2 folders

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Armstrong Thomas J **DOB:** 1866

Records checked:

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

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

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

AND

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

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

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

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service Area: _____ positive negative

ARCIS: _____ Area: _____ positive negative

Notes: _____

CORRECTED COPY

Form No. 2661A
Form approved by
Comptroller General U. S.
April 13, 1934

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

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

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, U. S. COAST GUARD

Appropriation: 1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943

Unit Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*,

To Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Retired, Deceased. Retired
(Name)

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

(Address)

Total years of service _____

Pay period, duty, or grade [illegible]

Monthly rate of pay $119.86
(Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—
From 3-1 *19*43, *to* 3-21 *19*43
(Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	83.90	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	83.90	

CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited Victory Tax	2.40	
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES $	2.40	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	83.90	
Less—Total Charges, $ Amt. retained TOTAL $	2.40	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	81.50	

REMARKS: Died: 3-21-43. Last paid for period 1-28 February, 1943 on D. O. Vou. No. 73, settled in the February, 1943 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. Navy, Symbol 55-152.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)
21-125
1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)
Differences _____
Account verified; correct for $ 81.50

(Signature or initials) [illegible] 10-8-43

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

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

_____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Retired, Deceased.
(Date) (Name) (Official designation)

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

Approved for $_____

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

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934 2—895a

Form 89 A

89429

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

Copy to Comdr Herndon

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

D. O. Vou. No. .....

PAID BY O.P.M. McCLOW S. D. A. (Navy) Symbol No. 55-040

Claim No. ~~1137111~~

WASHINGTON 25, ~~June 17, 1944~~ (Date)

CERTIFICATE No. 0833706

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

~~Treasurer of the United States,~~
Washington, D. C.

(See directions below)

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

TWO AND 40/100 Dollars ($ ~~2.40~~)

on account of

an amount omitted on Certificate of Settlement No. 0764977, dated November 24, 1943. (U. S. Coast Guard, PMM, CG-75)

1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943

For credit to:
"17F5859 Special Deposits, Victory Tax Withheld from Salaries of Federal Employees, Navy Department"

This action is taken to credit the Victory Tax fund with the proper deduction from salary for the account of Thomas J. Armstrong, c/o Amber D. Fulp, 919 So. Lombard, Oak Park, Illinois.

No record of ret. 7 Ret. H.

To: Disbursing Officer,
Coast Guard Headquarters.

MEMORANDUM

Navy Hdtrs.

198218

JUN 30 1944

$51.36

Copy for Administrative Office

16—23452-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Revised Form No. 1096
Approved by Comptroller General U. S.
June 25, 1936

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHER DEDUCTIONS

Schedule No. 12433
Sheet No.
June 17, 1944
(Date)

General Accounting Office (For Navy Department)
(Department or Establishment) (Bureau or Office)

Made by Disbursing Officer Coast Guard Headquarters Washington, D. C.
(Name) (Title) (Station)

Period June 1944
(Month or quarter ended)

D. O. Symbol No.

D. O. Voucher Number	Bureau or Office Voucher Number	Appropriation and/or Fund to be Credited (Symbol and title in full)	Amount of Deduction	Remarks
89429	Ctf. No. 0833706	"1775859 Special Deposits, Victory Tax Withheld from Salaries of Federal Employees, Navy Department"	$2.40	
		Total,	$2.40	

The accountable officer will deposit the total amount shown in the column headed "Amount of Deduction."

W. F. Hamet
(Signature of approving officer)
Claims Division

Deposit(s) with Treasurer, U. S.:

Check No. 198218, dated JUN 30 1944, for $51.36; C/D No. ____, dated ____

Check No. ____, dated ____, for $____; C/D No. ____, dated ____

acr

10—2233

706-T.J. Armstrong

CORRECTED COPY

Form No. 2661A
Form approved by Comptroller General U. S. April 13, 1934

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

Pd. 12/8/43 Vou. 32734
by O.F. McClow
55-040
Ck 13947C 81.50

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

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, U. S. COAST GUARD

FILED A.W.S.

Appropriation: 1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943

Unit: Headquarters Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, Dr.,

To Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Retired, Deceased (Name) Retired widow of

(Designation), U. S. Coast Guard

919 S. Lombard Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois (Ill.) (Address)

Total years of service: FILED

Pay period, rate, or grade: A.W.S.

Monthly rate of pay: $119.86 (Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances— From 3-1, 1943, to 3-21, 1943 (Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	83.90	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	83.90	
CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited ### Victory Tax	2.40	
Sundry charges and adjustments		
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		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	83.90	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $	2.40	
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	81.50	

REMARKS: Died: 3-21-43. Last paid for period 1-28 February, 1943 on D. O. Vou. No. 73, settled in the February, 1943 account of C. L. Herndon, S.D.A. Navy, Symbol 55-152.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

GWR H.M.C.

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)
051-97
~~21-125~~ 129
1200

(Payee will NOT use this space)
Differences
Account verified; correct for $ 81.50
(Signature or initials) [illegible]

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

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

, 19 (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Retired, Deceased. (Name) (Official designation)

3 April, 1943

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

Approved for $

Date 81.50, 19

(MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN)

Commanding, District Commander.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1934 2—895a

10-11-43

J. R. HINNANT, Lieut. Comd.

Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LT
132/B

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Twelfth DISTRICT,

Chicago, June 12 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Change in compensation of

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong Legal residence, Michigan.

Position, Keeper Salary, $624.00 per annum

Location, Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Ind., Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City East Pierhead Light, Ind.

Effective July 1, 1912, or on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Same Former salary, $600.00 per annum

Location, Same.

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Himself. Services terminated, June 30, 1912.

Reason, See remarks.

Remarks: Appropriation: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses. This change in compensation is recommended as suggested in letter from this office of June 12, 1912.

W. Joyce

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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

31—2314

For basis of disapproval see Bureau letter of June 14, 1912, file No. 1643.

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

August 25, 1913.

OFFICE OF L. H. INSPECTOR, AUG 29 1913

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ☆ SEP 5 1913 ☆ DEP'T OF COMMERCE

9/17/13 - Norm of D.W. Walker & Dept
" Norm of T. J. Armstrong & Fred Dykeman & Dept

Subject: Thos. J. Armstrong & Geo. W. Marshall, increase.

Returned to Twelfth Inspector, attention being invited to Bureau Circular No. 293, of June 16, 1913, relative to section 7 of the act approved March 4, 1913, making appropriation for the legislative, etc., expenses of the Government, for the fiscal year 1914, and with request that he state whether or not the pay recommended in each case was paid during the fiscal year 1913 for the same or similar services. If so, enumerate the stations in your district at which such compensation was paid. If any change in the equipment of the stations involving additional duties on the keepers has been made in the near past, or will be made in the near future, make reference thereto in your reply.

Ebd 9/4

Dep. Commr.
Hydrog.
Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
M. C. G.
Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Office of 12th Inspector.

SFP-JL.

Chicago, Ill.
September 2, 1913.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

The pay recommended was paid during the fiscal year 1913 at the following stations having steam fog signals and where Keeper and two Assistants are employed, (same as at Old Mackinac Point, and Michigan City) Ile aux Galets, Beaver Island, North Manitou, South Manitou, Point Betsie, Manistee, Ludington, Grand Haven, Holland, Calumet Harbor, Waukegan, Kenosha, Wind Point, Milwaukee Pier, Manitowoc, Twin River Point, Pilot Island, Plum Island, St. Martin Island, Poverty Island, Seul Choix Pt. and Squaw Island.

Old Mackinac Point was changed to I.O.V. No change at Michigan City.

Norm to be effective Sept. 1, 1913.

Stoddard.

S.C.

D.

The possibility that these cases would go through the Dept is rare for the reason that the increases are not specifically based on any recent changes in equipment at the stations. We gave the Inspr opportunity prior to July 1, 1913, to bring up just such cases as these, but he did not do so. Now that July 1, 1913, has passed, I do not think that an injustice would be done these keepers by disapproving these recommendations.

Approval would raise stations one class.

Recommend disapprove.

HRW

OK for OMPt a/c I.O.V.
not a NCy at pres.
HRW 9/11

Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

[redacted] B

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Twelfth DISTRICT,

Chicago, Illinois, August 12, 1913

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 18 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 5 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF SEP DEP'T OF

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Promotion of

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong — Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624-A

Title of appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Location, Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City East Pierhead Light, Ind.

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $600-A

Location, Same.

Rank in list of eligibles, — Rating, — Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, New Position. — Services terminated,

Reason,

Remarks: It is recommended that the salary of the position of keeper at this station be increased to correspond with the salaries paid keepers in similar positions at other stations in this district. This is a three man station and has a steam operated fog signal.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Superintendent.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

HRW — September 12, 1913.

