge has fully demonstrated that he is not a proper person to retain in the Light-House Service, and therefore concurs in the Inspector's recommendation that he

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TO APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Wm. F. Aldridge;
dismissal.

be dismissed, effective upon a date to be later reported to the Department.

Respectfully,

G T Putnam

Commissioner.

HB

1-5-11

Wrote letter of dismissal.
1-9-1911.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

December 30, 1910.

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Light-Houses,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to transmit herewith for the Bureau's consideration, the following correspondence:

(a) Letter dated December 9, 1910, received from The Keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(b) Copy of letter of December 16, 1910, addressed to William F. Aldridge, Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(c) Letter of December 21, 1910, received from William F. Aldridge, Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station.

2. Mr. Aldridge's explanation as to his absence from duty without proper authority, and failure to return to the station at the time agreed with the Keeper, stating that he left the station on December 3rd, 1910, intending to go back the same night, but that he did not complete some private business affairs, is not considered at all satisfactory.

3. It will be seen, from the following correspondence, that this is the third time that this office has been in correspondence with Mr. Aldridge in regard to the matter

of overstaying leave granted him:

(a) Letter of May 15, 1910, received from the Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(b) Letter of May 22, 1910, received from William F. Aldridge, Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(c) Copy of letter of May 24, 1910, from this office to William F. Aldridge, Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station.
(d) Letter of July 15, 1910, received from the Keeper Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(e) Copy of letter of July 20, 1910, from this office to the Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(f) Letter of July 24th, 1910, from the Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station;
(g) Letter of July -- 1910, from William F. Aldridge, Assistant Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station.
(h) Copy of letter of July 28, 1910, to William F. Aldridge, Assistant, Keeper, Southwest Ledge Light-Station.

4. As it is an established fact that Mr. Aldridge left the Southwest Ledge Light-Station on December 3rd, 1910 at 9:00 A.M., promising to return to the station the same night, and failed to return until 9:00 A.M. December 9th, 1910, without submitting a reasonable explanation, notwithstanding the fact that he had previously been cautioned that if he again overstayed the leave granted him steps would be taken toward having him dismissed from the Service, I have the honor to recommend that William F. Aldridge be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper at the Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Conn., effective on the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal.

Respectfully,

R. M. Dunn

Captain U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

U.S. LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Southwest Ledge Light Station
New Haven Conn
December 9th 1910

Captain R. M. Doyle U.S.N.
Inspector of 3rd district

Sir:

I hereby report to your Office Assistant W. Aldridge left Station 3rd this month? 9am promise to be back same night the Weather has been good and bad since. I have been alone he is to relieve when he been on Shore. he is alright at Station he has been over time before I have put on Monthly Report the times he has been on Shore. he returned 9th am this Morning 6 full days

Very Respectfully yours
Jayson Fonnesen
Keeper

Write him usual Caution
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REGISTERED MAIL

December 16,1910.

William T. Aldridge,
Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt.Sta.,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

You are hereby charged with being absent from duty without proper authority, and with failing to return to your station at the time agreed with the Keeper, you having left the Southwest Ledge Light-Station on December 3rd, 1910, at 9:00 A.M., promising to be back the same night, and failed to return to the station until 9:00 A.M. December 9th, 1910, as reported by the Keeper of the station under date of December 9th, 1910, copy herewith.

It appears that under date of May 24th, 1910, your attention was invited to the fact that leave of absence must be granted and taken in accordance with Instructions to Keepers and that a violation thereof would make it necessary for this office to take disciplinary action in the matter; also that under date of July 28th, 1910, a letter was addressed to you by this office, in regard to your failure to return to your station at the time agreed with the Keeper, and cautioning you that if a report was again received to the effect that you had overstayed the leave granted, steps would be taken toward having you dismissed from the Light-House Service.

Please forward to this office in writing, within three days from the receipt of this letter, any explanation you may wish to make in regard to the above charge.

