DERSON, JOHN

ANDERSON, JOHN

~~Keeper 7th Dist~~

Sept. 17, 1923

Asst. Keeper

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 17 1913

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) November 13 (Date.), 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, John Anderson. Legal residence, Key West, Fla.

Position, 2d Asst. Keeper. Salary, $480 A.

Location, Sand Key Lightstation, Fla. Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers.

Effective December 1, 1913. [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, ----- Former salary,

Location, -----

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr Percentage, 84. , Other eligibles considered: Benson Sawyer F.R.; Danielsen C; A.B.Sawyer A.

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Knowles. Services terminated, Nov. 30, 1913.

Reason, Resigned.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 15 1913, 191

E. H. Thomas
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 17 1913

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 18, 1913.

Mr. John Anderson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second 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.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Robert B. Knowles.
Legal Residence: Florida.

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Inspection of your station during the six months ending December 31, 1913, having shown the same to be in an exceptionally clean, orderly, and efficient condition, the Seventh Inspector takes pleasure in issuing in recognition thereof, and in accordance with the Regulations, this letter of commendation for general efficiency during the period named.

(Signed) Demeritt

Inspector.

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Rebecca Shoal:	T.M. Kelly, J.P.Roberts, Jr., T. L. Kelly.
Sand Key:	C.G. Johnson, H. A. Pierce, J. Anderson.
Garparilla Is.:	W. Bester, J. T. Williams.
Cedar Keys:	C.H. Gardner, S. C. Gardner.

* * * * * * *

July 10, 1914, 7th Inspr. commended following keepers and asst.keepers.
See file Chas. G. Johnson.

John Anderson
Wm. T. Stran
Richard C. Roberts
R. S. Russell
S. D. Johnson
Mary E. Bethel
Merrill A. Bethel

5 Wu WM 26 Gov't.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

9/18/23 2nd to Dept

TELEGRAM

Key West, Fla., Sept. 18th, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D.C.

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Sombrero key light station boat four left Key West yesterday morning information just received boat picked up adrift keeper missing three tenders and launches searching for keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
TELEGRAM

Key West Fla Sept 18 1923

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington D C

Sombrero Key Light Station boat four left Key West yesterday morning information just received boat picked up adrift keeper missing three tenders and launches searching for keeper

(Signed) Demeritt

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
September 18, 1923.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Keeper

RX

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Appreciation.

September 19, 1923.

Commandant, Gulf Division U.S.Coast Guard,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:-

1. This office desires to express its appreciation of your cooperation yesterday in loaning your portable telephone set and the services of your linesman in connection with the search for Mr. John Anderson, the Missing lighthouse keeper. Be assured that this office is ever ready and willing to reciprocate.

Respectfully,

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., for his information.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
September 21, 1923.

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to find out all the particulars concerning the finding
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n shut down. All of the keeper's groceries, personal
ere found in the boat. The only thing missing was one

t one of your launches that towed this boat in, would
round there and see if you can assist us in locating
taining the information. Thanking you in advance for
you may be able to obtain for us, I am,

Respectfully,

Wm W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. for his information.
Miami Herald of the 20th also attached. 1 cord.

HERALD 12

LIGHTHOUSE EMPLOYE IS BELIEVED DROWNED

John Anderson Thought to Have Fallen Overboard While Throwing Out Anchor.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 19.—Did John Anderson, the assistant keeper at the Sombrero lighthouse, who mysteriously disappeared while on his way to the light from this city fall, overboard while throwing an anchor into the sea and was so bdly injured that he was drowned or was unable to regain the boat after he fell into the water?

That theory is entertained as a possibility by lighthouse officials here, in view of the fact that one of the two anchors on Anderson's boat is missing. It was explained that the end of the rope attached to one of the two anchors a station boat carries is not fastened to the samson post, and that the tying is generally done after the boat brings up. It is possible then, it was pointed out, that Anderson's feet got tangled in the hawser and he went over with it.

The fact that the sail was up does not detract from the plausibility of the theory, because many seamen luff their boats up into the wind and throw over their anchors before letting down the sail. It is for that reason also that the theory is entertained that, even if Anderson was not injured when he fell into the sea, the sail might have filled and he was unable to get back into the boat. The officials added that that view is purely suppositious, because nothing definite is known about the way in which Anderson was lost, but the fact that everything else was in the boat, including $40 worth of provisions, lends force to the view, it was declared, that the missing anchor might have had something to do with his disappearance.

SUPT. WILLIAM W. DEMERITT, of the lighthouse service in this district, is trying to find the man or men who towed the station boat from Loggerhead Key to Spanish Harbor, where she was found by the searching party and brought back to this city. Mr. Demeritt believes that the explanation of the men, as to the condition of the boat when she was picked up, may possibly throw some light on the mystery. While the report of her finding said that the sail was up at the time, yet Mr. Demeritt is anxious to verify it by the finders. He also wishes to learn if the engine was running at the time the boat was found, as members of the Poppy's crew examined the engine, immediately after the boat was located in Spanish Harbor, and reported it to be in excellent condition. The first time the flywheel was turned over, it was stated, the engine started.

Anderson is the second of lighthouse keepers in this district to disappear during the last four years, though no doubt whatever was entertained about the cause of the former disappearance. In that case William H. Curry was bound from this city to Carysfort light when he was caught in the 1919 hurricane. He succeeded in making Pigeon Key, according to information that was received at headquarters here, but instead of following instructions that are given all keepers to moor their boats, when they are caught in a storm, and go on the land, Mr. Curry put out both anchors, fastened a third rope to mangrove roots and remained aboard the boat. During the night the wind, which attained a velocity of more than 120 miles an hour, carried away the boat and Mr. Curry with her. She was later found, bottom up, but his body

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

September 21, 1923.

Jas Anderson

The Ocean Leather Company,
Big Pine Key, Florida.

Sirs:-

1. Monday afternoon a black launch towed U.S.L.H.S. 4, the boat belonging to Sombrero Key Light Station, to an anchorage at Spanish Harbor. To date this office has been unable to locate the parties who towed the boat in, thinking that it may have been one of your launches I am making this inquiry.

2. I would like to find out all the particulars concerning the finding of this boat, where found, was sail up, engine running, boat anchored, etc? When a representative from this office went aboard of the boat at Spanish Harbor, one anchor and line were missing, the switch on ignition system was pulled out, but the gasoline was turned on and the oil cups were open, as if they had never been shut down. All of the keeper's groceries, personal effects, money etc. were found in the boat. The only thing missing was one anchor and its line.

3. If it ~~was~~ were not one of your launches that towed this boat in, would you make inquiries around there and see if you can assist us in locating the launch and in obtaining the information. Thanking you in advance for any information that you may be able to obtain for us, I am,

Respectfully,

Wm. W. Emerson

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. for his information.
Clipping from Miami Herald of the 20th also attached. 10WD.

...QUOTH the Sage of Ojus, as he tied ...the alarm-clock to his whiskers, ...reparatory to taking his afternoon ...iesta on the front porch:

..."They's a lotta ways fellers have fer ...ergettin' their troubles. Some takes ..., travelin', w'ile others takes t' drink- ..., but pussonally—p'too!—I jest takes ... nappin'."

...And he closed his eyes as an indi- ...ation that the interview was over. A ...lissful smile spread over his whis- ...ers.

Bustles may not be coming back into ...tyle again for the ladies, but it looks ...s though the men are trying to in- ...roduce 'em, since the fellas around ...own are Going coatless and have

EK
Inclosures.

September 25, 1923.

Subject: 7th Supt's. letter, Sept. 19, 1923, John Anderson, 2nd asst. kpr., Sombrero Key L. S., missing.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Keeper John Anderson,
2d Asst. Keeper Sombrero Key L.S.,
missing.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

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1. Referring to telegram from this office on September 18, 1923, reporting that John Anderson, 2d Asst. Keeper of Sombrero Key L.S., Fla., was missing.

2. I have to repprt that early on the morning of the 18th instant a telephone message was received at the Key West Light Station stating that light station boat #4 had been picked up adrift and towed to Spanish Harbor where the boat was then anchored. This message was transmitted to the Depot where I was at the time. Steps were immediately taken to search for the missing keeper and to get the boat and tow it back to Key West.

3. The tender POPPY with the depot keeper in charge and with the depot machinist and two laborers left headquarters within 20 minutes after the information was received. The cargo boat and the launch from the IVY left shortly thereafter. The POINSETTIA was delayed a short while completing repairs to engine and waiting on a portable telephone outfit and a linesman from the Coast Guard. This portable telephone outfit, but little larger than a cigar box, has two connections of incandescent lamp cord which can be slipped onto the Coast Guard telephone lines, which run over a hundred miles along the Florida Keys, bridges etc. This furnishes direct communication with light stations, and with the lighthouse office, or any where else, through the exchange at Key West. The officer in charge of the Coast Guard office expressed his regret that their small cutter COSSAK was then on the marine railway and would not be able to assist us.

4. After the small tenders, the launch and the cargo boat had left, the IVY proceeded to sea. The launch and cargo boat were to search along the Keys, thetenders to run on lines parallel thereto, so spaced as to thoroughly bring the entire area between the Keys and the Florida Reefs under observation. This continued until the IVY reached the vicinity of Spanish Harbor, thirty miles from Key West, where the POPPY was observed approaching with the boat in tow.

5. When the POPPY came within speaking distance, and reported to me, I directed Mr. Lopez to proceed to the Depot and enroute to continue a very careful search. He was also directed to convey the same instructions to the Commanding Officer of the POINSETTIA, then approaching. The IVY stopped and picked up the cargo boat, and later on picked up the launch about 25

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miles from Key West, which point they had reached when one of the connecting rod crank pin brasses broke. The IVY continued the search on the way back to Key West, arriving at the Depot after dark, without having been able to obtain any information about the missing keeper.

6. Report from Mr. Lopez, who was commanding the POPPY and who recovered the boat, is herewith for Bureau information. A careful examination ofthe boat this morning disclosed that everything was systematically stored away and in place. His pipe and tobacco was on the seat in the cockpit where they usually set to steer. His lunch was untouched and his thermos bottle containing coffee was full, and still hot, he had not taken any of it. His pocket book with money in it was found, it also contained some receipts and a small chart, that he had evidently made, showing the anchorage enroute from Key West to Sombrero Key Light, the shoals etc. His personal effects were turned over to Mrs. Anderson and at her request the groceries were returned to grocer.

7. Mr. Anderson was in to see me Saturday morning and stated that he would leave here, enroute back to his station, on Monday. At that time I reminded him not to leave port if the weather was unfavorable and told him that should he be between Key West and his station and there was evidence of the approach of a storm and he could not return to Key West then to make the best anchorage that the could, secure the boat and look out for himself, possibly seeking shelter in some of the dwellings on the Keys. Mr. Haskins was present at the time.

8. Monday morning the weather being favorable Anderson left as schedule and he was observed passing the Depot, going along nicely. The next report comes from American Shoal where the boat was observed inshore about 4 o'clock with sail set, then when they went up into the lantern to light up they saw the boat in about the same locality and they saw a black launch take it in tow; so they assumed that he had been having engine troubles and the launch was towing him in to theanchorage.

9. I have been unable yet to locate the parties who picked the boat up, but as one anchor and line is missing and from the condition in which the engine was found - gasoline turned on, oil cups open and switch open, it is probable that he decided to stop for lunch. He pulled his switch, then brought the boat up in the wind and ran forward to throw over his anchor, in doing so it is possible that he went over with it and all of the rope followed him. The bitter end of the rope may not have been tied to the mast or elsewhere, so the boat drifted away from him. It is also reported that he could not swim. However, this is unusual as he was a Norwegian sailer and spent most of his life on the water or in employment along the water front, at the Naval Station, Quarantine Station at Dry Tortugas etc.

10. Further report will be submitted on receipt of additional information.

W. W. Wescott

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
September 26, 1923.

John Anderson -
Salary due.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Herewith for reference to the Comptroller for approval or disapproval is voucher for $58.65, representing the amount earned by John Anderson, 2d Assistant Keeper, Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, up to September 17, 1923, the date he was drowned at sea.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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1 incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
September 29, 1923.

Returned to Superintendent of Light ouses, Key West, Fla., with request that this voucher be signed by Mrs. Anderson and then returned to this office when the same will be presented to the Comptroller. This office desires that the voucher be signed by the person to whom payment is to be made as well as by the Disbursing Officer. who will make payment, before submission for approval. Notation should be made of the change in the name of the payee.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHT HOUSES

September 27, 1923.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of September 25, 1923, the Department has waived the regulation relative to excess leave in the case of John Anderson, deceased, late a keeper at $840 per annum at Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, whose last day of service was September 17, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 7th Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE DISBURSING CLERK

WASHINGTON

REFER TO FILE NO.

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November 12, 1923.

The Bureau of Lighthouses:

There is returned herewith affidavit covering services of John Anderson, deceased, together with communication from the Comptroller General. Pleasengive this matter the necessary attention.

Disbursing Clerk.

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Set inclos.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
November 15, 1923.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for his information and proper action in accordance with indorsement from the Comptroller General dated November 8, 1923.. Return all papers with your reply.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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1st Endorsement.

General Accounting Office, Nov. 8, 1923.
To: C.E. Molster, Disbursing Clerk, Department of Commerce.

Returned herewith is voucher in the amount of $58.65, and accompanying papers relative to the estate of John Anderson, deceased, formerly an employee of the Light House Service, your department. In view of the circumstances in this case it is requested that, if she so desires, Mrs. Revah Solomon, alleged to be the only child, express her desire over her signature to have the voucher approved for payment to Mary M. Anderson, widow of decedent.

J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General

Inclosures.

By

J. L. BAITY

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

November 17, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. There is inclosed certificate of Mrs. Revah Solomon as requested by first indorsement of November 8, 1923, of Comptroller General in compliance with instructions as per Bureau indorsement of November 15,1923, on Department letter of November 12, 1923.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Inc Anderson Keeper

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Inclos.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
November 20, 1923.

Transmitted to Disbursing Clerk, Commerce for forwarding to the Comptroller General, attention being invited to your indorsement of November 12, 1923.

[illegible]
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Nav-642-ELB

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAR 11 1925 KEY WEST, FLA.

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26 February 1925.

APR 1 - 1925 Navy In file of Gus Montague

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To: Personnel Officer, Bureau of Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

SUBJECT: ANDERSON, John - Keeper, USLHS. Statement of Service.

1. It is requested that this bureau be furnished with a statement of service in the case of the above named man in order that he may be credited with adjusted compensation.

2. On submitted application the date and place of birth is given as 19 February 1865, in Finland, and service claimed at Sand Key Light Station, Florida, from 16 September 1918 to 30 June 1919.

was station transferred? W.S.A.

W. R. SHOEMAKER,
Chief of Bureau.

C. B. Hatch

C. B. Hatch,
By Direction.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 6 - 1925

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

For verification and return, Statement should include service between April 11, 1917 and July 1, 1919.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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Letter sent 9/17/25

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 12, 1925.

SUBJECT: ANDERSON, John - Keeper, USLHS - Statement of Service.
(Bu.Nav.Navy Dept.let. 2/26/25,Bu.Lt-Hs.end.to7th Dist. 3/6/25.)

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses. The date, place of birth and service of John Anderson as shown in letter from the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, 26 February 1925,are verified by the records of this office.

2. Mr. Anderson was lost at sea September 17, 1925 while proceeding to his station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H B Haskins
Asst. Superintendent.

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. March 16, 1925.
Incl.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., with advice that Executive Order No. 2588 of April 11, 1917 transferring light stations to the service and jurisdiction of the Navy Department, does not contain the name of Sand Key Light Station, Fla., and you are requested to advise the Bureau of the authority and date transferred in order that the Bureau can make proper report to the Navy Department in corroborating Anderson's service.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GPO

John Anderson.

John Anderson.

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Florida

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst. Kpr. Sand Key Lt. Fla.	$480.	L.H.	Dec. 6, 1913
Keeper " Increases	780	"	Nov. 4, 1918
" " " "	840	"	Dec 1, 1918.
" Trans Dombrero Key Lt. Sta Fla	"	"	Sept. 1, 1922
Died (drowned) Sept 17, 1923.			
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 17 1913 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) November 13 (Date.) 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT NOT WRITTEN NOV 18 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK NOV 17 1913

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, * John Anderson. Legal residence, Key West, Fla.

Position, 2d Asst. Keeper. Salary, $480 A.

Location, Sand Key Lightstation, Fla. Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers.

Effective December 1,1913. {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS NOV 18 1913

Former position, ---- Former salary,

Location, ----

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr Percentage, 84. , Other eligibles considered: Benson Sawyer F.R.; Danielsen C; A.B.Sawyer A.

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Knowles. Services terminated, Nov. 30,1913.

Reason, Resigned.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 15 1913 , 191

E. H. Kummer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 17 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 18, 1913.

Mr. John Anderson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second 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.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED NOV 18 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Robert B. Knowles.
Legal Residence: Florida.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 4 1913 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK DEC. 8 1913

I, John Anderson,

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.

John Anderson (Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS DEC. 8 1913

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] first day of December, A. D. 1913.

(Affix official seal here)

(Name) Alfred Brosh

(Official title) Notary Public.

My Commission Expires December 25, 1916.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Second Assistant Keeper	$480 A.	Sand Key Lightstation, Fla.
Former [5] ———	———	———

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Seventh District

Key West, Florida. (Address), December 1, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 1, 1913. (Date)

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(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

[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.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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Per A B

LIGHT
DEC 4 1913
HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK
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APPOINTMENT
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To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

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.)

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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.)

(Ine) John Andersson

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

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

Key West (City or town.) Fla (State or Territory.) Monroe (County.) Monroe 4th (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Finland

6. When were you born? Febuary (Month.) 19 (Day.) 1865 (Year.)

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

Mary M Anderson 513 Grinnell Sta
Name. Number and street.
Key West Fla
City or town. State or Territory.

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.)

C. S. exam, July 11. 1913

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

No

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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Navy	Key West, Fla	Fire Man	2.32 D	Nov 19 00.	Nov 28-1913

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

No

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No Name 15 yrs ago		1 yr	Resigned
Crawford	17 yr	1 yr	" "

14. 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.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered John Anderson

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

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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.)

Common School

18. 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.")

Nurse Seaman

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

U.S. Quarantine Serv 1 7 8

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. December 1, 1913

(Signature) John Anderson

Witness:

P. O. Address: Key West Fla
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

513 Grinnell St
Number and street.

Key West Fla
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 December 1, 19 13.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 7th L.H. District.

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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.)

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) | Sand Key L. S. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) | Seventh (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. November 18, 1913.

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

December 1, 1913.

5. State the date of the oath. December 1, 1913.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. December 1, 1913.

7. What is his salary? $480 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

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

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.)

Assistant Keeper examination.

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. May 8, 1899, U. S. District Court, Key West, Florida.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Emmerton.

(Official title) Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

Date: December 1, 1913.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

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

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT
NOV 10 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.)

Anderson, John

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse, 7th District.

4. Designation of position:

2nd Asst. Keeper, L.H.S.

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

See "4"

6. Annual earnings:

$480.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 626.

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:	~~Months:~~	~~Regular—~~ Years:	Months:
12		6-22/30	

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

Finland.

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: Feb.19,

Year: 1865.

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

E3.

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4 Florida

County: Monroe

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Sand Key L.S.,

State: Fla.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1918.

Mr. John Anderson,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 10-28-18 IN FILE OF 1095-7

APPROVED NOV 7 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Ho

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT DEC 16 1918 HOUSES

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CHIEF CLERK

1918 DEC 16 PM 2

John Anderson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23rd day of November, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) A. R. Wood

(Official title) Chief Clerk, Office Supt. Lighthouses.

My commission expires ____

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper.	$780. A.	Sand Key Lightstation, Fla.
Former [5] 2d Asst. Keeper.	$480. A.	do.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 7th DISTRICT

Key West, Fla., (Address), November 25, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918. (Date)

CARDED

W. W. Emerson
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Signature of official administering oath)

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[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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APR 29 1913
HOUSES

Two Keepers in the 7th District
who have five years or more, of service.

Enclosure

Name.	Rank.	Date of entry in the Service.
John Anderson.	2nd Assistant Keeper Sand Key Lightstation.	November 18, 1913.
Erik Danielsen, Sr.	Assistant Keeper Gasparilla Is. L. S.	February 2, 1914.

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., August 9, 1922

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 15 1922 DIVISION

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on September 1, 1922.

Name, John Anderson — Position, Keeper

From Sand Key Light Station, Fla. — To Sombrero Key Light Station, Fla.

Previous incumbent, A. A. Goule

Services terminated, June 30, 1922. — Reason, Resigned

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 15 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

W. M. Steuart

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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CARDED

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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L.G.S.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 12 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner.

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Wm. W. Demeritt

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m.d.

CARDED

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent

H B Hackemer

Assistant Superintendent.

m.d.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON SEP 8 - 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 25 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Subject: 7th Supt's. letter, Sept. 19, 1923, John Anderson, 2nd asst. kpr., Sombrero Key L. S., missing.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

9/27/23.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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4. After the small tenders, the launch and the cargo boat had left, the IVY proceeded to sea. The launch and cargo boat were to search along the Keys, thetenders to run on lines parallel thereto, so spaced as to thoroughly bring the entire area between the Keys and the Florida Reefs under observation. This continued until the IVY reached the vicinity of Spanish Harbor, thirty miles from Key West, where the POPPY was observed approaching with the boat in tow.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO
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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
1923 SEP 21 PM 3 54
KEY WEST, FLA.

September 19, 1923.

Keeper John Anderson,
2d Asst.Keeper Sombrero Key L.S.,
missing.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to telegram from this office on September 18, 1923, reporting that John Anderson, 2d Asst. Keeper of Sombrero Key L.S., Fla., was missing.

2. I have to report that early on the morning of the 18th instant a telephone message was received at the Key West Light Station stating that light station boat #4 had been picked up adrift and towed to Spanish Harbor where the boat was then anchored. This message was transmitted to the Depot where I was at the time. Steps were immediately taken to search for the missing keeper and to get the boat and tow it back to Key West.

3. The tender POPPY with the depot keeper in charge and with the depot machinist and two laborers left headquarters within 20 minutes after the information was received. The cargo boat and the launch from the IVY left shortly thereafter. The POINSETTIA was delayed a short while completing repairs to engine and waiting on a portable telephone outfit and a linesman from the Coast Guard. This portable telephone outfit, but little larger than a cigar box, has two connections of incandescent lamp cord which can be slipped onto the Coast Guard telephone lines, which run over a hundred miles along the Florida Keys, bridges etc. This furnishes direct communication with light stations, and with the lighthouse office, or any where else, through the exchange at Key West. The officer in charge of the Coast Guard office expressed his regret that their small cutter COSSAK was then on the marine railway and would not be able to assist us.

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miles from Key West, which point they had reached when one of the connecting rod crank pin brasses broke. The IVY continued the search on the way back to Key West, arriving at the Depot after dark, without having been able to obtain any information about the missing keeper.

6. Report from Mr. Lopez, who was commanding the POPPY and who recovered the boat, is herewith for Bureau information. A careful examination ofthe boat this morning disclosed that everything was systematically stored away and in place. His pipe and tobacco was on the seat in the cockpit where they usually set to steer. His lunch was untouched and his thermos bottle containing coffee was full, and still hot, he had not taken any of it. His pocket book with money in it was found, it also contained some receipts and a small chart, that he had evidently made, showing the anchorage enroute from Key West to Sombrero Key Light, the shoals etc. His personal effects were turned over to Mrs. Anderson and at her request the groceries were returned to grocer.

7. Mr. Anderson was in to see me Saturday morning and stated that he would leave here, enroute back to his station, on Monday. At that time I reminded him not to leave port if the weather was unfavorable and told him that should he be between Key West and his station and there was evidence of the approach of a storm and he could not return to Key West then to make the best anchorage that the could, secure the boat and look out for himself, possibly seeking shelter in some of the dwellings on the Keys. Mr. Haskins was present at the time.

8, Monday morning the weather being favorable Anderson left as scheduled and he was observed passing the Depot, going along nicely. The next report comes from American Shoal where the boat was observed inshore about 4 o'clock with sail set, then when they went up into the lantern to light up they saw the boat in about the same locality and they saw a black launch take it in tow; so they assumed that he had been having engine troubles and the launch was towing him in to theanchorage.

9. I have been unable yet to locate the parties who picked the boat up, but as one anchor and line is missing and from the condition in which the engine was found - gasoline turned on, oil cups open and switch open, it is probable that he decided to stop for lunch. He pulled his switch, then brought the boat up in the wind and ran forward to throw over his anchor, in doing so it is possible that he went over with it and all of the rope followed him. The bitter end of the rope may not have been tied to the mast or elsewhere, so the boat drifted away from him. It is also reported that he could not swim. However, this is unusual as he was a Norwegian sailer and spent most of his life on the water or in employment along the water front, at the Naval Station, Quarantine Station at Dry Tortugas etc.

10. Further report will be submitted on receipt of additional information.

Wm. W. Kennedy
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Key West Citizen, Sept. 18, 1923

Miami Herald, 9/18/23,

LUME XLIX. No. 270. KI

JOHN ANDERSON, LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER, REPORTED MISSING FROM HIS BOAT

CRAFT PICKED UP BELONGING TO SOMBRERO STATION AND TOWED INTO SPANISH HARBOR

John Anderson, 60 years of age, assistant keeper of the Sombrero Lighthouse, is missing and a fleet of ships from the Lighthouse Department is today making a thorough search of nearby waters in the hope of receiving some clue relative to the mysterious disappearance of the veteran lighthouse keeper.

The first news of the strange disappearance of Anderson was received this morning by Wm. W. Demeritt, superintendent of the Seventh Lighthouse District, when he was advised by Florida East Coast officials at Pine Key of the finding of the light station boat No. 4, belonging to Sombrero Light. The boat was found adrift and was towed into Spanish Harbor.

Was Here On Leave of Absence

Anderson, who had been here on leave of absence, left Key West yesterday morning on board the boat en route to Sombrero Light.

The boat, when picked up, was riding the seas with ease, there being a full supply of rations on board. No signs of the boat having experienced rough weather was visible.

Search Begins

Immediately upon receipt of the message notifying Mr. Demeritt of the finding of the launch, five of the lighthouse boats were dispatched in search of the missing keeper. Aside from the Tender Ivy, which is equipped with radio, the other boats aiding in the search have no means of communicating with the local office and the outcome of their search will not be known until their return to this port.

Anderson has been in the government service for the past 25 years, and is a capable seaman. No reports of bad weather along the route which he had to travel to reach Sombrero Light were received and it is believed that Anderson fell into the sea and was unable to swim fast enough to overtake the launch. In this case, however, it is held out that there is the possibility of Anderson being picked up by a passing boat.

SOMBRERO LIGHT MAN IS MISSING

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 18.—What has become of John Anderson, an assistant keeper of the Sombrero lighthouse, who disappeared while on his way from here to his station? Superintendent Demeritt, who headed a searching party of three lighthouse tenders and two launches that left here this morning at 9 o'clock and returned 11 hours later, was unable to answer that question tonight.

He said that possibly Anderson had slipped and fallen overboard and had been unable to overtake the boat, whose sail was found up and whose engine might have been running.

Anderson was returning to Sombrero with provisions, after having passed his vacation here. At 8 o'clock this morning Demeritt received word that the station boat, in which Anderson left here had been found with her sail up off Loggerhead Key, 18 miles away. An hour later the lighthouse tenders Ivey, Poinsettia and Poppy and two service launches left here to search for Anderson.

Demeritt said that the boats carefully covered a stretch of water 30 miles long and extending in width from the shore to the reef during the day, but no trace of Anderson was found. The station boat was found at Spanish harbor and was towed back to this city by the Poppy. The boat's unreefed sail and her generally good condition showed that Anderson had not met with any heavy winds.

On the seat in the cockpit was found his pipe, freshly filled with tobacco and a box of matches, and it is presumed that he was about to light the pipe when something happened. Anderson, who was 58, had worked a year in the revenue cutter service, 12 in the marine hospital, seven in the navy and 10 in the lighthouse service.

To accompany Report re John Anderson, dated Sept. 19, 1923.

W.W.D.

LIGHTHOUSES

COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 SEP 21 PM 3:54

Copy for Buello

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse Tender POPPY,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 19, 1923

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:-

I wish to make the following report of the Tender Poppy for September 18, 1923, while searching for power boat No. 4 and Asst. Keeper John Anderson.

At 9:00 A. M. Superintendent of Lighthouses, Wm. W. Demeritt received a telephone message thru Key West Light Station from the agent of the Florida East Coast Ry., Co. here, stating that he had a report by telephone from Big Pine Key, Fla., that the U. S. L. H. Power Boat No. 4 had been picked up by a launch and towed to anchor at Spanish Harbor Key, Fla. and that there was no one on board of her also there was considerable groceries and supplies on board.

I was immediately notified to have the Tender Poppy ready to sail in search of this boat and keeper. I immediately procured a lunch for two laborers from this depot, depot mechanic and myself and 18 minutes later was leaving this wharf for this trip. At 9:18 A.M. the Tender Poppy left Key West Depot wharf for Spanish Harbor Key, Fla, via Hawk channel, I having been a former Lighthouse keeper and having traveled this same route many times going to and from my Station, I began a thorough search in and about the Keys, zigzaging back and forth in the hopes of finding Keeper John Anderson, keeping a strict lookout and examining everything seen floating or that looked as if it would lead on to some discovery of him. This was kept up until I reached Spanish Harbor Key at 1:35 P. M. when I saw Power Boat No. 4 securely anchored. I then set out in my small boat and went over to her, first landing on the Key in hopes of seeing someone that could give me some information but there was no one to be found so we walked along the rail road grade for about 500 yds. and still saw no one. Right here is where, if I had had a portable telephone set, I could have communicated with the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses and gathered any information they might have had for me and at the same time given them the information I had found. I could also have communicated along the Keys and might have found some important information, as I was within an arms length of reaching the telephone wires where I was at on the viaduct. I then went aboard of the boat and found that one of her anchors and hawser were missing and when I opened her cover from over the cockpit I saw the pipe and tobacco used by Anderson, lying on the seat. The forward part of the boat had groceries and other supplies, also his lunch and thermos bottle, which had not been used. I then procured a little gasoline from the carburetor and primed the engine, which started the first time I turned the fly wheel over. I then ran her back to where the Tender POPPY was anchored and took this boat in tow with the Tender POPPY, bound for the nearest place, which was American Shoal Light Station 15 miles distant, to telephone to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. While in

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route I saw the Tender IVY, approaching from the westward, thru the Hawk Channel. I then headed for her and reported what I had found. The Superintendent of Lighthouses being aboard the IVY, ordered me to proceed back to Key West with Power Boat No. 4 in tow, keeping a good watch out in case of anything new showing up. This was done until I moored at Key West Depot wharf at 7:30 P. M. last night.

Respectfully.

G. H. Lopez

Depot Keeper,
Comdg. Lighthouse Tender Poppy

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LIGHTHOUSES

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Florida, September 22, 1923. 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

This office regrets to report the death ~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

CHIEF CLERK

Name, John Anderson Position, Keeper

23 SEP 26 AM 10 28

Legal residence, Florida Station, Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP 26 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Salary, $840.00 per annum

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~
The last day of service of this employee was September 17, 1923.

This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. (3 days)

Remarks: Mr. Anderson was drowned evidently while en route to his station in the station motor boat on September 17, 1923. He entered upon duty in the Lighthouse Service December 1, 1913, and in view of the manner in which he came to his death it is recommended that no deduction be made on account of excess leave taken.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 27 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

9/27/23.

C. H. U. S.

Wm W. Winnacott

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's above recommendation, and so recommends. 31—4623

G. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

September 27, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of September 25, 1923, the Department has waived the regulation relative to excess leave in the case of John Anderson, deceased, late a keeper at $840 per annum at Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, whose last day of service was September 17, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 24

2-12758

No1-L2.

1. Anderson (Surname) John (Given name) (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses,
4. Field Service Lighthouses,
5. (a) Field Station 7th Lighthouse District,
   (b) Subdivision Sombrero Key Light Station,
   (c) City or town Key West, State Florida,
6. Pay-roll title Keeper,
7. Customary office title 2d. Asst. Keeper.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

(Nominally on duty 24 hours a day)

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24 hours; per week 7 days
   (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 6 p.m. to midnight m. to midnight or 6 a.m. 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 $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 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
    Forty-five cents per day, 365 days = $164.25 Rations
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, $ 20.00
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 Self educated about 7th grade.
    (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
(1) Scaling, cleaning and painting iron light station	36
(2) Cleaning illuminating apparatus and quarters, preparing meals, making minor repairs	20
(3) Night watches	44

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

His work is supervised by the keeper, and in his absence by the 1st assistant keeper. The station is also inspected periodically by the Superintendent or his representative, and at such times the condition of quarters, cleanliness, appearance, fitness, etc., are noted.

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? 4-1/2 years

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

MAY 21, 1923.
(Date)

Wm. W. Demeritt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

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

(Inaccessible)

(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		5th grade essential.

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Boating at least one year.

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 $ 900.00 to $ 1200.00

MAY 21, 1923.
(Date)

Wm. W. Demeritt
(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

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REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP
Archival Research Room Record Request
National Archives at St. Louis

Date: 6/15/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Anderson, John		1861 Finland

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 (FL)	
From: 1914	To: 1923
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location) 2 folders	
From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0005935990

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 7/10/25 KLH

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed KLH ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

John Anderson

John Anderson.

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Florida

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst Kpr. Sand Key Lt. Fla.	$480.	L.H.	Dec. 6, 1913
Keeper " Increases	780	"	Nov. 4, 1918
" " " "	840	"	Dec 1, 1918.
" Trans Dombrero Key Lt. Sta.	"	"	Sept. 1, 1922
Died (drowned) Sept 17, 1923.			
		INACTIVE	

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NOMINATION

NOV 15 1913

*two papers

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 17 1913 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., (City.) November 13 (Date.) 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN NOV 14 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK NOV 17 1913

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, *John Anderson. Legal residence, Key West, Fla.

Position, 2d Asst. Keeper. Salary, $480 A.

Location, Sand Key Lightstation, Fla. Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers.

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Effective December 1,1913. {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, ----- Former salary,

Location, -----

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr Percentage, 84. , Other eligibles considered: Benson Sawyer F.R.; Danielsen C; A.B.Sawyer A.

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Knowles. Services terminated, Nov. 30,1913.

Reason, Resigned.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 15 1913 , 191

E. H. Kennard
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 17 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 18, 1913.

Mr. John Anderson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second 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:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REPORTED NOV 18 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK

Respectfully,

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

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Robert B. Knowles.
Legal Residence: Florida.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 4 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 4 1913 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK DEC. 8 1913

APPOINTMENTS DEC 8 1913

I, John Anderson,

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.

John Anderson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] first day of December, A. D. 1913.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Alfred Bosh

(Official title) Notary Public.

My Commission Expires December 25, 1916.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Second Assistant Keeper	$480 A.	Sand Key Lightstation, Fla.
Former [5] ------	----	----

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Seventh District

Key West, Florida. (Address), December 1, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 1, 1913. (Date)

D Emmerton
(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

[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.

[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.

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

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LIGHT DEC 4 1913 HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

CHIEF CLERK DEC 6 1913

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APPOINTMENT DEC 6

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

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.)

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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.)

(Mr.) John Andersson

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

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

Key West (City or town.) Fla (State or Territory.) Monroe (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Finland

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 19 (Day.) 1865 (Year.)

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

Mary M Anderson 513 Grinnell Str
Name. Number and street.
Key West Fla
City or town. State or Territory.

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.)

C. S. exam, July 11. 1913

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

No

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.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Navy	Station, Fla	Fire man	2.32 D	Nov 1900.	Nov 28-1913

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

No

13. 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.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No Name 15 yrs ago		1 yr	Resigned
Crawford 17 yr		1 yr	" 61

14. 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.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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—			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered John Anderson

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Ordinary Seaman

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.)

Common School

18. 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.")

Nurse Seaman

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

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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. December 1, 1913

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) John Anderson

P. O. Address: Key West Fla
City or town.

513 Grinnell St
Number and street.

Key West Fla
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 December 1, 1913.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 7th L.H. District.

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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:

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Sand Key L. S. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Seventh (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. November 18, 1913.

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

December 1, 1913.

5. State the date of the oath. December 1, 1913.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. December 1, 1913.

7. What is his salary? $480 per annum.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

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

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.)

Assistant Keeper examination.

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. May 8, 1899, U. S. District Court, Key West, Florida.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Emmerton.

(Official title) Inspector, 7th L. H. District.

Date: December 1, 1913.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

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

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 10 1916

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Anderson, John

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse, 7th District.

4. Designation of position:

2nd Asst. Keeper, L.H.S.

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

See "4"

6. Annual earnings:

$480.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 626.

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: 12 ~~Months:~~

~~Regular—~~ ~~Years:~~ 6-22/30 Months:

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

Finland.

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: Feb.19,

Year: 1865.

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

E3.

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4 Florida

County: Monroe

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Sand Key L.S.,

State: Fla.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1918.

Mr. John Anderson,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.

ON BASIS OF THIS AUTHORITY
LETTER DATED 10-28-18
FILE OF 1095-7

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

R
Ho Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Florida.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT DEC 16 1918 HOUSES

DEC 16 1918 9 15 AM

I, John Anderson

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.

CHIEF CLERK

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John Anderson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23rd day of November, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) A. R. Wood

(Official title) Chief Clerk Office Supt. Lighthouses.

My commission expires .....

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper.	$780. A.	Sand Key Lightstation, Fla.
Former [5] 2d Asst. Keeper.	$480. A.	do.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 7th DISTRICT

Key West, Fla., (Address), November 25, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1918. (Date)

CARDED

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has 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, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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HOUSES

Two Keepers in the 7th District
who have five years or more, of service.

Inclosure

Name.	Rank.	Date of entry in the Service.
John Anderson.	2nd Assistant Keeper Sand Key Lightstation.	November 18, 1913.
Erik Danielsen, Sr.	Assistant Keeper Gasparilla Is. L. S.	February 2, 1914.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1919.

Mr. John Anderson,
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 $ 840 per annum, effective Dec. 1, 1918 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., August 9, 1922

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 15 1922 DIVISION

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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From Sand Key Light Station, Fla. — To Sombrero Key Light Station, Fla.

Previous incumbent, A. A. Goule

Services terminated, June 30, 1922. — Reason, Resigned

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 15 1922

Wm. W. Wemeth

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with .....

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

AUG 12 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

H. B. BOWERMAN KMD

Acting Commissioner.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent

H B Hackemer

Assistant Superintendent.

m.d

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON SEP 8 - 1922

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner.

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT BRANCH

Subject: 7th Supt's. letter, Sept. 19, 1923, John Anderson, (2nd asst. kpr., Sombrero Key L. S., missing.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
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KEY WEST, FLA.

September 19, 1923.

Keeper John Anderson,
2d Asst.Keeper Sombrero Key L.S.,
missing.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to telegram from this office on September 18, 1923, reporting that John Anderson, 2d Asst. Keeper of Sombrero Key L.S., Fla., was missing.

2. I have to report that early on the morning of the 18th instant a telephone message was received at the Key West Light Station stating that light station boat #4 had been picked up adrift and towed to Spanish Harbor where the boat was then anchored. This message was transmitted to the Depot where I was at the time. Steps were immediately taken to search for the missing keeper and to get the boat and tow it back to Key West.

3. The tender POPPY with the depot keeper in charge and with the depot machinist and two laborers left headquarters within 20 minutes after the information was received. The cargo boat and the launch from the IVY left shortly thereafter. The POINSETTIA was delayed a short while completing repairs to engine and waiting on a portable telephone outfit and a linesman from the Coast Guard. This portable telephone outfit, but little larger than a cigar box, has two connections of incandescent lamp cord which can be slipped onto the Coast Guard telephone lines, which run over a hundred miles along the Florida Keys, bridges etc. This furnishes direct communication with light stations, and with the lighthouse office, or any where else, through the exchange at Key West. The officer in charge of the Coast Guard office expressed his regret that their small cutter COSSAK was then on the marine railway and would not be able to assist us.

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miles from Key West, which point they had reached when one of the connecting rod crank pin brasses broke. The IVY continued the search on the way back to Key West, arriving at the Depot after dark, without having been able to obtain any information about the missing keeper.

6. Report from Mr. Lopez, who was commanding the POPPY and who recovered the boat, is herewith for Bureau information. A careful examination ofthe boat this morning disclosed that everything was systematically stored away and in place. His pipe and tobacco was on the seat in the cockpit where they usually set to steer. His lunch was untouched and his thermos bottle containing coffee was full, and still hot, he had not taken any of it. His pocket book with money in it was found, it also contained some receipts and a small chart, that he had evidently made, showing the anchorage enroute from Key West to Sombrero Key Light, the shoals etc. His personal effects were turned over to Mrs. Anderson and at her request the groceries were returned to grocer.

7. Mr. Anderson was in to see me Saturday morning and stated that he would leave here, enroute back to his station, on Monday. At that time I reminded him not to leave port if the weather was unfavorable and told him that should he be between Key West and his station and there was evidence of the approach of a storm and he could not return to Key West then to make the best anchorage that the could, secure the boat and look out for himself, possibly seeking shelter in some of the dwellings on the Keys. Mr. Haskins was present at the time.

8, Monday morning the weather being favorable Anderson left as schedule and he was observed passing the Depot, going along nicely. The next report comes from American Shoal where the boat was observed inshore about 4 o'clock with sail set, then when they went up into the lantern to light up they saw the boat in about the same locality and they saw a black launch take it in tow; so they assumed that he had been having engine troubles and the launch was towing him in to theanchorage.

9. I have been unable yet to locate the parties who picked the boat up, but as one anchor and line is missing and from the condition in which the engine was found - gasoline turned on, oil cups open and switch open, it is probable that he decided to stop for lunch. He pulled his switch, then brought the boat up in the wind and ran forward to throw over his anchor, in doing so it is possible that he went over with it and all of the rope followed him. The bitter end of the rope may not have been tied to the mast or elsewhere, so the boat drifted away from him. It is also reported that he could not swim. However, this is unusual as he was a Norwegian sailer and spent most of his life on the water or in employment along the water front, at the Naval Station, Quarantine Station at Dry Tortugas etc.

10. Further report will be submitted on receipt of additional information.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Key West Citizen, Sept. 18, 1923

ME XLIX. No. 270. K

JOHN ANDERSON, LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER, REPORTED MISSING FROM HIS BOAT

CRAFT PICKED UP BELONGING TO SOMBRERO STATION AND TOWED INTO SPANISH HARBOR

John Anderson, 60 years of age, assistant keeper of the Sombrero Lighthouse, is missing and a fleet of ships from the Lighthouse Department is today making a thorough search of nearby waters in the hope of receiving some clue relative to the mysterious disappearance of the veteran lighthouse keeper.

The first news of the strange disappearance of Anderson was received this morning by Wm. W. Demeritt, superintendent of the Seventh Lighthouse District, when he was advised by Florida East Coast officials at Pine Key of the finding of the light station boat No. 4, belonging to Sombrero Light. The boat was found adrift and was towed into Spanish Harbor.

Was Here On Leave of Absence

Anderson, who had been here on leave of absence, left Key West yesterday morning on board the boat en route to Sombrero Light.

The boat, when picked up, was riding the seas with ease, there being a full supply of rations on board. No signs of the boat having experienced rough weather was visible.

Search Begins

Immediately upon receipt of the message notifying Mr. Demeritt of the finding of the launch, five of the lighthouse boats were dispatched in search of the missing keeper. Aside from the Tender Ivy, which is equipped with radio, the other boats aiding in the search have no means of communicating with the local office and the outcome of their search will not be known until their return to this port.

Anderson has been in the government service for the past 25 years, and is a capable seaman. No reports of bad weather along the route which he had to travel to reach Sombrero Light were received and it is believed that Anderson fell into the sea and was unable to swim fast enough to overtake the launch. In this case, however, it is held out that there is the possibility of Anderson being picked up by a passing boat.

Miami Herald, 9/18/23.

SOMBRERO LIGHT MAN IS MISSING

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 18.—What has become of John Anderson, an assistant keeper of the Sombrero lighthouse, who disappeared while on his way from here to his station? Superintendent Demeritt, who headed a searching party of three lighthouse tenders and two launches that left here this morning at 9 o'clock and returned 11 hours later, was unable to answer that question tonight.

He said that possibly Anderson had slipped and fallen overboard and had been unable to overtake the boat, whose sail was found up and whose engine might have been running.

Anderson was returning to Sombrero with provisions, after having passed his vacation here. At 8 o'clock this morning Demeritt received word that the station boat, in which Anderson left here had been found with her sail up off Loggerhead Key, 18 miles away. An hour later the lighthouse tenders Ivey, Poinsettia and Poppy and two service launches left here to search for Anderson.

Demeritt said that the boats carefully covered a stretch of water 30 miles long and extending in width from the shore to the reef during the day, but no trace of Anderson was found. The station boat was found at Spanish harbor and was towed back to this city by the Poppy. The boat's unreefed sail and her generally good condition showed that Anderson had not met with any heavy winds.

On the seat in the cockpit was found his pipe, freshly filled with tobacco and a box of matches, and it is presumed that he was about to light the pipe when something happened. Anderson, who was 58, had worked a year in the revenue cutter service, 12 in the marine hospital, seven in the navy and 10 in the lighthouse service.

To accompany Report re John Anderson, dated Sept. 19, 1923.

W.W.D.

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 SEP 21 PM

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Lighthouse Tender POPPY,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 19, 1923

Copy for Buell

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:-

I wish to make the following report of the Tender Poppy for September 18, 1923, while searching for power boat No. 4 and Asst. Keeper John Anderson.

At 9:00 A. M. Superintendent of Lighthouses, Wm. W. Demeritt received a telephone message thru Key West Light Station from the agent of the Florida East Coast Ry., Co. here, stating that he had a report by telephone from Big Pine Key, Fla., that the U. S. L. H. Power Boat No. 4 had been picked up by a launch and towed to anchor at Spanish Harbor Key, Fla. and that there was no one on board of her also there was considerable groceries and supplies on board.

I was immediately notified to have the Tender Poppy ready to sail in search of this boat and keeper. I immediately procured a lunch for two laborers from this depot, depot mechanic and myself and 18 minutes later was leaving this wharf for this trip. At 9:18 A.M. the Tender Poppy left Key West Depot wharf for Spanish Harbor Key, Fla, via Hawk channel, I having been a former Lighthouse keeper and having traveled this same route many times going to and from my Station, I began a thorough search in and about the Keys, zigzaging back and forth in the hopes of finding Keeper John Anderson, Keeping a strict lookout and examining everything seen floating or that looked as if it would lead on to some discovery of him. This was kept up until I reached Spanish Harbor Key at 1:35 P. M. when I saw Power Boat No. 4 securely anchored. I then set out in my small boat and went over to her, first landing on the Key in hopes of seeing someone that could give me some information but there was no one to be found so we walked along the rail road grade for about 500 yds. and still saw no one. Right here is where, if I had had a portable telephone set, I could have communicated with the office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses and gathered any information they might have had for me and at the same time given them the information I had found. I could also have communicated along the Keys and might have found some important information, as I was within an arms length of reaching the telephone wires where I was at on the viaduct. I then went aboard of the boat and found that one of her anchors and hawser were missing and when I opened her cover from over the cockpit I saw the pipe and tobacco used by Anderson, lying on the seat. The forward part of the boat had groceries and other supplies, also his lunch and thermos bottle, which had not been used. I then procured a little gasoline from the carburetor and primed the engine, which started the first time I turned the fly wheel over. I then ran her back to where the Tender POPPY was anchored and took this boat in tow with the Tender POPPY, bound for the nearest place, which was American Shoal Light Station 15 miles distant, to telephone to the Superintendent of Lighthouses. While in

route I saw the Tender IVY, approaching from the westward, thru the Hawk Channel. I then headed for her and reported what I had found. The Superintendent of Lighthouses being aboard the IVY, ordered me to proceed back to Key West with Power Boat No. 4 in tow, keeping a good watch out in case of anything new showing up. This was done until I moored at Key West Depot wharf at 7:30 P. M. last night.

Respectfully,

E. H. Loper

Depot Keeper,
Comdg. Lighthouse Tender Poppy

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Florida, September 22, 1923.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

This office regrets to report the death ~~Herewith is transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

CHIEF CLERK

Name, John Anderson — Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Florida — Station, Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida.

Salary, $840.00 per annum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 26 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~
The last day of service of this employee was September 17, 1923.
This employee has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate. (3 days)

Remarks: Mr. Anderson was drowned evidently while en route to his station in the station motor boat on September 17, 1923. He entered upon duty in the Lighthouse Service December 1, 1913, and in view of the manner in which he came to his death it is recommended that no deduction be made on account of excess leave taken.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 27 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

9/27/23.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, for his information. The Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's above recommendation, and so recommends.

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U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

September 27, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of September 25, 1923, the Department has waived the regulation relative to excess leave in the case of John Anderson, deceased, late a keeper at $840 per annum at Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, whose last day of service was September 17, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. [illegible]

[illegible]

1. Anderson (Surname) John (Given name) (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouse,
4. Field Service Lighthouse,
5. (a) Field Station 7th Lighthouse District,
   (b) Subdivision Sombrero Key Light Station,
   (c) City or town Key West, State Florida.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper,
7. Customary office title Lt. Asst. Keeper.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

(Nominally on duty 24 hours a day)

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day 24 hours; per week 7 days
   (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 6 p.m. to midnight m. to midnight or 6 a.m. 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 $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 360.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 360.00 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
   Forty-five cents per day, 365 days = $164.25 - Rations
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 Uniforms; annual cost, $ 20.00
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 Self educated about 7th grade.
   (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
(1) Scaling, cleaning and painting iron light station	36
(2) Cleaning illuminating apparatus and quarters, preparing meals, making minor repairs	20
(3) Night watches	44

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

His work is supervised by the keeper, and in his absence by the 1st assistant keeper. The station is also inspected periodically by the Superintendent or his representative, and at such times the condition of quarters, cleanliness, appearance, fitness, etc., are noted.

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? 4 1/2 years

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

MAY 21, 1923.
(Date)

Wm. M. Demerritt
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

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

(Inaccessible)

(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		5th grade essential.

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Boating at least one year.

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 $ [illegible] to $ 1200.00

MAY 21, 1923.
(Date)

Wm. M. Demerritt
(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Title)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FILES

ANDERSON, JOHN

ANDERSON, JOHN

Keeper 7th Dist

Ans. Sept. 17, 1923

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 17 1913 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Key West, Fla., (City.) November 13 (Date.), 1913.

Action recommended, probationary appointment.

Name, John Anderson.

Position, 2d Asst. Keeper.

Location, Sand Key Lightstation, Fla.

Effective December 1,1913.

Legal residence, Key West,Fla.

Salary, $480 A.

Appropriation, Salaries,L.H.Keepers.

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

Former position, ----

Location, ----

Former salary,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Asst.Kpr. Percentage, 84. , Other eligibles considered: **Benson Sawyer F.R.;Danielsen C; A.B.Sawyer A.**

Previous incumbent, Robert B. Knowles. Services terminated, Nov. 30,1913.

Reason, Resigned.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 15 1913, 191

E. H. Thurman Jr.
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

D. Merritt
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 17 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

Mr. John Anderson, November 18, 1913.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second 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.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. BEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Robert B. Knowles.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Inspection of your station during the six months ending December 31, 1913, having shown the same to be in an exceptionally clean, orderly, and efficient condition, the Seventh Inspector takes pleasure in issuing in recognition thereof, and in accordance with the Regulations, this letter of commendation for general efficiency during the period named.

(Signed) Demeritt

Inspector.

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Rebecca Shoal:	T.M. Kelly, J.P.Roberts, Jr., T. L. Kelly.
Sand Key:	C.S. Johnson, H. A. Pierce, J. Anderson.
Garparilla Is.:	W. Bester, J. T. Williams.
Cedar Keys:	C.H. Gardner, S. C. Gardner.

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July 10, 1914, 7th Inspr. commended following keepers and asst.keepers.
See file Chas. G. Johnson.

John Anderson
Wm. T. Stran
Richard C. Roberts
R. S. Russell
S. D. Johnson
Mary E. Bethel
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9/18/23 gd to Dept

Key West, Fla., Sept. 18th. 1923.

LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D.C.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
September 18, 1923.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Keeper

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Appreciation.

September 19, 1923.

Commandant, Gulf Division U.S.Coast Guard,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:-

1. This office desires to express its appreciation of your cooperation yesterday in loaning your portable telephone set and the services of your linesman in connection with the search for Mr. John Anderson, the Missing lighthouse keeper. Be assured that this office is ever ready and willing to reciprocate.

Respectfully,

W. W. Kennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C., for his information.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
September 21, 1923.

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oon a black launch towed U.S.L.H.S. 4, the boat be-
y Light Station, to an anchorage at Spanish Harbor.
s been unable to locate the parties who towed the boat
ay have been one of your launches I am making this in-

to find out all the particulars concerning the finding
ound, was sail up, engine running, boat anchored, etc?
from this office went aboard of the boat at Spanish
d line were missing, the switch on ignition system was
asoline was turned on and the oil cups were open, as
n shut down. All of the keeper's groceries, personal
ere found in the boat. The only thing missing was one

t one of your launches that towed this boat in, would
round there and see if you can assist us in locating
taining the information. Thanking you in advance for
you may be able to obtain for us, I am,

Respectfully,

Wm W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. for his information.
Miami Herald of the 20th also attached. WWD.

HERALD 1E

LIGHTHOUSE EMPLOYE IS BELIEVED DROWNED

John Anderson Thought to Have Fallen Overboard While Throwing Out Anchor.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

KEY WEST, Fla., Sept. 19.—Did John Anderson, the assistant keeper at the Sombrero lighthouse, who mysteriously disappeared while on his way to the light from this city fall, overboard while throwing an anchor into the sea and was so bdly injured that he was drowned or was unable to regain the boat after he fell into the water?

That theory is entertained as a possibility by lighthouse officials here, in view of the fact that one of the two anchors on Anderson's boat is missing. It was explained that the end of the rope attached to one of the two anchors a station boat carries is not fastened to the samson post, and that the tying is generally done after the boat brings up. It is possible then, it was pointed out, that Anderson's feet got tangled in the hawser and he went over with it.

The fact that the sail was up does not detract from the plausibility of the theory, because many seamen luff their boats up into the wind and throw over their anchors before letting down the sail. It is for that reason also that the theory is entertained that, even if Anderson was not injured when he fell into the sea, the sail might have filled and he was unable to get back into the boat. The officials added that that view is purely suppositious, because nothing definite is known about the way in which Anderson was lost, but the fact that everything else was in the boat, including $40 worth of provisions, lends force to the view. It was declared, that the missing anchor might have had something to do with his disappearance.

SUPT. WILLIAM W. DEMERITT, of the lighthouse service in this district, is trying to find the man or men who towed the station boat from Loggerhead Key to Spanish Harbor, where she was found by the searching party and brought back to this city. Mr. Demeritt believes that the explanation of the men, as to the condition of the boat when she was picked up, may possibly throw some light on the mystery. While the report of her finding said that the sail was up at the

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT

September 25, 1923.

September 19, 1923.

Subject: 7th Supt's. letter, Sept. 19, 1923, John Anderson, 2nd asst., kpr., Sombrero Key L. S., missing.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Further report will be submitted when received.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Referring to telegram from this office of [illegible] 1923, reporting that John Anderson, 2d Asst. Keeper of Sombrero Key L.S., Fla., was [illegible]

I have to report that early on the morning of the 18th instant a telephone message was received at the Key West Light Station stating that light station boat #4 had been picked up adrift and towed to Spanish Harbor where the boat was then anchored. This message was transmitted to the Depot where I was at the time. Steps were immediately taken to search for the missing keeper and to get the boat and tow it back to Key West.

2. The tender POPPY with the depot keeper in charge and with the depot mechanic and two laborers left headquarters within 20 minutes after the information was received. The cargo boat and the launch from the IVY left shortly thereafter. The POINSETTIA was delayed a short while completing repairs to engine and waiting on a portable telephone outfit and a lineman from the Coast Guard. This portable telephone outfit, not little larger than a cigar box, has two connections of incandescent lamp cord which can be slipped onto the Coast Guard telephone lines, which run over a hundred miles along the Florida Keys, bridges etc. This furnishes direct communication with light stations, and with the lighthouse office, or any where else, through the exchange at Key West. The officer in charge of the Coast Guard office expressed his regret that their small cutter [illegible] was then on the marine railway and would not be able to assist us.

3. After the small tenders, the launch and the cargo boat had left, the IVY proceeded to sea. The launch and cargo boat were to search along the Keys, the tenders to run on lines parallel thereto, so spaced as to thoroughly bring the entire area between the Keys and the Florida Keys under observation. This continued until the IVY reached the vicinity of Spanish Harbor, thirty miles from Key West, where the POPPY was observed proceeding with the boat in tow.

4. When the POPPY came within speaking distance, and reported to me, I directed Mr. Lowe to proceed to the Depot and enroute to continue a very careful search. He was also directed to convey the same instructions to the Master Mariner of the POINSETTIA, then approaching. The IVY stopped and placed on the cargo boat, and later on picked up the launch about [illegible]

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September 19, 1923.

Keeper John Anderson,
2d Asst. Keeper Sombrero Key L.S.,
missing.
9/25/23 Send to Dept.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

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miles from Key West, which point they had reached when one of the connecting rod crank pin brasses broke. The IVY continued the search on the way back to Key West, arriving at the Depot after dark, without having been able to obtain any information about the missing keeper.

6. Report from Mr. Lopez, who was commanding the POPPY and who recovered the boat, is herewith for Bureau information. A careful examination ofthe boat this morning disclosed that everything was systematically stored away and in place. His pipe and tobacco was on the seat in the cockpit where they usually set to steer. His lunch was untouched and his thermos bottle containing coffee was full, and still hot, he had not taken any of it. His pocket book with money in it was found, it also contained some receipts and a small chart, that he had evidently made, showing the anchorage enroute from Key West to Sombrero Key Light, the shoals etc. His personal effects were turned over to Mrs. Anderson and at her request the groceries were returned to grocer.

7. Mr. Anderson was in to see me Saturday morning and stated that he would leave here, enroute back to his station, on Monday. At that time I reminded him not to leave port if the weather was unfavorable and told him that should he be between Key West and his station and there was evidence of the approach of a storm and he could not return to Key West then to make the best anchorage that the could, secure the boat and look out for himself, possibly seeking shelter in some of the dwellings on the Keys. Mr. Haskins was present at the time.

8, Monday morning the weather being favorable Anderson left as schedule and he was observed passing the Depot, going along nicely. The next report comes from American Shoal where the boat was observed inshore about 4 o'clock with sail set, then when they went up into the lantern to light up they saw the boat in about the same locality and they saw a black launch take it in tow; so they assumed that he had been having engine troubles and the launch was towing him in to theanchorage.

9. I have been unable yet to locate the parties who picked the boat up, but as one anchor and line is missing and from the condition in which the engine was found - gasoline turned on, oil cups open and switch open, it is probable that he decided to stop for lunch. He pulled his switch, then brought the boat up in the wind and ran forward to throw over his anchor, in doing so it is possible that he went over with it and all of the rope followed him. The bitter end of the rope may not have been tied to the mast or elsewhere, so the boat drifted away from him. It is also reported that he could not swim. However, this is unusual as he was a Norwegian sailer and spent most of his life on the water or in employment along the water front, at the Naval Station, Quarantine Station at Dry Tortugas etc.

10. Further report will be submitted on receipt of additional information.

Wm. W. Vincent
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.
September 26, 1923.

John Anderson -
Salary due.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Herewith for reference to the Comptroller for approval or disapproval is voucher for $58.65, representing the amount earned by John Anderson, 2d Assistant Keeper, Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, up to September 17, 1923, the date he was drowned at sea.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
September 29, 1923.

Returned to Superintendent of Light ouses, Key West, Fla., with request that this voucher be signed by Mrs. Anderson and then returned to this office when the same will be presented to the Comptroller. This office desires that the voucher be signed by the person to whom payment is to be made as well as by the Disbursing Officer. who will make payment, before submission for approval. Notation should be made of the change in the name of the payee.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of September 4 25, 1923, the Department has waived the regulation relative to excess leave in the case of John Anderson, deceased, late a keeper at $840 per annum at Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida, whose last day of service was September 17, 1923.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 7th Supt.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
November 15, 1923.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., for his information and proper action in accordance with indorsement from the Comptroller General dated November 8, 1923.. Return all papers with your reply.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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The Bureau of Lighthouses:

There is returned herewith affidavit covering services of John Anderson, deceased, together with communication from the Comptroller General. Pleasengive this matter the necessary attention.

Disbursing Clerk.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
November 15, 1923.

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J. S. CONDRY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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1st Endorsement.

General Accounting Office, Nov. 8, 1923.
To: C.E. Molster, Disbursing Clerk, Department of Commerce.

Returned herewith is voucher in the amount of $58.65, and accompanying papers relative to the estate of John Anderson, deceased, formerly an employee of the Light House Service, your department. In view of the circumstances in this case it is requested that, if she so desires, Mrs. Revah Solomon, alleged to be the only child, express her desire over her signature to have the voucher approved for payment to Mary M. Anderson, widow of decedent.

J. R. McCarl,
Comptroller General

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

November 17, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. There is inclosed certificate of Mrs. Revah Solomon as requested by first indorsement of November 8, 1923, of Comptroller General in compliance with instructions as per Bureau indorsement of November 15,1923, on Department letter of November 12, 1923.

Wm. W. Bennett
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C.
November 20, 1923.

Transmitted to Disbursing Clerk, Commerce for forwarding to the Comptroller General, attention being invited to your indorsement of November 2, 1923.

H T S
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Nav-642-ELB

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To: Personnel Officer, Bureau of Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce.

SUBJECT: ANDERSON, John - Keeper, USLHS.
Statement of Service.

1. It is requested that this bureau be furnished with a statement of service in the case of the above named man in order that he may be credited with adjusted compensation.

2. On submitted application the date and place of birth is given as 19 February 1865, in Finland, and service claimed at Sand Key Light Station, Florida, from 16 September 1918 to 30 June 1919.

was station transferred? W.R.S.

W. R. SHOEMAKER,
Chief of Bureau.

C. B. Hatch,
By Direction.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 6 - 1925

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

For verification and return. Statement should include service between April 11, 1917 and July 1, 1919.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 12, 1925.

SUBJECT: ANDERSON, John - Keeper, USLHS - Statement of Service.
(Bu.Nav.Navy Dept.let. 2/26/25,Bu.Lt-Hs.end.to7th Dist. 3/6/25.)

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses. The date, place of birth and service of John Anderson as shown in letter from the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, 26 February 1925,are verified by the records of this office.

2. Mr. Anderson was lost at sea September 17, 1925 while proceeding to his station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H B Haskins
Asst. Superintendent.

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. March 16, 1925.
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Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla., with advice that Executive Order No. 2588 of April 11, 1917 transferring light stations to the service and jurisdiction of the Navy Department, does not contain the name of Sand Key Light Station, Fla., and you are requested to advise the Bureau of the authority and date transferred in order that the Bureau can make proper report to the Navy Department in corroborating Anderson's service.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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