~~Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.~~ RETURNED TO THE INSPECTOR ~~disapproved~~ for the reason that there was no recent change in equipment justifying the increase at this time. Your recommendation to increase the pay of the keeper of Old Mackinac Point light has been forwarded to the Department recommended for approval in view of the fact that the illuminant of that light was to be changed to I.O.V. Report date of change in illuminant of that light. Department action will be communicated to you in due time.

Acting Commissioner.

~~Strike out the clause which does not apply.~~

11—2314

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House. 2. Where employed Michigan City East Pierhead, Michigan City Breakwater, and Michigan City West Pierhead Light-Stations, Ind.
3. Name Thomas J. Armstrong. 4. Where born Michigan.
5. Age ~~42~~ 43 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $600.00 pa. 8. When appointed (*a*) August 28, 1890. Oath Sept. 24, 1890.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from: State Michigan, Congressional District 11th, County Grand Traverse.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Has charge of station. With two assistants operates steam fog-signal, attends to three lights, and keeps residence, signal and light towers in condition as to painting, etc. Keeps station records and makes reports. Handles row boats.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Good; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Good
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*)

Waldgan

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector, 9th Light-House District.
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 1, 1909.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

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

1. Name Thomas J. Armstrong 2. Age 45 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $600.00 p.a. 6. Where employed Michigan City East Pierhead Light-Station, Michigan City Breakwater and Michigan City West Pierhead lights, Ind.

7. When appointed (*a*) Aug. 28, 1890. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Has charge of station consisting of three lights and steam fog-signal, with two assistants. Station closed three months.

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

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
10	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0

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

Routine.
Manifests interest to the extent of working overtime.

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

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. $624.00 per annum (Rate paid at other similar stations)

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

20. Remarks: (e)

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

COMMANDER, U. S. N.,
INSPECTOR, 12th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

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

11—4259

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SFP-LMM

LIGHT DEC 24 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Twelfth DISTRICT,

Milwaukee, Wis., December 21, 1915
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Change of Pay,

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong, Legal residence, Indiana

Position, Keeper, Salary, $636.00 per annum

Location, Michigan City E.Phd.Light Station, Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City West Pierhead Light, Indiana. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 1, 1916. {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper, Former salary, $600-A.

Location, Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City West Pierhead Light, Indiana.

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Bureau letter of Dec. 17, 1915.

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

Stoddard
Inspector, 12th Dist.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

'Strike out the clause which does not apply.

11—2314

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF
L. H. INSPECTOR.
JAN 3 1916
12th District

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Michigan City Light Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

Dec 31st. 1915

LIGHT
JAN 5 1916
HOUSE

Lighthouse Inspector,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:

I respectfully wish to thank the Lighthouse Commissioner, and the Lighthouse Inspector, for the additional raise in the Keepers Salarys at this Station.

Both the Keeper and their familys appreciate it very much.

A happy new years greeting from us all.

Respectfully,
Thomas J Armstrong,
Keeper.

Office of Inspector, 12th Dist.,
Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 3, 1916.

Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.

Stoddard
Inspector, 12th District.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chs. Clk.
Dist. Comdr.
Comdr.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 7 1916
HOUSES

January 4, 1916.

Thomas J. Armstrong,

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 ~~Six Hundred and Thirty-six~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

GAO June 1, 1916

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Michigan.

11—1393

2-11-1916
Commended.

LIGHT
FEB 4 1916
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Twelfth District

MICHIGAN CITY LIGHT STATION

February 1, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SECRETARY
FEB 11 1916

Sir:

On January 21, 1916, Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Fred Dykeman, 2nd Assistant Keeper of Michigan City Light Station, and James Mackian, ~~1st~~ 1BB Assistant Keeper of Calumet Pierhead Light Station, and others, assisted in helping to release the fish tug EAGLE out of the ice, where she had been stuck for two hours or more at the entrance of the harbor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) THOMAS J. ARMSTRONG

Keeper

Hydrog.
~~Engr. Cons.~~
~~Mar. Engr.~~
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
~~Contracts~~
~~Chf. Clk.~~
~~Engr. Claims.~~
~~Constr.~~

Dept commended
Kpr 2 cases
2 AK Mdcly } 1 case
1 AK Cal Phd }

Office of Inspector, 12th Dist.
Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 2, 1916.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information and files. In my opinion the trying conditions under which this service was rendered is deserving of commendation by the Department.

Stoddard

Inspector, 12th Dist.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

2-11-1916
commended.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
FEB 4 1916
HOUSES

TWELFTH DISTRICT

Michigan City Light-Station
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

Feb 1st, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector,
Milwaukee Wis.

SECRETARY
FEB 11 1916

Sir:

I respectfully wish to make a report that I should have done before but neglected to do so. On July 14th 1915 about 4:8 PM. a heavy rain Squall came up from the N. and caught two men out on the breakwater fishing. they did not realize the danger they were in till they started for shore. I was on duty at the fog-signal and was just in the act to start fire in my boiler. when I heard a cry for help, I ran to the door and opened it, the rain then was just poring down, and the wind blowing a gale from the West, I heard the cryes again for help. Then I saw a small metalic row boat nearly full of water, with two men in it about 100 ft S W of the building. I ran back in and got a heaving line, and got it to them as soon as I could in the storme. the boat then was about 300 ft South of the building and close to the pier. they just got a hold of the line when the heavy sea and current took the submerged boat from under them, it was a small metalic row boat and would not hold the two men up after it got full of water.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TWELFTH DISTRICT

FEB 2 - 1916

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(Depot, Vessel, or Station)

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So I had the two men hanging on to the line, and all I could do alone was to keep the men from sinking. So I told them to hang on, if they possibly could, till I got another line and some help, so I made the line fast around a post, and soon back to the fog-signal, got another line, and three men that were in the building out of the storm, we got back to the two men that were hanging on to the line, just as one of them let go, but his partner held him up, while I droped the other line over his head and sholders, and got it under his arms, then we pulled him up over the side of the pier, which is 8 ft high, and done the same with the other man, then hustled them back to the fog-signal, and done what I could for them, till the coast-guards got out. These men would have drown, if I had not heard their cry for help, and went to their assistance as soon as I did, as they could not swim, no one else saw or heard them, and no way for them to help them selves. one of the men was Rev. O. Sauers of Michigan city, and his brother in-law a School teacher, who was here visiting.

Respectfully
Thomas J Armstrong Keeper

JEL

LIGHT
FEB 1 1916
HOUSES

FEB 1 1 1916

Jan. 21

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you on January 21, 1916, in assisting to release the tug EAGLE from the ice at the entrance to the harbor at Michigan City, Indiana, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper,
Michigan City East Pierhead light station, Indiana.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by ..... Sec'y .....

Mailed FEB 11 1916 by .....

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

FEB 1 1 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Milwaukee, Wis.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner: Copies of similar letter* 2d. Asst. Keeper, Fred Dykeman, and assistant keeper, Jamie E. Mackeim are inclosed. Re your report of February 2, 1916.

J C
Chief Clerk.

*dated Jan. 21, 1916

JEL

February 12, 1916.

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

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On February 11, 1916, the Secretary of Commerce commended Thomas J. Armstrong, and Fred Dykeman, keeper and second assistant keeper of Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Indiana, and James E. Muckian, assistant keeper of Calumet Pierhead Light Station, Ill., for the service rendered in assisting to release the tug EAGLE from the ice at the entrance to the harbor at Michigan City, Indiana.

JEL

February 12, 1916.

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

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On February 11, 1916, the Secretary of Commerce commended Thomas J. Armstrong, keeper of Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Ind., for the rescue of two men who were in danger of drowning in the vicinity of Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Ind.

HE:EL

Aug. 16

AUG 25 1916

LIGHT
AUG 25 1916
HOUSES

Sir:

Referring to the report of assistance rendered by you on August 16, 1916, in connection with the rescue of a boy from drowning in the vicinity of your station, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.
Acting Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,
Keeper, Michigan City Light Station, Ind.
(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Bureau's files

E. F. SWEET

Exact copy as signed by
Mailed AUG 25 1916 by

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,

AUG 25 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See yours
indorsement of Aug. 18, 1916.

Acting Commissioner

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

SFP-GHA
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Assistance
rendered.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 21 1916
HOUSES

LIGHT
AUG 25 1916
HOUSES

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Comptr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Aug. 19, 1916.

Aug. 1916, Commended.

Noted Ltr
8/21/16.

Dept Commend
JCB Aug 24

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

The enclosed newspaper clipping was received today, and should be attached to letter of Aug. 18, 1916 on the same subject.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Superintendent, 12th District.

CAPT. ARMSTRONG A HERO.

Lighthouse Keeper Dives Into Harbor and Rescues Boy.