Respectfully,

R.M.DOYLE,

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

I hereby certify that
the above is a true copy.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

DEC 27 1910 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. COLLECTOR

South West Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.
December 21, 1910.

Captain K. M. Doyle, U.S.R. Inspector of 3rd District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir.

Your letter of December 20th asking me for an explanation why I was absent from the Station from Dec. 3rd until December 9th I'll explain why I was absent that long. I went ashore to attend to some privet business affairs. My intention was to try and get back that night if it was so I could, but I didnt get through what I had to attend until on Monday Dec. 5th. I came back to the Light House Point on Monday night and started to go out to the station I was ashore in a small flat bottom boat & it was dark & windy

to the Station so I had to go back ashore, When the weather calm enough for me to get to the Station Sorrow had moved my boat from where I had left it & I didn't find it until Friday morning December 9th or I would have made it to the Station sooner than I did, I would have gotten someone to taken me out to the Station in a motorboat if could found anyone on Tuesday morning December 6th but everyone that has a motorboat have got them pulled out of the water.

Respectfully
William F Aldridge
Assistant Keeper

Is this the first charge against him. K.

No GK

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Jorgen Jonnesen
Keeper

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THIRD DIST.
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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
THIRD DIST.
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Southwest Ledge Light Station
New Haven, Conn.
May 16th 1910

Captain R. M. Doyle U.S.N. Inspector of 3rd district

Sir:-

I hereby have to report to your Office, Tuesday 10th Assist W. Aldridge got a letter from your Office and offer him a Asst place at New London Conn. he will not accept the offer before he see the place asking my permition for going dry, and promis to be back same day. Wednesday 11th he left this Station 9 am promis to be back same Night both dont returned back before 12 am this Morning The Letter I got from your Office Addr to mi and the Envelop must be a Mistack I have no Motor boat I dont like Station long a going to Church from Sunday pm to Monday am Was Good Weather

Very Respectfully yours

Jorgen Sorensen.
Keeper

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

D May 17, 1910, 190

1st Indorsement

Respectfully referred to the Assistant Keeper of the Southwest Ledge Light-Station, through the Keeper, for explanation and return to this office.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

thwest Ledge Light-Station,
New Haven, Conn.,
May 15th, 1910.

Inspector of 3rd District,

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spectfully yours,
Jorgen Tonnesen,
Keeper.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Southwest Ledge Light-Station,
New Haven, Conn.,
May 15th, 1910.

Captain R.M.Doyle, U.S.N., Inspector of 3rd District,

Sir:

I hereby have to report to your Office, Tuesday 10th, Assistant W. Aldridge got a letter from your Office and offer him an Assist. place at New London, Conn. He will not accept the offer before he see the place, asking my permission for going there and promise be back same day. Wednesday 11th he left this Station 9 am. promise to be back same night but dont returned back before 12 a.m. this morning. The letter I got from your Office addressed to me and the envelope must be a mistake. I have no motor boat. I dont leave station longer than going to Church from Sunday p.m. to Monday a.m. in good weather.

Very respectfully yours,

Jorgen Tonnesen,

Keeper.

I hereby certify that the
above is a true copy.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Southwest Ledge Light Station,
New Haven, Conn.
May 22, 1910.

Captain R. M. Doyle:- Inspector of 3rd. District
Tompkinsville, New York.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter to the Keeper at this Station, asking me for an explanation why I was away from the Station, May 11 to May 15, I was sick & not able to get back, I was sick when I left the Station but didn't think I would get any worse, I wasn't able by rights to come back when I came back, I should have sent the Keeper a telegram,

William F Aldridge
Assistant Keeper

Jorgen Jonnsen
Keeper

Eff. sat. but att. was absence in leave granted + taken as absence not. a/c
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May 24, 1910.

William F. Aldridge,
Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Sir:

Your communication of May 22nd, 1910, in explanation as to your absence from duty from May 11th to May 15th, 1910, has been received and is satisfactory, but your attention is invited to the fact that leave of absence must be granted and taken in accordance with the Instructions to Keepers, as a violation thereof will make it necessary for this office to take disciplinary action in the matter. Kindly return at once the papers forwarded with my indorsement of May 17, 1910.

Respectfully,

F.W.OCKENFELB,

Chief Clerk,
(In the absence and by direction of the Inspector...)

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.
New Haven, Conn.
July. 15th 1910

Captain R. M. Doyle. U. S. N. Inspector 3rd district
Sir:-

I hereby report to your Office boat Engine is
in working Order now

this Letter shod Been of Before both Boats went a shore for a
Breeze 16th never return Before 12mn last Night I have been on that turn.

Very Respectfully yours
Sunday 17th 1pm I run Engine 20 hours after Sunset

Jasper Sommers
Keeper

July 20,1910.

Jorgen Tonnesen, Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Your communication of July 15th, 1910, has been received but the entire letter is not legible.

If I am correct in understanding that the Assistant Keeper overstayed the leave granted him, you will report the facts in the matter plainly, by letter, and furnish the Assistant Keeper with a copy of your complaint, in accordance with paragraph 2, chapter 1, page 5, of Instructions to Light-Keepers, 1902.

Respectfully,

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

I hereby certify that the
above is a true copy.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.
New Haven Conn
July 24th 1910

Captain. R. M. Doyle. U. S. N. Inspector 3rd district
Sir:

Your Letter of 20th I have received, I hereby send a report and explain about the Assistant W Aldridge he went a Shore Friday 15th 9am premis to be back same day never returned before Monday 18th. 10 30 pm I am very satisfied with the Manner on the Station but take to long Shore leave when he does back he say he dont feel well thats the reason he stop that long I now this my duty to report to your Office when he be so long away

Very Respectfully youre
Jayes Lennon
Keeper

New Haven, Conn.
July, 1910.

Captain, K. M. Doyle. U. S. A.
Inspector, 3rd. District,

As I have been reported by the Keeper for being absent from the Sta Friday 15th until Monday 18th I'll explain why I was away so long I was sick the season I went ashore but didnt intend to stay away so long I was to sick to come back any sooner I wasnt hardly able to come back when I came back to the Sta, I am not feeling very well yet

Respectfully,
Williams F. Aldridge.
Assistant Keeper

Jorgen Jonnsen
Keeper

Showed Crow sent word

July 28, 1910.

Wm. T. Aldridge,
Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Southwest Ledge Lt. Sta.,
New Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Your communication without date, in explanation as to the report of the Keeper of the station that you went ashore on Friday, July 15th, promising to return to the station the same day, and that you failed to return to the station until Monday, July 18th, at 10:00 P.M., has beenreceived and is not satisfactory.

You are informed that in the future, when the Keeper grants you permission to go ashore you will return to the station at the time agreed, without fail, and I have to cautiion you that if a report is again received at this office to the effect that you have overstayed leave granted, you, I shall at once take steps toward having you dismissed from the Light-House Service.

As it appears that you went ashore on July 15, promising to return to the station on the same date, and failed to return to the station until July 18th, at 10:00 P.M., your absence from duty without proper authority covers a period of three days, and a deduction to cover that period will be made from your salary for July.

Respectfully,

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

MEMORANDUM IN RE WILLIAM F. ALDRIDGE, ASSISTANT KEEPER OF SOUTHWEST LEDGE LIGHT-STATION, CONNECTICUT, RECOMMENDED FOR DISMISSAL.

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Mr. Aldridge is charged by the Inspector of the Third Light-House District with being absent from duty without proper authority and with failing to return to his station at the time agreed with the keeper, after having been permitted to go ashore.