Captain Thomas Armstrong, lighthouse keeper, performed a heroic act last evening when he rescued a boy from the harbor. While riding his wheel the lad went down the hill leading from the lighthouse residence, and, unable to stop, wheel and boy went over the lighthouse dock into the water. Captain Armstrong was nearby and hearing the boy's cry for help hurried to the dock and realizing the youngster's predicament dived in and brought him out of the water. As soon as the boy realized he was in a place of safety he inquired for his bicycle and then Mr. Armstrong got it for him. Fearing that his mother would learn of his experience the youth did not make his name known, but he did not hesitate to express his heartfelt thanks to Captain Armstrong for saving his life.

Robert and Mary Donnelly have returned from a visit in Oak Park, Illinois.

Aug 15, 1916
Name of boy
Raymon Fuengel
Michigan City Ind.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Aug. 19, 1916.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Superintendent, 12th District.

LIGHT
AUG 21 1916
HOUSES

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AUG 25 19
HOUSES

COPY

Michigan City Light Station,

Aug. 16th, 1916.

August 14 16 - Commended

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comnr.
Commy.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:

I respectfully report that on the eve of the 15th day of Aug. about 6:30 P.M., while I was out sprinkling the lawn near dwelling, a little boy came riding along on his bicycle, and when he got near the edge of the lighthouse reservation dock, he lost his balance in some way and fell into the harbor with the bicycle. I heard the splash; I ran down to the edge of the dock, and I just saw the little fellow's hands disappearing under the water. I jumped in and rescued the boy from drowning, and then made a grapple, and rescued the bicycle.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Thomas J. Armstrong,
Keeper.

Office of Inspector, 12th Dist., Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 18, 1916.

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses in accordance with the Regulations 1914, Par. 480. It is believed that the assistance and services rendered are worthy of commendation by the Secretary.

Stoddard

Inspector, 12th District.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MILWAUKEE WIS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 7 1920

SUPERINTENDENT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

June 5, 1920.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,
Keeper, Chicago Harbor Light Station:

1. Your letter of June 1, 1920, with reference to assistance rendered by you and Mr. C. J. Anderson, 3rd Asst., on May 30th to two men in a leaking sail boat, has been read with interest in this office.

2. In this connection it is stated that your action in towing the disabled boat to the Coast Guard Station, thus rescuing the two men, is very commendable; and a copy of this communication, as well as your letter of June 1st referred to, is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for the information contained and in order that the same might be made a portion of the official history of the Lighthouse Service.

C. H. Hubbard
Superintendent.

Mngr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

File

EHCL.

June 5, 1920.

COPY to Commissioner of Lighthouses for the information of the Bureau, together with original letter of June 1, 1920, referred to above.

Special commendation in this case is not recommended.

C. H. Hubbard
Superintendent.

Rept of allowance of Same full for a row boat June 3

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
12TH DISTRICT
JUN 3 1920
MILWAUKEE, WIS.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Chicago Harbor Lt Station
June 1st 1920

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Usual procedure
Cases this Kind

LIGHT
JUN 7 1920
HOUSES

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Milwaukee, Wis.

Sir:-

On May 30th 1920. The 3rd asst Kepr. heard some one hollering out on the lake, This was about 8:30 pm. and he reported same to The Kepr, we did not have steam enough on to lower the motor boat, so we lowered the row boat, and the 3rd asst Kepr. Mr C J Anderson and Thomas J Armstrong, Kepr, rowed out about one mile from Station, when we sighted a sail yacht, her canvas all down, and two men in her, one bailing water out of her as fast as he could, and the other one paddling with a small piece of board, a dead calm. we towed them in to the Coast Guard station a distance of about two miles or better no name on the Yacht, about 30 or 35 ft long This is not very much to report but it was some pull before we got into the station.

Respectfully
Thomas J Armstrong Kepr

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Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1931 OCT 14 AM 8 54
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date October 9th 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Twelfth District

Milwaukee, Wis.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective November 29, 1931 on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Armstrong
(Name)

Keeper, Chicago Hbr. Light Station
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Milwaukee, Wis. *Date* October 12, 1931

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1438.40 per annum, effective at the close of November 30, 1931.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* OCT 14 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

H. D. KING

Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Armstrong Date of birth January 20, 1866

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment	Sept.	1	1890	Nov.	29	1931	
Personnel record shows 12 years 10 mos. prior to July 1, 1903							
although this cannot be checked from other records.							
Total service 41yrs.2mos. 29days							

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: No

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim: No

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received: No

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	Nov.	30	1926	June	30	1928	$1860-A	$2950.17
"	July	1	1928	July	2	1930	1920-A	3850.67
"	July	3	1930	Nov.	29	1931	1980-A	2788.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service 5)9589.34

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1917.868

Annual rate of retired pay ($1917.868x30 × years 57536.04 ÷ 40) = 1438.40 per annum

(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931 11—10551

October 20, 1931.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Twelfth District) with retired pay at the rate of $1,438.40 per annum, effective beginning December 1, 1931.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

OCT 28 1931

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to ..... 12 Lh ..... Supt.

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U. S. COAST GUARD
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF SPEECH
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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February 20, 1940.

919 S. Lombard ave.
Oak Park Ill.

United States Coast Guard Service,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please inform me by return mail of the last known address of Mr. Thomas Armstrong?

Mr. Armstrong was at one time lighthouse keeper at South Manitou Island, Michigan, and later at Michigan City, Indiana. I understand that he retired many years ago and went to Chicago to live, but I am unable to find anyone who knows his address.

Very truly yours,

Herbert C. Weller.

Herbert C. Weller.

CP-75

27 February, 1940.

Mr. Herbert C. Weller,
University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sir:

In reference to your letter of February 20, 1940, I have to advise that the address of Mr. Thomas Armstrong, is 919 South Lombard Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.

By direction of the Commandant,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Jones,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief Personnel Officer.

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27 March, 1943.

Mrs. Thomas J. Armstrong,
919 S. Lombard Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Armstrong:

Receipt is acknowledged of your card dated 21 March, 1943, advising Headquarters of the death of your husband, Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service now United States Coast Guard, Retired, on 21 March, 1943.

At the time of death there was due the estate of Keeper Armstrong final retired pay in the amount of $81.56. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continuance of payment of any part to dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of this final retired pay are herewith enclosed.

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

When the enclosed forms have been completed, please return them to Coast Guard Headquarters.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. L. AHERN,
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

Enclosures.

Mrs. Joynes - Room 2116 2-4

U. S. COAST GUARD (11)
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8 April, 1943.

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

Sirs:

Enclosed is the claim of Mrs. Thomas J. Armstrong for the final retired pay due the estate of her husband, Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, who died on 21 March, 1943.

Funeral expenses in the amount of $590.00 have been paid by the claimant. A waiver, in lieu of a receipted bill, is attached to claim.

This claim in the amount of $81.56 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 1730900 Pay and Allowances, Coast Guard, 1943.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HINNANT,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

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8 April, 1943.

Mrs. Thomas J. Armstrong,
919 S. Lombard Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Armstrong:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of your husband, Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, who died on 21 March, 1943, has been approved for payment by this office and forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

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

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HINNANT,
Lieutenant Commander, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section.

U. S. COAST GUARD (5)
MAILED APR 9 - 1943

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Mrs. Joynes, Room 2104 2-4

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Washington, D. C.

27 March, 1943.
(date)

From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
To: Verification Section of Veterans Administration.

Subject: Service personnel, report on.

1. The following is submitted for your information:

(a) ARMSTRONG, Thomas J. (Keeper) LHS Retired
(Name) (Number) (Rating)

(b) 1 September, 1890 - Entered LHS Service
(Date of enlistment)

(c) 20 January, 1866.
(Date and place of birth)

(d) _____
(Beneficiary and address)

(e) Mrs. Thomas J. Armstrong (Wife)
(Next of kin and address)
919 S. Lombard Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

(f) 21 March, 1943.
(Date reported missing, killed, or died)

(g) 1 September, 1890 - continuous service - Retired 1 Dec. 1931.
(Prior service--dates)

(h) Comment: _____

Card noted REH.

J. L. Ahern
J. L. AHERN
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard,
Chief, Military Morale Section,
By direction.

THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC.

Death compensation or Pension - Please expedite

REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD INFORMATION
FOR USE OF--

Dependents Claims Service

May 13, 19 43

DIVISION Adjudicating SUBDIVISION Dependents SECTION 4 UNIT MBAB

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION Record Verification MAY 15 1943

It is requested that information be given on the subject checked and this sheet returned to the Veterans Administration.

Name ARMSTRONG, Thomas J.
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Rank or rating "Keeper" Lighthouse service.
Ship or Station Retired.
Date of enlistment Was in service Jan. 28, '15
Home address at time of registration for draft Mrs. Jessie Frances Armstrong 1931.
Name and address of local Draft Board 919 South Lombard Avenue, Oak Park, Ill.
Date and place of birth January 20, 1866.
Alleged disability
Treated at
Additional information Your report dated March 27, 1943 is on file. Please furnish information on attached memorandum for each period of service.

Compensation Claim No. : C 3,154,134
Converted Insurance No.: K
Term Insurance No.: T
Date of Discharge or death Retired Dec. 1, 1931.

AMM:bep

By R. D. Hinton, Director
Dependents Claims Service

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From: Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.
To: Veterans Administration

1. Name in full, with last rank or rating held
2. Date and place of birth
3. Date and place of enlistment or appointment
4. Date of entrance into active service:
5. Age at enlistment or appointment
6. Date of prior service and dates of reenlistments.
7. Home address
8. Date of desertion
9. Date of apprehension
10. Period and dates of absence from pay status
11. Present location and rank
12. Date and period of indefinite furlough
13. Date of retirement and retirement pay
14. Date, cause, place and character of all discharges
15. Date of death
16. Cause of death
17. Disability in line of duty
18. Disability result of wilful misconduct
19. Disabilities noted at enlistment
20. Medical record on active duty, to include all admissions, place and date of treatment, duty, not duty, misconduct, dental chart, etc.
21. Physical examination prior to discharge or inactive duty
22. Medical record inactive duty
23. Full transcript of pay from 19 to , 19
24. Premium deductions from 19 to , 19
25. Has final settlement been made?
26. Amount refunded
27. Under Naval control during what war, occupation, expedition, etc. and dates

BY
Commandant, United States Coast Guard

By

Veterans Administration
Form 3104-Rev. July 1938

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Adjudication Form 612
Revised March 1943

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Record Verification Subdiv
MAY 15 1943

MEMORANDUM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESIRED

Veteran's name Thomas J. Armstrong

XC No. 3,154,134

Information desired is indicated by paragraphs marked (X) below.

X (a) Copy of the record of examination at time of entrance into service.

X (b) Copy of the record of examination at time of separation from service.

X (c) Copy of all available records covering all periods of medical treatment and observation, including hospitalization.

(d) Photostatic copies of all draft records, including the questionnaire required by the Selective Service Act and the examination by the Draft Board, where indicated.

(e) Marital status, including name and address of wife or next of kin, given at each enlistment.

(f) Personal description, to include marks and scars, height, complexion, color of hair and eyes, occupation at enlistment, date and place of birth, and tracing of signature.

(g) If a Board of Officers was appointed to investigate the veteran's death, a copy of the complete report of such Board of Officers is requested. If, however, no Board of Officers was appointed, it is requested that a statement to that effect be made and the line of duty and misconduct status shown.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

DATE 22 May, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR - CHIEF, PERSONNEL RECORDS

Subj: ARMSTRONG, Thomas J., Keeper (former LHS), Retired, Deceased; medical history

1. The following is the medical history in the case of subject-named man:

No record of physical examination upon entrance into service.
No record of medical treatment.
Retired 1 December, 1931.
Died 21 March, 1943.

2. The Veterans Administration is further advised that there are no clinical records on file at Headquarters in this case.

T. LEBLANC
Lieutenant

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(PCP)
CG-CP-75

May 25, 1943

Veterans Administration
Record Verification Subdivision
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

There are returned herewith two copies of your Form 3104, Revised, in the case of Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper in the former Lighthouse Service who was retired from that Service on November 30, 1931, and who died on March 21, 1943.

According to the record Mr. Armstrong's total service was in the capacity of a civilian employee, and he did not serve at a station which was transferred to the jurisdiction of the War or Navy Departments during the period of the World War. His retirement from that Service was voluntary, and there is no record of any medical examinationsor clinical records on file.

Very truly yours,

CARL E. HERRICK,
Lt. Commander, U. S. Coast Guard Res.,
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division.

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D. O. Vou. No. 834225

CERTIFICATE OF SETTLEMENT

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

PAID BY O.T. McCLOW S. D. A. (Navy) Symbol No. 55-040

Claim No. 1137111 WASHINGTON 25, June 17, 1944 (Date)

CERTIFICATE No. 0833706

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

Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

(See directions below)

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

TWO AND 40/100 Dollars ($ 2.40)

on account of

an amount omitted on Certificate of Settlement No. 0764977, dated November 24, 1943. (U. S. Coast Guard, PHM, CG-75)

1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943

For credit to:
"17F5859 Special Deposits, Victory Tax Withheld from Salaries of Federal Employees, Navy Department"

This action is taken to credit the Victory Tax fund with the proper deduction from salary for the account of Thomas J. Armstrong, c/o Amber D. Fulp, 919 So. Lombard, Oak Park, Illinois.

To: Disbursing Officer,
Coast Guard Headquarters.

Navy Sltg

MEMORANDUM

198218 JUN 30 1944 $51.36

Copy for Administrative Office

16—23452-1 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Coast Guard Form No. 1096
Approved by Comptroller General U. S.
June 25, 1936

SCHEDULE OF VOUCHER DEDUCTIONS

Schedule No. 12433
Sheet No.
June 17, 1944
(Date)

General Accounting Office (Department or Establishment)
(For Navy Department) (Bureau or Office)

Made by Disbursing Officer (Name) Coast Guard Headquarters (Title) Washington, D. C. (Station)

Period June 1944 (Month or quarter ended)
D. O. Symbol No.

D. O. Voucher Number	Bureau or Office Voucher Number	Appropriation and/or Fund to be Credited (Symbol and title in full)	Amount of Deduction	Remarks
89423	Ctf. No. 0833706	"1775859 Special Deposits, Victory Tax Withheld from Salaries of Federal Employees, Navy Department"	$2.40	
		Total,	$2.40	

The accountable officer will deposit the total amount shown in the column headed "Amount of Deduction."

W. F. Hamet
(Signature of approving officer)
Claims Division

Deposit(s) with Treasurer, U. S.:

Check No. 198218, dated JUN 30 1944, for $51.36; C/D No. ____, dated ____

Check No. ____, dated ____, for $____; C/D No. ____, dated ____

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(FA-AR)
CG-75

14 October, 1943

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of 17 September, 1943, (Misc-1137111-OFS), relative to claim for final pay due the estate of Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, Retired, deceased, former Lighthouse Service, you are advised that the deduction made for Victory Tax in the amount of $2.34 was erroneously computed.

A corrected claim has been prepared for forwarding to the claimant, showing the amount of $2.40 deducted for Victory Tax, and the net amount of $81.50 to be paid as final pay due.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

C. L. HERNDON
Lieutenant, USCG
Allotment Disbursing Officer

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CG-75

14 October, 1943

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Replying to your letter of 17 September, 1943, (Misc-137111-OFS), please be advised that there is inclosed corrected Form No. 2661 showing the adjusted amount of retired pay due the estate of Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now U. S. Coast Guard, retired, in the amount of $81.50. The claim for the final retired pay due in this case was originally forwarded to you with Headquarters' letter of 8 April, 1943.

The appropriation to be charged is "1730910 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1943".

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

J. R. HINNANT
Lieutenant Commander, USCG
Chief, Military Morale Div.

Incl
Form 2661

U. S. COAST GUARD (5)
OCT 15 1943

BSJ:mjm return to 2-4

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Armstrong, Thos. J. (Name)

Ind. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	Position fr. Treasury	$ 600	L.H. - South Manitou L. Sta., Mich	July 1, 1903
"		600	" Mich. City Lights, Ind.	Oct. 14, 1904
"		636	" Bkw. Lt., Mich. City N. Pkl. Lt., Ind. (E.P. hd. L.S. Mich. City)	Jan. 1, 1916
"		840	" Chicago Harbor, etc., Ill.	Aug. 20, 1918
"	Increase	1140	" "	Nov. 1, 1918
"	Red. of Pay	1380	" "	July 1, 1924
"	Act "Dec. 6, 1924	1800	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	Incr. comp.	1860	" "	
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1920	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION INCREASE IN COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1980	" "	JUL 3 1930
	Retired Dec. 1, 1931 (age)			
	Annuity $1428.40			

7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - MAR 18 1940

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. [illegible] FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. 14-980 Sheet No. 12(b)-19

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. McKelvey, Robert A. / Armstrong (Surname) Thomas (Given name) J. (Initial)

2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Chicago Harbor Light Station
(b) Subdivision
(c) City or town Chicago State Ills.

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1740-2040
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1920-A
10. Deduction for allowances $
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1920

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☐ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☐ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☐ Light ☐ Fuel ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost Uniform-$35.00

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From [illegible] m. to [illegible] m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer 84 Winter 96 (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day ; number of days per { week / month / year } (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty [illegible] case of accident or emergency requiring it, it is necessary that employee work at any hours [illegible] regularly required.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months None

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) Assigns regular work and special tasks to the assistant. Preserves order and application to work thru personal presence. Makes decisions on important matters affecting the work of subordinates, which decisions do not generally or regularly require the approval of his superior.
(c) How many? Three

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

E.M.Thonton, 12(b)-18
A.H.Herbel, 12(b)-29
E.A.Keller, 12(b)-30

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.) Is guided by the "Instructions to Employees, Lighthouse Service", and by district general instructions, but works on his own responsibility without close observation by his superior. The station under his charge is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or his authorized representative, and keeper's work is subjected to review.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? C.H.Hubbard, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 12(b)-1.

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe):

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent? Four years' experience as lightkeeper. Had been four times commended for life-saving, etc.

*Composed and written by T. J. Armstrong.

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Percentage of working time

Care and operation of light: The light is lighted every night of the year at sunset and is extinguished at sunrise. The lens makes one revolution every eighty seconds, red and white flash alternating and is operated by clock work, which has to be wound up every three hours during operation. We generate our 20% own electricity with a Kohler Automatic lighting plant. Lens is thoroughly cleaned every morning with a buff skin, also plate glass outside of lens and interior of lantern cleaned and dusted.

For signal - care and operation. It is operated by air and is in operation on an average of 120 hours every month for thick fog, smoke and snow storms. 20% It requires a 20 H. P. oil engine and an air compressor to operate the fog horn which is operated on thirty pounds compressed air. This horn ~~and~~ blows six blasts every minute, while in operation. The fog horn and lights need consistent attention while in operation. The machinery that operates these aids to navigation require it and the keeper on watch is responsible.

Radiobeacon transmitters are operated on an average of 200 hours every 10% month and need constant looking after to see that everything is working properly.

Acetylene gas lights-have three of them to look after to see that they are kept in operation, clean lens and lantern once every month and oftentimes if 10% required, see that the gas tanks are changed before they are empty. Towers painted once a year.

General upkeep of station. The whole interior of station is cleaned twice a year and often, if required, is painted once a year inside and outside. The 20% station is also isolated. Keepers have to go after mail and provisions two and three times a week, have motor boat for that purpose, a distance of about two miles to go. Have to do our own cooking, stand regular watches of six hours

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Thomas J. Armstrong
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

See Item 25 attached.

Chicago Harbor Light Station, isolated, and with radio beacon transmitting machine and air diaphone, and with three unwatched lights to care for, is one of the most important stations in the District and is one of the most difficult to maintain.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since September 1,1913.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

Sept.13, 1928 (Date) — M.A.McGill (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1740 to $2040.

Sept.14, 1928 (Date) — C.H.Hubbard (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1740, to $2040

OCT 8 1928, 1928 (Date) — J. S. CONWAY (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

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"Item 23".

shifts and work on an average of twelve to fourteen hours out of every twenty four hours.

Keeper supervises all work done at the station, also stands watches and does his share of all kinds of work done at station, does all the clerical work, such as keeping daily log of station, making out monthly reports 20% of station, annual property returns and annual requisition for supplies and answers all official correspondence. Keepers have got to furnish quarters ashore for their families to live in, rents are high and it costs us $60.00 per month for rent.

Thomas J. Armstrong.

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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D #1

NAME Armstrong, Thomas J. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 12th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
1140	240	1380	ER	164.25	1544.25	LHS	7	1560	Yes	60	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23
Approved $1560

GRADE RECOMMENDED 7
RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1560 TO $1800

ONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
filled out in accordance with detailed
struction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 1

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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1. Armstrong (Surname) Thomas (Given name) J (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Servic Lighthouses
5. (a) Field Station 12th District, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
   (b) Subdivision Chicago Harbor Light & Fog Signal Sta.,
   (c) City or town Chicago State Illinois
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day eight hours; per week seven 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 ____ m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year all year
   During what months twelve
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 not any
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $1140.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $1140.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate not any
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    $.45 per day ration - $120.00 per annum included base pay for quarters
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, $35.00
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 See Q.23
    (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. Has charge of all buildings and grounds and equipment at station and has immediate charge of, and supervision over work of assistant keepers. Has charge of proper maintenance and operation of station, including state of upkeep of buildings, such as cleaning, painting, etc., of interior and exterior of all buildings, and care of grounds, and also performing minor repairs to same, all of which is inspected by superiors.....	20
2. Operates lighting equipment and fog signal apparatus - fog signal apparatus consists of duplicate set of steam boilers and machinery, actuating characteristic for fog signal whistle - the lighting equipment being of a superior type, peculiar to the requirements of the Lighthouse Service.....	30
3. Proper handling of station boats, including the making of minor repairs to hull and machinery and cleaning and painting.....	30
4. Has charge of all miscellaneous supplies necessary for conducting work of station and property records for same. Keeps routine records of station and conducts all official correspondence and submission of all monthly, etc., reports required to be submitted to official headquarters.....	20
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19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

General rules, regulations, and the ordinary routine manner of performing work only furnished; works on his own responsibility without close observation, owing to distance of his place of employment from office headquarters, but work is inspected periodically by superiors.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

Three assistants provided whose duties are to assist in performing work of station.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? September 1,1918 (approx. 4 years 8 mos.)

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

May 15th (Date), 1923. (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent (Title)

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

Employee 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	X	

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Machinery, boating, painting, carpentering.

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 $1920.00 to $2040.00

May 15th (Date), 1923. (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent, 13th Lighthouse District. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

October 20, 1931.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Twelfth District) with retired pay at the rate of $1,438.40 per annum, effective beginning December 1, 1931.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER. OCT 22 1931.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Date October 9th 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

CHIEF CLERK

1931 OCT 14 PM 2 55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 20 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

.....Twelfth..... District

.....Milwaukee, Wis.....
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective November 29, 1931 on the basis of service shown hereon.

Thomas J. Armstrong
(Name)

Keeper, Chicago Hbr. Light Station
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Milwaukee, Wis. *Date* October 12, 1931

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1438.40 per annum, effective at the close of November 30, 1931.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, OCT 14 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

9-15-31

Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 21 1931
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name Thomas J. Armstrong Date of birth January 20, 1866

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service.—Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment	Sept.	1	1890	Nov.	29	1931	
Personnel record shows 12 years 10 mos. prior to July 1, 1903							
although this cannot be checked from other records.							
Total service 41yrs.2mos. 29days							

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? no If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim: no.

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? no If so, give number of claim: no

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? no

If so, state the compensation received: no

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	Nov.	30	1926	June	30	1928	$1860-A	$2950.17
"	July	1	1928	July	2	1930	1920-A	3850.67
"	July	3	1930	Nov.	29	1931	1980-A	2788.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service 5)9589.34

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1917.868

Annual rate of retired pay ($1917.868x30 = 57536.04 years (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = 1438.40 per annum

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931 11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

Mr. T. J. Armstrong,

Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Brookhart Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 3, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

From:

To: 1920.

1980.

12th Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1860

To: $1920

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 7 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper ✓

Salary: $1800 per annum

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 12th DISTRICT,

Milwaukee, Wis. (City.) July 30, 1925 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in salary of

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong — Legal residence, Michigan

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1860-A (Range, $1620-1860)

Location, Chicago Harbor L.H.& Outer Bkw.N.W. End Lt., Ill. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 10, 1925 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.} Such date

Former position, Same — Former salary, $1800-A (Range, $1560-1800)

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, -- Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Date of birth, Jan.20, 1866.

Remarks: Submitted in accordance with Bu. ind., 7-27-25 on copy of Dept. approval, July 18, 1925, of new schedule of pay for Chicago Harbor.

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 3 - 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES AUG 3 AM 8 58 1925

CHIEF CLERK AUG 4 PM 2 34 1925

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 15 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 10 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

MM:LH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 28 1925
APPOINTMENT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 12TH DISTRICT
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

August 26, 1925

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 AUG 28 AM 8 38

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Notice of Change in Salary, dated August 5, 1925, in the case of Thomas J. Armstrong.

2. Bureau is advised that Mr. Armstrong entered on duty at the new rate of pay, $1860 per annum, on August 10, 1925

Superintendent

Chief Clerk
Chief Engr.
Insp. Cons.
Mast. Engr.
Personnel
Financial
Lt. and Prop'y
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comm'r
Comm.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 28 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. B. Bowersman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1925.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1800 per annum to $ 1860 per annum, effective August 10, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

AUG 11 1925

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 11 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Armstrong, T. J. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 1380, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 23 1924 File No. 1095/21.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

THE BASIS OF THIS ACTION BE[illegible]
DATED 11-15-18
OF 1090-12

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NOV 23 1918

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(Cross Reference)

Norris M. Works, notice dated June 24, 1918, effective date.
Norris M. Works, notice dated July 25, 1918, effective date.
Thomas J. Armstrong, notice dated Aug. 20, 1918, effective date.
Phil Sheridan, notice dated Sug. 20, 1918, effective date. Sept. 1, 1918.

See file of Works.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPER--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1918.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 636 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

Report date of effect in file of Morris M. Worker

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 20 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 73 NMW-MM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ SUPERINTENDENT, Twelfth DISTRICT,

Milwaukee, (City.) Wis., August 15 (Date.) 1918

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 17 1918

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer of

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong, Legal residence, Indiana,

Position, Keeper, Salary, $840 per annum,

Location, Chicago Harbor L.S., & Chicago Outer Bkw. N.W. End Light, Ill. Appropriation, "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,"

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

Former position, Keeper, Former salary, $636 per annum,

Location, Michigan City E. Phd. L.S., Mich. City Bkw.Lt., & Michigan City W.Phd.Lt., Ind.

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

Previous incumbent, Phil Sheridan Services will terminated, Day before Mr. Armstrong enters on duty at Chicago Harbor L.S.

Reason, Will be transferred to Michigan City E. Phd. L. S., Ind.

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Remarks:

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

In the absence and by direction of the Superintendent.

Secretary, Civil Service District. 1st Assistant Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 17 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 20 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Armstrong, Thomas J.

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse Service.

4. Designation of position:

Keeper, Michigan City.E.Phd. L.S.,
Michigan City Bkw. Lt., & Michigan City W. Phd. Lt., Ind.

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

Lighthouse Keeper.

6. Annual earnings:

$618. & $109.50 All.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ $636.-PA & $109.50 All.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 425-PA

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:
		25	10

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

Michigan.

12. Race:

W.

13. Sex:

Male.

14. Date of birth—
Month:

January

Year:

1866

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

E-8

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State:

11 Michigan

County:

Leelanau.

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—
City:

Michigan City,

State:

Indiana.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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AUG 25 1916

Sir:

Referring to the report of assistance rendered by you on August 16, 1916, in connection with the rescue of a boy from drowning in the vicinity of your station, you are commended for the assistance rendered on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

E. F. SWEET.

Acting Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong,

Keeper, Michigan City Light Station, Ind.

(Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files E. F. SWEET

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed AUG 25 1916 ..... by .....

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FEB 11 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of the service rendered by you on January 21, 1916, in assisting to release the tug EAGLE from the ice at the entrance to the harbor at Michigan City, Indiana, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper,
Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Indiana.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
Exact copy as signed by WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Mailed FEB 11 1916 by

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APPOINTMENTS
FEB 11 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of the rescue by you on July 14, 1915, of two men who were in danger of drowning in the vicinity of Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Indiana, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Secretary.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong, Keeper,
Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Indiana.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses.)

LIGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files
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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JAN 17 1916
HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 18 1916

CHIEF CLERK
JAN 18 1916

I, Thomas J. Armstrong,

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.

☞ Thomas J Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 14th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Allen J. Snook

(Official title) Justice of the Peace

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper,	$636-A	Michigan City E. Phd. L.S., Michigan City Bkw. Lt., Michigan City W. Phd. Lt., Ind.
Former[5] "	$600-A	Same.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 12th District

Milwaukee, Wis. (Address), January 15, 1916. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916. (Date)

Stoddard
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector, 12th 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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1916.

M Thomas J. Armstrong,

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 ~~Six Hundred and Thirty-six~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $600 per annum.)

ENTERED DIVISION JAN 4 - 1916 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
Legal Residence: Michigan.

CLEARANCE REPORTED JAN 1916 U. S. COMMISSION

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SFP-LMM

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Twelfth DISTRICT,

Milwaukee, Wis., (City.) December 21, (Date.) 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK DEC 28 1915

Action recommended, Change of Pay,

Name, Thomas J. Armstrong,

Legal residence, ~~Indiana~~ Mich

Position, Keeper,

Salary, $636.00 per annum

Location, Michigan City E.Phd,Light Station,Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City West Pierhead Light, Indiana.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 1, 1916. } the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS JAN 4 1916

APPOINTMENTS DEC 28 1915 4

Former position, Keeper,

Former salary, $600-A.

Location, Michigan City East Pierhead Light Station, Michigan City Breakwater Light, Michigan City West Pierhead Light, Indiana.

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Bureau letter of Dec. 17, 1915.

D.Z. DEC 16 1915

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Stoddard
Inspector, 12th Dist.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

† Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

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

1. Name Thomas J. Armstrong 2. Age 45 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position Keeper.

5. Compensation $600.00 p.a. 6. Where employed Michigan City East Pierhead Light-Station, Michigan City Breakwater and Michigan City West Pierhead lights, Ind.

7. When appointed (*a*) Aug. 28, 1890. 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive.

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

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

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) Has charge of station consisting of three lights and steam fog-signal, with two assistants. Station closed three months.

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

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15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		2	
Total		8 ~~10~~	800
Average percentage			100

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.
10	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Underpaid, compared with salaries of keepers at similar stations wi th steamfog-signal.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. (Rate paid at other similar stations) $624.00 per annum

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

20. Remarks: (e)

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

D W Bloom
COMMANDER, U.S.N.,
INSPECTOR, 12th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT.

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

G. R. Putnam
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

June 17, 1909.

Sir:

Your letter of March 8, 1909, complaining that the keepers of Michigan City Light-Station, Michigan, are engaging in private business, in competition with you, was duly received and referred to the Light-House Board for investigation.

In reply I have to inform you that the Inspector of the Ninth Light-House District, to whom the matter was referred by the Board, returned your letter with the following statement:

"I respectfully state that I have made a personal investigation of the matter complained of by Mr. Labedy, and that the facts are as follows:

The keeper and assistant keepers have not made a business of renting boats, but have accepted tips from persons they have ferried across to the pier. These persons were carried in boats built by the keepers. The principal keeper owns a private boat-house in which he hauled out a gasoline launch for the winter belonging to another person and accepted voluntary compensation therefor. The keeper has objected to boats being made fast to the Government ladders at the piers.

Mr. Labedy did not complain to the keepers about the matter, nor to the Light-House Inspector that the keepers were interfering with his business."

The keeper and assistant keepers have been directed to receive no compensation whatever for the use of their boats. It is necessary at times for them to carry passengers from the piers where they have been left by irresponsible boatmen."

Your attention is invited to the fourth paragraph of the Inspector's statement that the keeper and assistant keepers have been directed to receive no compensation whatever for the use of their boats.

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and that it is necessary at times for them to carry passengers from the piers where they have been left by irresponsible boatmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

Mr. C. E. Laboty,
Michigan City,
Indiana.
General Delivery.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House. 2. Where employed Michigan City East Pierhead, Michigan City Breakwater, and Michigan City West Pierhead Light-Stations, Ind.
3. Name Thomas J. Armstrong. 4. Where born Michigan.
5. Age ~~42~~ 43 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $600.00 pa. 8. When appointed (a) August 28, 1890. Oath September 24, 1890.
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification.
10. Appointed from — State Michigan, Congressional District 11th, County Grand Traverse. O. R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Has charge of station. With two assistants operates steam fog-signal, attends to three lights, and keeps residence, signal and light towers in condition as to painting, etc. Keeps station records and makes reports. Handles row boats.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 10/10; Quality of work (e) Good; Interest manifested in work (f) Good
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g)

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

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

June 1, 1909.

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Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector, 9th Light-House District.
Head of Bureau or Office.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Keepers, Michigan City Lt.Sta., engaged in private business.

June 1, 1909.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 2 - 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 2 1909 DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. Referring to Department endorsement of March 6, 1909, on a letter of March 2, 1909, from Mr. C. E. Labady, relative to the keepers at Michigan City Light-Station engaging in private business, and to Department letter of the 20th ultimo deferring action on the Board's request for the transfer of George H. Sheridan from that station until this charge had been investigated, the Board has the honor to return the papers indorsed to this Office and the reply of keeper of this station.

2. Under date of the 28th ultimo the Inspector returned Department letter of the 20th ultimo relative to the transfer of George H. Sheridan with the following statement:

> I respectfully state that I have made a personal investigation of the matter complained of by Mr. Labady, and that the facts are as follows:
>
> The Keeper and assistant keepers have not made a business of renting boats, but have accepted tips from persons they have ferried across to the pier. These persons were carried in boats built by the keepers. The principal keeper owns a private boathouse in which he hauled out a gasoline launch for the winter belonging to another person and accepted voluntary compensation therefor. The Keeper has objected to boats being made fast to the Government ladders at the piers.
>
> Mr. Labady did not complain to the keepers about the matter, nor to the Light-House Inspector that the keepers were interfering with his business.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED JUN 2 - 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Keeper and assistant keepers have been directed to receive no compensation whatever for the use of their boats. It is necessary at times for them to carry passengers from the piers where they have been left by irresponsible boatmen.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that Sheridan's transfer is asked effective June 1, 1909, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Respectfully,

W. T. Wilcox

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

Wrote Gen. Labadie June 17-'09

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May 20, 1909.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Ninth Inspector's recommendation of the 14th instant for the transfer of George H. Sheridan from the position of first assistant keeper of the Michigan City Lights, Indiana, to that of keeper of Kalamazoo Light-Station, Kalamazoo Pierhead and Saugatuck Lights, Michigan.

In reply the Department invites attention to a letter dated March 2, 1909, from Mr. C. E. Labady, of Michigan City, Indiana, stating that the keepers of the Michigan City Light-Station are engaged in the business of carrying people from the North pier to the outer piers, where the fog-signal station is located, for a compensation, which was referred to the Board for investigation and report on March 6, 1909, and to the Board's letter of April 17, 1909, stating that the matter was referred to the Inspector of the Ninth Light-House District, and that as soon as his reply is received the Board will at once communicate with the Department.

The Department requests that this matter be expedited as much as possible, and states that pending the receipt of the Inspector's

report, it will defer action upon Mr. Sheridan's transfer.

Respectfully,

Acting Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

(Cross Reference)
For basis of this action see
letter dated May 19-09
in file of Geo. H. Sheridan

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Keepers of Michigan City L-S. engaging in private business.

April 17, 1909.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
APR 19 1909
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department endorsement of the 6th ultimo on a letter of March 2nd, to the Department from Mr. C. E. Labady, stating that the keepers of Michigan City Light-Station, Ind., are engaging in the business of carrying people from the north pier to the outer piers, where a fog-signal ated, for a compensation, the Board has the that this matter was referred to the Inspector ight-House District, who, under date of the tated that he will make a personal investiga- tter upon his next visit to this station. As nspector's further reply is received, the Board will at once communicate with the Department.

5/10/9 Mr Burlingame stated in a memo. of the 6th inst. that the Insptr, had promised to report on this on his next inspection and he would then write the Department fully in the matter.

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Respectfully,

Lt.Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,

Engineer Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Keepers of Michigan City L-S. engaging in private business.

April 17, 1909.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department endorsement of the 6th ultimo on a letter of March 2nd, to the Department from Mr. C. E. Labady, stating that the keepers of Michigan City Light-Station, Ind., are engaging in the business of carrying people from the north pier to the outer piers, where a fog-signal station is located, for a compensation, the Board has the honor to state that this matter was referred to the Inspector of the Ninth Light-House District, who, under date of the 13th ultimo, stated that he will make a personal investigation of the matter upon his next visit to this station. As soon as the Inspector's further reply is received, the Board will at once communicate with the Department.

Respectfully,

Lt.Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,

Engineer Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
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Department of Commerce and Labor

March 17, 1909.

Memo.

Mr. Burlingame stated that the Insptr. of the 9th Dist. has replied saying that he would investigate the matter of the keepers of Michigan City etc. Station carrying passengers and would report fully to the Board, and the Board will in return report to the Department.

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Ed. 9-26-08—200,000

OFFICE OF LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR
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MAR 22 1909
NINTH DISTRICT
CHICAGO, ILL.

Enclosure.

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
MAR 17 1909
NO.

Michigan City Light-Station
March 11 Th 1909.

U. S. Light House Inspector
9Th Light House District
Chicago Ill.

Sir:-

I very respectfully must say, in regards to Mr C. C. Labadys report against me, is all spite work on this mans Labadys part. as he was one of the squatters on the Light House reservation when I took charge of this Station Oct 1904. the year following the L. H. Engineer requested me to send the names of all squatters on the reservation, and the same time notify them that they had to get off inside of 30 days. and Mr Labady was one of the the bunch, and didnt want to get off, and I had to go to him several times, and then the Light House Engineer. Major Judson was here and he went and seen him and told Labady if he didnt get off, there would be something

doing, he finly moved off, and he has had it in for me ever since, because he thinks to this day that I was the cause of him having to get off the reservation.

Since I have been in the Light House service I have not engaged in any other business what ever. I have built two row boats since I came to Michigan city. he says we are working day and night getting ready a fleet of boats. We have built one row boat this winter. and we done that more for pass time than any thing else, besides it keeps us in practice in regards to using tools, and the exercise we get out of it.

and Mr Labady states. that the Keeper went up and down the pier soliciting trade. also say I stoped people from trying up to the Government pier. I have never done never any thing of the kind. We have two ladders one on the outer Breakwater, and one by the fog-signal. which we use every day when the weather is so we can, in going to the breakwater Light, and upon return when Mr Sheridan the 1st assistant wanted to get to the

ladders with his boat so he could take care of the Light. This would be so as to row boats of Labady, and at this kind of the ladders, and it would be so that he would almost get in trouble with these people, before he could get them to take their row boats away and he did forbid the fellows to tie their boats up at the ladders we put up for our own use, so we could get up on the pris to kind of our duties, in looking after the Light. so Mr Labady got sore again at us. and so far as making a business in ferrying people to and from the Breakwater, we have not done it, we have take a few of our friends out this who would come out to the fog-signal and ask us to take them out to the breakwater people who would not patronize Mr Labady on no consideration whatever, so we didn't consider it in any of Mr Labadys affairs what ever, or neglect our own duties whatever. I have a good safe row boat I take my family out rowing in, sometimes a friend of mine will ask me if he can borrow my

boat to take his family out for a row. I never refuse them, and it makes this man Labady sore, he thinks I am taking trade away from him and the same time these people would not patronize Labady.

Mr Labady is a man that is very little patronized or thought of by the people in this City. and he thinks every move we make that we are taking trade away from him, which we do not, in any shape or form. If the Light-House Inspector had time to come over to Michigan city and get this man Labady face to face with us, I would like it very much, as I can get no satisfaction out of Labady any other way. Then you could see, what type of a man this Labady was, or is, I would like a copy of his letter, very much, and if the Light House Inspector had no objections I would have it published in the local news paper here, so the public could see what the man is. I would respectfully state if the reference that Mr Labady gives in his letter in regards to the truthfulness of his statements would be very much

surprised if they could read his letter
I think they would hesitate in regards
to the truthfulness of his letter.

If it is necessary for me to give my
references, I would refer you to the same
Gentlemen, Messrs F. C. Mills. City Mayor
Albert H. Leist. Postmaster. H. B. Ruthill
Judge. all three of this City. Mr Lem
Darrow. and J C Ritcher live in Laporte
12 miles from here, and I doubt if they
know this man Labady, I would also refer
you to the Collector of Customs, who is
also Editor of The Evening News. and Capt
Eagle, Keeper of The Life Saving station.

For the past week I have been busy
house cleaning, trying to get through before
we had to Light our Lights, for the season.
instead of building boats as Labady
reports. Hoping I have made every
thing clear.

Very Respectfully
Thomas J Armstrong
Keeper.

March 2, 1909.

Letter from Mr. C. E. Labady, of Michigan City, Indiana, stating that the keepers of the Michigan City Light-Station, Indiana, are engaged in the business of carrying people from the north pier to the outer piers, where the fog-signal station is located, for a compensation.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Office of the Secretary.

March 6, 1909.

Respectfully referred to the Light-House Board for investigation and report.

By direction of the Secretary.

Geo. W. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

March 6, 1903.

Sir:

Your letter of the 2nd instant stating that the keepers of the Michigan City, Indiana, Light-Station are engaged in the business of carrying people from the north pier to the outer piers, where the fog-signal station is located, for a compensation, in competition with you, is received, and by direction of the Secretary has been forwarded to the Light-House Board for investigation and report.

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. [illegible]
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Mr. U. E. Labady,
Michigan City,
Indiana.
General Delivery.

Thos. J. Armstrong
Geo. H. Sheridan } Keepers
E. C. Lettau

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While in the city do not miss the opportunity

to take a

LAUNCH RIDE

Way up old trail creek, almost an hour's ride

LAUNCH LEAVES PARK BOAT LIVERY, FOOT OF FRANKLIN STREET EVERY HOUR

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March 15, 1909.

2d Indorsement

Keepers of Michigan City Light-Station, Ind. engaging in private business.

Received.

Respectfully returned to the Light-House Board, together with a letter of explanation from the Keeper of Michigan City Light-Station.

Upon my next visit to this station I will make a personal investigation of the matter and report to the Board.

W. A. Edgar

Lieut.-Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector, 9th L. H. District.

Wish to furnish report

Apr. 17 09. Note Keeper.
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Department of Commerce and Labor

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Keepers of Michigan City Light-Station, Indiana: engaging in private business.

Respectfully referred to the Inspector of the Ninth Light-House District for report and return as soon as practicable.

H. T. Mayo

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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Michigan City, Ind., March 2, 1909.

Mr. A. L. Straus, Esq.,
Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am referred to you by the President through his secretary Mr. Loeb, in regard to a matter of much importance to me and mine.

I will state in the first place that I am in the "Boat Livery" business, as you will see by the enclosed card, and have been for the past twenty years or more. I build boats and rent and haul out, take care of boats and launches, and run a ferry boat back and forth to the detached break-water, or outer pier, carrying people out to fish.

The business does not amount to much, but I have about 35 row boats and two launches - one small one and one a fifty-one footer, named after the President's son, Archie Roosevelt. I am situated on the lake front in the City Park. I have about three thousand dollars invested in the business, and it is all I have, and I have some debts on that yet, and I believe it is wrong and unjust for the men in the employ of the light-house service, who get their pay every day in the year, to enter into opposition to me while they are drawing their pay from the Government. I understand they are allowed in other places, where there is no one in the boat business, and where there is no fishermen, to rent boats and to fish. There are three of them to attend to the lights and fog station, and that gives them time to do their other things and divide the money

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between them. Last year they ran a ferry to the outer piers from the end of the north pier, where the fog station is located, charging ten cents for the round trip, and even had the nerve to tell a man in my small launch that he could not land passengers there. They have a shop near the Life Saving Station, and there they keep the boats that they built last summer, and are building more boats now for the coming season. They have a launch that they have stored there for the winter, getting $25.00 for that.

There is a launch factory here, they build and haul out boats. How can any one else do business of any kind and live and meet our obligations if we must compete with some one who is under a salary from the Government, and can afford to rent and build boats with this labor that is already paid for. They can rent for anything or any price, and still continue when the other fellow is in bankruptcy, as it is a clear gain to them for the government is paying them for their time, all the time. I believe if these men are not satisfied with their work, they should quit. There are lots of men every where, who would gladly take the place, free house, free fuel and light, and twelve months pay, and eight months work, at the most. And a pay that is better than a common laborer's pay any where.

One of these men, the head keeper, even went so far as to stop people, who had one of my boats, from tying up to the government pier, and told him he was "foolish" to rent a boat, as he would take him over to the piers for ten cents. This man, the head keeper, even went so far as to run up and down the inside pier, where the fog station is, and soliciting trade, telling the people who were fishing there that he would take them over to the outer pier for ten cents. Now, my dear sir, I wish

that you would attend to this for me, as it is a matter of vital importance to me. I cannot see how it is that this great United States Government should permit its employers to enter into opposition in this way to other citizens. It is in direct opposition to all laws of reason and honest competition. In other words, it is in opposition to the anti-trust law. Now, if the light-house men in all the light-house parts, should follow the example of these men, what would be the results? After getting their outfits ready, they then could rent their boats for five cents an hour, or three hours for ten cents. Why? Because their living and family expenses being paid for, they could do this, and put every one else out of business, as the other men could not live at that price. After getting the business, then they could imitate the Standard Oil or the Steel trust, or any other trust, and raise the price on the rental of boats and control the business, and if any one else then interfered, they could cut again and so on, eventually keeping control of the business wherever they are situated so that they could handle it, and the United States Government would be standing behind them and aiding and abetting them in forming this trust or control of this business. If the trust laws say there shall be no trusts, which I believe they do, then the United States Goverrment certainly ought not to stand behind employees in any way where it is possible to give its employees an unfair advantage over any of its other citizens.

It is with some little hesitancy that I write to you at such length, but I could not see any other way to lay this before you. I sincerely hope that you will take the time to consider this in full and give it your earliest attention. As the season will open about May first, and these light-house men are working night and day getting ready a fleet of

boats for the summer.

Hoping that you will receive this all O. K., and that you will notify me, if possible, of its receipt pending such action as you will take in it, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

G E Peabody

Michigan City, Indiana,
General Delivery.

P. S. As to reference in regard as to my being and have been in this business for the last twenty years, and my truthfulness in regard to such statements as I make, I can give you the following persons as reference:- Messrs. F. C. Miller, Mayor; Postmaster Albert H. Leist; H. B. Tuthill, Judge of the Laporte Superior Court; Lem Darrow, Mayor of Laporte, Ind.; J. C. Richter, Judge of the Laporte Circuit Court, and any number of others.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

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

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

Mr Thomas John Armstrong

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Thomas J. Armstrong

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

Ann Arbor	Michigan	Leelanau	Eleventh (11)
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? South Manitou Mich.

6. When were you born? January 20th 1866.
Month. Day. Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
James D Armstrong	Brother	Commerce & Labor	Light House Service	Light House Keeper
Peter Knudsen	Brother in Law	Commerce & Labor	Light House Service	Light House Keeper
William H Budrick	Cousin	Commerce & Labor	Light House Service	1st assistant
James O Budrick	Cousin	Commerce & Labor	Light House Service	1st assistant

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

From August 28th 1890.

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

Appointed before position was classified.

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

No. none what ever.

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

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

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

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

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

Worked in Chair factory at Traverse City Mich. on machines turning out chair stock, and also at Carpenter work.

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

attended up to and through the 8th grade. High School at Traverse City Mich.

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

Carpenter,

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

none.

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

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 4th, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Thomas J Armstrong

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: South Manitou Island
City or town.

Leelanau county
~~Number and street.~~

Michigan
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded AUG 8 - 1904, 190

(Signature) P Gardy, Captain U. S. S.,

(Official title) Inspector, 9th L. H. District.

PART II.

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

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

Light-House Service. (Bureau or Service.) South Manitou, Sta Fin (Place (city, town, or station).) 9th (District.)

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

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? 15 August, 1897

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

1V years, 10 months, V days.

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

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

SALARIES OF KEEPERS OF LIGHT HOUSES, 1904.

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

Competitive

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

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

Appointed before position was classified.

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

(Signature) P. Garst, Captain, U. S. N.,

(Official title) Inspector, 9th L. H. District.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
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OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

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

Thomas J Armstrong

— Sworn — and subscribed before me, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1904

Ord. Oct. 14 04.

William H Bruce
Notary Public

My Commission expires January 18th 1908.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper	Michigan City, Lights	Michigan	Michigan

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a 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. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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Enclosure.

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong

Position: Keeper, Michigan

Life Saving Station

Dated November 2nd, 1904.

Oct 4 04 Letter

Oct 4 04 Ltr

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

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

* * * * * * *

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

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

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

* * * * * * *

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

Approved, May 13, 1884.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—ABSOLUTE DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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October 14, 1904.

Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong, of , is hereby appointed

Keeper at Michigan City Lights, Indiana ,

in the Light-House Service ,

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum ,

this appointment to take effect October 14, 1904.

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

(New position.) (By transfer from Keeper at South Manitou Light-Station, Michigan, at $600 per annum.)

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Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong from the position of Keeper at South Manitou, Mich., Light-Station, to that of Keeper of Michigan City Lights, Ind., to date from 14 Oct., '04, with pay at the rate of $600. a year.

The Board has, in another letter of this date, asked that a Keeper be authorized to care for these lights which are to be established on the discontinuance of the present Michigan City, Ind., Light-Station.

Respectfully,

C. J. Faltchins

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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OCT 13 1904
F. H. Metcalf
Secretary

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(All communications should be addressed to "THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD.")

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, Aug. 6, 1892.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:

The Light-House Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong from the position of 1st Assistant Keeper at Porte des Morts Light-station, Wis., to that of acting Keeper of Gull Island Light-station, Mich., to take effect 8 Aug. '92, in the place of Mr. Thomas R. Kilcher, who died 23 July '92.

Respectfully yours,

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O. M. Carter

Captain of Engineers, U.S.A.

Engineer Secretary

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CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION OF ACTING LIGHT-HOUSE KEEPERS.

I hereby certify that, in accordance with instructions received from the Light-House Board, I have examined — Mr. Thomas J. Armstrong — *, now Acting* ——— *Keeper at* South Manitou, Mich *Light-Station, and that I consider* — him — *competent to perform the duties of the position. I therefore recommend that* — he — *receive a full appointment in place of the acting appointment* — he — *now holds.*

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Emerson Luttrell COMDR. U. S. N.

Inspector — Ninth — *L.-H. Dist.,*

— 7 October —, 189 2.

~~*To the Chairman of*~~ *the L.-H. Board,*

Washington, D. C.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, 10 Aug. 92

Geo. Canfield

Asst Secretary

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Done Oct 12, 1892

— Ninth — *District.*

CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION

OF

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Thomas J. Armstrong

Acting

Keeper at South Manitou

Michigan — *Light-Station.*

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