It appears that he was granted leave by the keeper on the morning of December 3 under promise to return the same night, and that he did not return until 9 a.m. of December 9, 1910. Mr. Aldridge attempts to explain his failure to return as agreed by stating that private business detained him until December 5 on which evening he essayed the trip to the station but was obliged, after a trial, to give up the attempt on account of boisterous weather and an unseaworthy boat. Later when the weather became more favorable he determined to return to the station but was unable to do so until Friday, the 9th ultimo.

Mr. Aldridge's statements are not convincing, and when it is considered that this is the third time in one year that he has been reported for the same offense, the fact appears to be pretty conclusive that he is disposed to trifle with regulations and instructions, and to place his personal convenience above the interest of the service. It is believed, therefore, that the Bureau's recommendation for his dismissal should be approved.

Approved

Geo. W. Kendley
Chief of Appointment Division.

January 6, 1910.
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January 9, 1911.

Sir:

Having been charged by the Inspector of the Third Light-House District with being absent from duty without proper authority, and with failing to return to your station at the time agreed with the keeper, after having been permitted to go ashore, and the charges being established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, you are informed that you have been dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Connecticut, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Light-Houses, to take effect on a date to be later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

H. Gordon Cummings
Acting Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Mr. William F. Aldridge,
Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
FEB 4 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

February 3,1911.

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DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

The Commissioner of Light-Houses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:

1. Referring to the Department's letter of January 9, 1911, dismissing William F. Aldridge from the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Conn.,

2. I have the honor to inform the Bureau that Mr. Aldridge's last date of service as assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light-Station, Conn., was January 23, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION,
REPORTED
FEB 6-1911
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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Respectfully,

R. M. Dunger

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

CARDED.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
FEB 6 1911
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
FEB 4 - 1911
Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

CHANGE REPORTED
JAN 27 1911
U. S. COMMISSION.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Oct. 25, 1912

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 26 1912

Commissioner;-

Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau to-day recommending the probationary appointment of William F. Aldridge as Assistant Keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

It is requested that the Bureau telegraph authority at the earliest practicable date for the employment of Mr. Aldridge, so that orders may be given him in sufficient time to report for duty on November 1st.

Yours

JHG

Form 73 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Per

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 26 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

October 25, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 28 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO OCT 28 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, probationary appointment.

Name, William F. Aldridge Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Penfield Reef Light Station, Conn.

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

Former position, Former salary,

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Location, 924

No. 1 of those available

Rank in list of eligibles, (9) Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.

Other eligibles considered, Maik Vencekunos - No answer George W. Hull - no answer
Wilson G. Hedges - declined Jacob Ronning - declined
Henry C. Shadbolt - No answer

Letters of declination inclosed, Wilson G. Hedges and Jacob Ronning James J. Bryan

Previous incumbent, Oscar Conklin Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1912

Reason, Resignation

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.
Mr. Aldridge has no relatives in the Government Service.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

OCT 26 1912

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

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Wm. A. Bureau
10/28/12

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Acting Commissioner

October 28, 1912.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Before acting on the Bureau's recommendation of the 26th instant for the probationary appointment of Mr. William F. Aldridge as assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, Connecticut, the Department will be pleased to be advised whether consideration was given to the fact that Mr. Aldridge was dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of January 23, 1911, for having absented himself from duty without proper authority.

(Signed) BENJ. S. CABLE

Acting Secretary.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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Chf. Clk.
Commr.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 31 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Oct. 30, 1912

Returned to Commissioner.

The Bureau is informed that when rating William F. Aldridge's application and when nominating him for the position of Assistant Keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, consideration was given to the fact that he had been dismissed from the service for having absented himself from duty without proper authority.

At the time Mr. Aldridge filed his application he had been separated from the service for over one year.

His acceptance of this position was the only one received of those within reach for consideration for same.

In view of the above the appointment of Mr. Aldridge is recommended.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
October 31, 1912.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information. Recommendation of Inspector concurred in.

F. C. Putnam
Hdqrs.

approved

November 1, 1912.

The reasons given do not seem to be convincing, especially when it is considered that there are about 29 other eligibles on the register.

Your instructions are respectfully requested.

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October 28, 1912.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 29 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Before acting on the Bureau's recommendation of the 26th instant for the probationary appointment of Mr. William F. Aldridge as assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, Connecticut, the Department will be pleased to be advised whether consideration was given to the fact that Mr. Aldridge was dismissed from the position of assistant keeper of Southwest Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, effective at the close of January 23, 1911, for having absented himself from duty without proper authority.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 31 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
October 29, 1912.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.
For report and return with recommendation.

Acting Commissioner.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 1, 1912.

Mr. William P. Aldridge,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ----------, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED NOV 1-1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

CHANGE REPORTED
NOV -1 1912
O. S. COMMISSION.

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Oscar Conklin.
Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 111

NOV 21 1912

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 20 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office.

I, William F. Aldridge,

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.

William F. Aldridge
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] 11 day of November, A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Joseph D. Deuel

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Assistant Keeper	$480. p.a.	Penfield Reef Lt.Sta., Conn.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED NOV 22 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address.) Nov 19, 1912 (Date.)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov 8, 1912 (Date.)

(Signature, followed by title.)

[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.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 82 DIST. NOV 11 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED NOV 21 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 20 1912 DEPT OF
CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO NOV 21 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR
CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED NOV 21 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

William Franklin Aldridge

✓ 2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) William F. Aldridge

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

New Haven (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.) New Haven (County.) Second (Congressional district.)

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

✓ 5. Where were you born? Lewis. Lewis. Co. Ky

✓ 6. When were you born? November (Month) the 9 (Day.) 1872 (Year.)

✓ 7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

8. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

Mrs. Bertha Cooper, —
Name. Number and street.
Vanceburg, Lewis Co. Ky.
City or town. State or Territory.

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No.				

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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Took Civil Service Exam. for the Light House Service Sept 1, 1908

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

No.

12. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Light House	Service	assistant Keeper	$40.00 Month	May 1909	Jan 1911

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No	—	—	—

16. 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 indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

As Farmer & Teamster and Running sawmill Engines and Motorman Trolley Car.

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17. 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 education
None

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

Light House Service
None

19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

Passed the civil service Examination for a Light House Keeper in January 1909.

20. 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.)

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. November 9, 1912

(Signature) William F. Aldridge

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Bridgeport ~~Conn.~~
City or town.
Penfield Road
Number and street.
Conn.
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded November 14, 1912

(Signature) Edgar Newton

(Official title) Keeper

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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.

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1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

L.H. Service. (Bureau or Service.) Pemfield Ref. Nat. Bank Cases (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) 3d (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 1, 1912

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Date E.D.

5. State the date of the oath. Nov 11 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Nov 8/12

7. What is his salary? 680 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1898

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Yates

(Official title)

Date: ——, 19

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Form 93

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

May 19, 1913, 191

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS Resignation Accepted MAY 22 1913 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 20 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK MAY 22 1913

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

There is transmitted herewith the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, William F. Aldridge Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Penfield Reef Lt. Sta. Conn.

Salary, $480 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of May 31, 1913

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Remarks:

Mr. Aldridge has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

Leave 31c

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Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 20 1913

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

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S. Conway

Acting Commissioner

Penfield. Reef. Light. Station,
Thru the Keeper. May. 16. 1913.
Light. House. Inspector. of 3.rd District
Tompkinsville N. Y.
I hereby tender my resignation
as assistant Light House off Penfield. Lt. St.
same to take effect May 31. 1913.
reason for leaving, is domestic
duties

Respectfully.
William F Aldridge
asst Keeper.

Approved & forwarded
Newton
Keeper.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAY 19 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 20 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

May 22, 1913.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of May 31, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

Mr. William F. Aldridge,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CHANGE REPORTED
MAY 1913
U. S. COMMISSION.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
MAY 23 1913
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE