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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Armstrong, William,S		1870 TX

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (TX)		
From: 1918	To: 1920	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Remarks:

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Screened Items:

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Time Out:

Final Return:

William S. Armstrong

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Texas

William S. Armstrong

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Temp. (pend. clg.) Keeper Sabine Bank Tex.	780	L. H.	Jan. 1, 1919.
	Last day June 18, 1919		
" (Prob.) " " "	1080	"	June 19, 1919
RESIGNED CLOSE OF	Dec. 5, 1919.		
TEMPORARY Keeper (Pend. Cert.) Sabine Pass L. S. Tex.	$ 720	L. H.	Jan 3, 1920
LAST DAY OF SERVICE	March 12, 1920		

INACTIVE

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NOMINATION

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JAN 13 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT.

JAN 20 1919 9 13 AM

LIGHT HOUSES

New Orleans, La., January 13, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, **William S. Armstrong** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Keeper ~~(Additional)~~ in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$780 per annum.** CHIEF CLERK

Location, **Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses,**

1919 JAN 21 PM 1 51

Effective **January 1, 1919,** { the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~as soon thereafter as he reports on duty~~

Former position, - - - Former salary, - - -

Location, - - -

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

APPOINTMENTS

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, **Lawrence F. Meyer** Services terminated, **October 11, 1918.**

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Reason, **Resigned.** Last day of Ser.

Members of family in Government Service, **None.**

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Sabine Bank Light Station, William S. Armstrong was assigned to duty on January 1, 1919. He previously served ten years in the U. S. Coast Guard Service. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at this station, in accordance with Department letter of June 5, 1918.

No. 10 Letter

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, JAN 14 1919, 191

TEMPORARY Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

Secretary, TENTH Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 20 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

JAN 22 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 JAN 21 PM 1 23

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1919.

Mr. William S. 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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum effective January 1, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JAN 23 1919 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Lawrence F. Meyer.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENTS FEB 10 1919

LIGHT FEB 8 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1919 FEB 10 PM 12 CHIEF CLERK

FEB 8 1919 LIGHTHOUSES

I, William S. Armstrong, 1919 FEB 10 AM 11 49

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

☞ William S. Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of February, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. A. Vaughn

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st 1919.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (additional) in the Lighthouse Service	$780 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La., February 6, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1919.
(Date)

R. D. Darby
(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Final Date

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT MAR 7 1919

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. William Samuel Armstrong.

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper (additional) in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation $780 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Sabine (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Jefferson (County.) 2d (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

CARDED

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

11. Where were you born? Columbia Texas

12. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 13th (Day.) 1869 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Clarence Armstrong (Name.) West 16th (Number and street.)

Port Arthur (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.)

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
U.S. Life Saving Service (Treasury Dept.)			$650	1891	1915

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	No		

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	No		

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, and 21.)

Fisherman & Oysterman

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

Public School only

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

Sail Making Repairs on Small Boats

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

for U.S. Life Saving Service 1911

27. 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

Date March 3rd, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) William Samuel Armstrong

P. O. Address: Sabine
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 4, 1919.

(Signature) R R Dorry

(Official title) Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

LIGHT HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

Name of employee William S. Armstrong

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

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Place of employment Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Date of appointment: Jan.22,1919, effective Jan.1,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served June 18, 1919.

CARDED

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 29 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official title.)

Date July 25, 1919.

Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau or service.)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 20, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

1919 JUN 27 AM 11 04

Name, **William S. Armstrong** Legal residence, **Texas**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service** Salary, **$1080 per annum.**

Location, **Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **June 19, 1919,** {'the actual date of entrance on duty.~~or the date he enters on duty~~

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (temporary) Former salary, **$780 p.a.**

Location, **Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.**

Rank on eligible list, Second Rating, **Assistant Keeper** Percentage, **83**, Other eligibles considered:
William J. Harrison, C; Ingvald C. M. Ericksen, C.

APPOINTMENTS

1919 JUN 27 PM 2 16

Previous incumbent, Thorwald Hansen Services terminated, **June 18, 1919.**

Reason, **Transferred to Sand Island Light Station as Keeper, effective June 19,1919 (nomination forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses this date).**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

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Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at Sabine Bank Light Station, caused by the transfer of Thorwald Hansen to Sand Island Light Station, and the fact that all the present keepers at Sabine Bank are temporary employees, William S. Armstrong was assigned to duty in above position on June 19, 1919. He has been serving at this station temporarily since January 1, 1919. There is no suitable employee in the Service who desires transfer to the above position. Quarters are not provided at Sabine Bank L.S. for the keepers' families.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission June 20, 1919

Wm H Beasley
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Lanphier
First Asst. Superintendent in Charge.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 25 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1919 JUN 27 AM 10 28

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner

JUN 28 1919

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1919.

Mr. William S. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Ten Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED
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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 1 1919

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Thorwald Hansen.

Legal Residence: Texas.

(See reverse side.)

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8th Dist.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK

AUG 22 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, William S. 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.

William S. Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of July, A. D. 191 9.

(Affix official seal here)

CANCELED

[4] (Name) W. A. Vaughn

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st 1921.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Probationary)	$1080 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Temporary)	$780 p.a.	do.

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

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Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La., August 6, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 19, 1919.
(Date)

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E. V. Lauchier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 12 1919
HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
July 9, 1919.

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CHIEF CLERK

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William S. Armstrong,
probationary appointment

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith, for amendment of effective date, is Department Certificate of Probationary Appointment in the case of William S. Armstrong, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

2. As stated on nomination of June 20, 1919, this employee was assigned to duty in above position on June 19, 1919, due to the emergency existing at Sabine Bank Light Station caused by the transfer of the Keeper, Thorwald Hansen, to Sand Island Light Station, and the fact that the remaining keepers at Sabine Bank were temporary employees.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUL 21 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lauphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 17 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

APPROVED
JUL 21 1919
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner

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7/19/19.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 22 1919

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~

New Orleans, La., November 19 . 1919.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, William S. Armstrong — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Texas — Station, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of December 5, 1919.

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This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

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Langhier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 22 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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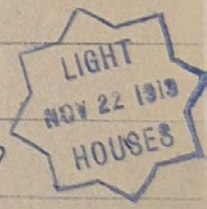
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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

AKT



Superintendent
Light Houses 8th District
New Orleans
La



Sir

I Respectfully tender My Resignation,
as Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station,
to take effect December 5th 1919,
or at an earlier date if possible.

William S. Armstrong,
Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station.

Sabine, Texas,
November 4th 1919.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1919.

Mr. William S. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on December 5, 1919.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service, 8th District.

Station..... Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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JAN 10 1920 9 58 AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 7, 1920.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, William S. Armstrong — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $720 per annum

Location, Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent. Rge., E. Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Chan., and Port Arthur Canal Lts., La. & Tex., — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 3, 1920, { the actual date of entrance on duty; or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - -

Location, -

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

No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, James T. Williams — Services terminated, November 23, 1919.

Reason, Resigned, to take position as temporary radio operator aboard the Lighthouse tender MAGNOLIA.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at above station, William S. Armstrong was assigned to duty on January 3, 1920. He was previously employed as Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, from Jan. 1, 1919, to the close of December 5, 1919. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at above station, in accordance with Department authority of June 5, 1918.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, Jan. 7, , 1920

TEMPORARY
Pending the establishment of a register of eligibles.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

JAN 10 1920

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JAN 15 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Acting Commissioner

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 13, 1920.

Mr. William S. 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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum,

effective January 5, 1920.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in the above mentioned position.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: James T. Williams.

Legal Residence: Texas.

Eighth District.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 15 1920

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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JAN 31 1920 8 AM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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APPOINTMENTS FEB 3 1920

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

1920 JAN 31 PM 4 50

I, William S. 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.

William S. Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23rd day of January, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) W. A. Vaughn

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 p.a.	Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent. Rge., E. Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Chan., and Port Arthur Canal Lts., La. and Tex.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) January 28 1920. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 3, 1920. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

F. A. Muth
(Signature followed by title)

First Assistant Superintendent.

[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 on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

U. S. REGISTERED ENTERED

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MAR 23 1920 19 24 AM

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 23 1920

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

APPOINTMENTS

1920 MAR 23 PM 4 TO

Name of employee William S. Armstrong

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

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Place of employment Sabine Pass Light Station, etc., La. and Texas.

Last day served March 12, 1920.

ORDERED. REPORT DATE ENTERED APPOINTMENT DIVISION MAR 24 1920 DEPT OF COMMERCE

E. D. Langhier.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Official title.)

Date March 20, 1920.

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Lighthouse Service
(Bureau or service.)

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee William S. Armstrong

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $720 p.a.

Place of employment Sabine Pass Light Station, etc., La. and Texas.

Last day served March 12, 1920.

Copy for information of the Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District, 2d Floor, Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La.

E.S.L

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(*Official title.*)

Date March 20, 1920.

Lighthouse Service
(*Bureau or service.*)

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE.

(Prescribed by Section 1751, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

JAN 16 1920 LIGHT HOUSES

January 13, 1920.

JAN 19 1920 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

Mr. William S. 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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective January 5, 1920.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in the above mentioned position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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C Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: James T. Williams.

Legal Residence: Texas.

Eighth District.

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Sabine Pass L.S., ste., La. 4 Sept

COPY (MCC) Recd. 9 a.m., Jan. 26, 1920.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William S. 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.

(Sgd.) WILLIAM S. ARMSTRONG
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23rd day of January, A. D. 1920.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Notary Public
E(County of
A(Jefferson,
L(Texas.

[4](*Name*) (Sgd.) W. A. VAUGHN

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st, 1921.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present: Keeper in the Light-house Service	$720 p.a.	Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent. Rge., E. Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Chan. and Port Arthur Candl Lts., La. and Tex.
Former: Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for probationary appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) January 26, 1920. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 3, 1920. (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

F. A. M.
(Signature of appointee)

First Assistant Superintendent.

[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 on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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2 inclosures

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., January 7 20.
(City.) (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed January 20, 1920.

Name, William S. Armstrong

Legal residence, Texas

Position, Temporary Asst. Keeper

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, Sabine Pass Light Sta., Sabine Pass Ent. Jetty, Sabine Pass Ent. Range Rear Lts., La.& Tex.,

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers & Lightkeepers.

Effective January 3, 1920, {the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Rank,

Percentage,

Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, James T. Williams

Services terminated, November 25, 1919.

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks:

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

William S. Armstrong, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated January 13, 1920, appointing you temporary assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station at a salary of $720 per annum and a daily ration allowance of $.45, plus the $20 bonus, effective January 3, 1920.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable.

3. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU UNDER ABOVE APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE OATH IS RECEIVED IN PROPER FORM.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Frank P. Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files. You are directed to see that this employee returns the oath of office, properly executed, with as little delay as possible.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., January 7 (City.) (Date.), 191 20.

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, William S. Armstrong

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Texas

Location, Sabine Pass L.S., Sabine Pass Ent.Rge.; E.Jetty, Inner Rge., Sabine Pass Chan.; and Port Arthur Canal Lts., La.& Tex.

Salary, $720 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 3, 1920, (the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - Former salary, - - - - - - - - - -

Location, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station

January 7, 1920.

January 4th 1920

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

Sir:

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 4th stating that you had employed William S. Armstrong as temporary assistant keeper effective commencing January 3, 1920.

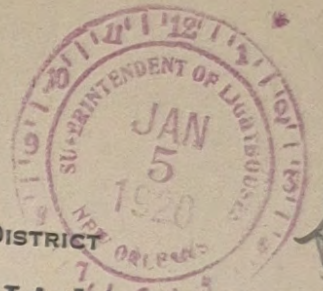
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley

Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 4th 1920, XX

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referr Referring to letter from that Office dated December 31st 1919, I have employed Mr. William S. Armstrong Former Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station as Temporary Assistant Keeper at this Station He being the most suitable and only Person Available at this time, Mr. Armstrong entered upon duty at 1-30 O'Clock January 3rd. 1920.

Respectfully,

Frank V. Stratley
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

December 31, 1919.

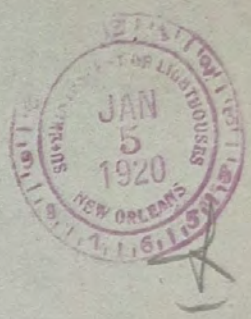
Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Referring to the vacancy at the station under your charge, you are authorized to employ a suitable person as temporary assistant keeper at $720 per annum and the usual ration allowance, plus the temporary bonus of $20 a month upon receipt of Department approval of certificate in his case. The person selected must be a citizen of the United States and at least 18 years of age. Have him complete and return inclosed "Personal Question Sheet" and advise this office promptly the exact date you place him on duty.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

William. Samuel. Armstrong.

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

William. S. Armstrong

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sabine Pass L.S., etc., Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

5. Compensation $720 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ———, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Sabine (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Jefferson (County.) 8th (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Texas

12. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 13th (Day.) 1869 (Year.)

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

Married, Single, Widowed or Divorced

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Clarence Armstrong (Name.) West 16th St (Number and street.)

Port Arthur (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
~~Light House~~ Commerce	Light House	Add'l Keeper	740+1090	Jan 1st 1919	June 11th 1919

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) —

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service —

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

your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.) (It is intended that the answer to this work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of

Fisherman & Boatman

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

Common School

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

Handy on Boats and Gas Engines

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

Light House Service May 25th 1917

27. 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

Date, Jan 3rd, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) W. S. Armstrong

P. O. Address: Sabine Texas
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Do not complete this

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded ....., 191

(Signature) .....

(Official title) .....

Not necessary to forward this to Bu.
P.L.S forwarded under previous employment.
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What is he talking about?

Check held in Office for his address. Mailed 4-13-20 mcg

Sabine
April 11th 19

Superintendent
Light Houses 8th Dist
New Orleans
La

I will say, if this is not a repetition of December 1919 then I will thank the Office very much to forward to my address, a check, for Service, performe by me at the Sabine Pass, Light, Station, in March 1920

the Steps, the Office, taken in March it appears, the Office, Should have did this at an earlier date, and without my having to write in regards to the matter.

but however I will Say that I am not Surprised at the Office.

W. S. Armstrong.
Sabine Texas

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 29 1919

November 25, 1919.

DEC 1 1919 SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

Mr. William S. Armstrong,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Through the

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on December 5, 1919.

Bureau	Lighthouse Service, 8th District.
Station	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Position	Keeper.
Salary	$1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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MCC NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., November 19 , 1919.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, William S. Armstrong Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Texas Station, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of December 5, 1919.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

MCC

November 10, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 6, 1919, tendering your resignation as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas, effective at the close of December 5, 1919, and you are informed that every effort will be made to relieve you on the date mentioned.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 8 1919

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

~~October 4th~~ November 6th, 1919

Superintendent
Light Houses. 8th District
New Orleans
La

Sir

My Resignation. is being forward to the office. under Separate Cover. and as the Situation. Stands. at this day. and date. I have only one Request. to make of the office. and that the office. release me. as Keeper. at the Sabine Bank Light Station. at the date. mention. in my Resignation

My Reason. for resinging my position. as Keeper. at the Sabine Bank Light Sta" are many. always Short in Crew. and many ill Conditions. which are to Numerous. to Mention.

Now I will Respectfully. ask the Office. Not to think that I have intrench myself to embarass the Service.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

, 191

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 8 1919
NEW ORLEANS

this is not my position. at all.
but I will ask the office. to consider the
entire Situation. as a whole.
I will close. by Hoping that the
Office. reply to my Resignation.
will be in the affirmative.
and by thanking. the office. for
past favors.

I remain Sincerely Yours.
William. S. Armstrong.
Keeper Sabine. Bank. Light. Station.

2:30 p.m., Nov.8,1919. L.

Sabine Bank Light Station
November 21st

5th District
New Orleans

my resignation as Keeper at

to take effect December 5, 1919,

possible.

LLIAM S. ARMSTRONG,

eper, Sabine Bank Light Station,

Sabine, Texas.

November 6, 1919.

COPY (MCC) Recd. 12:30 p.m., Nov.8,1919. L.

Superintendent Lighthouses,
8th District,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I respectfully tender my resignation as Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, to take effect December 5, 1919, or at an earlier date, if possible.

WILLIAM S. ARMSTRONG,
Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

November 6, 1919.

ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 25 1919
NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
November 22th, 1919

Superintendent
Light Houses 8th District
New Orleans
La.
Sir

Referring to your letter November 10th 1919
I wish to thank the Office for
excepting my Resignation, at the
date, Mention in My Resignation.
I remain Respectfully Yours.
W. S. Comstrock
Keeper

March 27, 1940.

Mr. Ralph Keeper,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Keeper:

Enclosed herewith is a letter of March 9th, which was for
inadvertently overlooked in sending you our reply of January 26th
with page 2 of instructions to employees, which pertains
to

Employees receiving communications
for higher authority from subordinates, shall
promptly forward same by indorsement, making
proper recommendation on the circumstances
stated.

5. In accordance with the instructions issued by you, Mr.
Armstrong has written some in respectful language

4. Be guided accordingly in future.

EP-MDC

March 22, 1920.

Frank P. Spratley, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Referring to the two disrespectful letters of January 24th and March 9th from Temporary Assistant Keeper William S. Armstrong:

2. In connection with the letter of March 9th which was forwarded to this office by you, your attention is called to paragraph 7 of Article 55, page 16, of "Instructions to Employees," which provides as follows:

> "Employees receiving communications for higher authority from subordinates, if expressed in respectful language, shall promptly forward same by indorsement making such recommendation as the circumstances warrant."

3. In accordance with the instructions referred to above, you should not have forwarded the communications above mentioned until Mr. Armstrong had written same in respectful language.

4. Be guided accordingly in future.

E.S.L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

December 2, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 25, 1919, accepting your resignation as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, effective at the close of December 5, 1919.

2. You are directed not to perform duty after the close of December 5th, but to turn the care of the station and all Government property over to Mr. I. C. M. Ericksen in accordance with previous instructions.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished I. C. M. Ericksen, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files. You will assume charge of the station at the close of December 5, in accordance with instructions previously given.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

MAR 18 1920 NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 13th 1920., 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to my copy of letter from the Office Dated March 11th 1920. having complied with instructions I discontinued the services of Mr. Armstrong on the close of March 12th 1920.

Respectfully,

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

Noted & Reported to Bu. on 3-20-20
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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 13th 1920. ,191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, La.
(Through the keeper.)

1. Referring to your letter of March 11th 1920. I will say that I am not surprised at the Office, and it appears to me and it must be plain to the Office, if a subordinate who is in the Service and will not submit to everything let it be right or ~~xxxx~~ wrong then the Office will use its high position to deprive him of a subsistence, and I say any one who commits such acts, the fork of Justice should be used, and the finger of scorn pointed at the party.
This is my personal views of the situation as a whole.

2. Again I will state, that I am not an Infant in the Government Service, but I will say that this is the first time that I ever received such ill treatment by my superior in the Service.

3. After writing this letter and then reading all copys of my letters and also the letters of the Office, it brings fresh to memory, a book that I read some short time ago which stated, the world was looking for leaders.
In my opinion that was a true statement.

William S. Armstrong.
Former Temp. Keeper.

Frank P. Spratley

March 11, 1920.

William S. Armstrong, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your disrespectful and insubordinate letter of March 9, 1920, and your services as temporary assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station are hereby discontinued effective on the date of delivery of this letter.

2. The Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station will be directed accordingly.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy to Frank P. Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas, with instructions to discontinue Armstrong's services at the close of the date of receipt of this letter.

Report by letter to this office when you have complied with these instructions.

E. S. L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 9th 1920. ,191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, La.
Through the Keeper:

1. Refferring to your letter of March 6th, as to my Acknowledgement of the Office letter of Feb. 4th 1920.
I will say that in the past I have always exercised such privilages as to either acknowledge receipt of a letter or ignore.
And I will say as a free born American Citizen I fully intend to exercise such privilages in the future, and in view I will say that I do not Thank the Office for reminding me of such matters.

2. Also referring to your letter of Feb. 4th, as to my statment in regards to there not being an automobile road from Sabine Bank Light Station to Sabine, that statment not being respectable, I will say there is nothing wrong with that statment.
But I will not use the word ignoranee.
But I will say the reason such statments appear to be out of place to the Office, is because the Office lives to far from such ill Conditions but it is truly Different with with the party who has the work to do and the ill Conditions to contend with.

3. Again the Office has asked me to furnish a statment as to my preforming duty as keeper at the Sabine Bank Light Station from Dec. 6th 1920, to the close of Dec. 11th 1919, in regards to this matter I will say that my letter of Dec. 5th showed plainly the steps I was taking, and my letter of Jan. 24th 1920, I give the Office myreasons why,, I preformed duty as Keeper at the Sabine Bank Light Station to the close of Dec. 11th 1919, and as I was keeper and in charge at the Station, I considered it my duty to have someone to check over the Goverment property and Station, and sign the forms 30, accordingly who was authorized by the Office, again I will say what I did I did it honest and sincere which I considered right and proper, and why the Office did not approve of my taking those steps I am unable to understand without it was contraryness of the Office.

William S. Armstrong.
Temp. Keeper.

Frank P. Spratley
Keeper.

March 6, 1920

Wm. S. Armstrong, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are directed to acknowledge receipt of letter from this office of February 4, 1920, and to reply to paragraphs six and seven thereof relative to your service at Sabine Bank Light Station.

(Signed) Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to F. P. Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, with request that you advise this office whether or not the letter of February 4th was delivered to Armstrong.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Delivd 2-6-20

February 4, 1920

Wm. S. Armstrong, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your letter of January 24, 1920, your attention is called to the fact that this letter should have been forwarded through your official superior. See paragraph 6, Article 55, "Instructions to Employees." Having been a keeper yourself, there is no excuse for this violation of the regulations.

2. The tenor of your letter of January 24th is not respectful, particularly the statement about there not being an automobile road from Sabine Bank Light Station to Sabine. If such a statement was made through ignorance, you will be careful hereafter to confine yourself to facts stated in a becoming manner.

3. You were advised in letter of November 22nd that your resignation had been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted, to take effect at the close of December 5th; and, by letter of December 2nd, there was transmitted to you Department letter accepting your resignation at the close of December 5th.

4. When your telegram of December 5th, stating that Ericksen would not accept the position of keeper, was received, also your letters of same date to the same effect (in one of which you offered to remain until you were relieved), you were immediately telegraphed that your resignation was already accepted, and this office assumed that you would act in accordance with that telegram. It had no knowledge until a later date that you had not acted in accordance with the telegram from this office and discontinued your services as directed. To this date, this office has no information as to whether or not you returned to Sabine Bank Light Station after December 5th.

5. The matter of Ericksen's promotion was not a hindrance to the discontinuance of your services; and, if you had telegraphed this office after the receipt of its telegram of December 6th, immediate arrangements would have been made to overcome any seeming obstacle which you thought existed.

6. You are directed to report whether or not you returned to station as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station from December 5th to December 11th, and why this office was not kept advised immediately after December 6th that you were performing this duty. The necessity for this should have been very plain in view of the Department's acceptance of your resignation, which was forwarded to you in letter from this office of December 2nd.

7. You are directed to furnish the information requested herein, confining yourself to facts only, and stating the reasons why you did not inform this office on December 6th that you were still performing duty.

(Signed) Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy forwarded to F. P. Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, for his information.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 24th, 1920., 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th District.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Reffering to 2nd Paragraph of your letter of January 15th 1920. in regards to my resignation being exceptedat the close of December 5th 1919. my being instructed to turn the Station and all Government property over to First Asst. Keeper I. C. M. Eriksen and to preform no services after Dec. 5th 1919. I will say that I hold the Office solely responsible for my remaining at the Station as Keeper, my reason for making this statement,

1st. if the Office had First Assistant Keeper I. C. M. Eriksen in view for keeper, at the Sabine Bank Light Station, it was the Office's place to have taken the matter up direct with I. C. M. Eriksen, at once in order to see if the position would be excepted by him.

2nd. the reason is plain, a man has as much right to refuse as he has to except a position, again the Office, had thirty (30) days to attend to this matter.

And the Sabine Bank ~~KXHX~~ Light Station being an isolated Station, and does not recieve mail daily, and also I will state, that there is not an Automobile road, from the Sabine Bank Light Station, to Sabine, Texas. the Office should be well aware of this fact, and now I will ask the Office as to why, they did not Quote the Telegram in full, which was forwarded to the Office by me, on Dec. 5th 1919. in regards to 1st. Asst. Keeper I. C. M. Eriksen Opposition to ~~xix~~ singing for the Station as Keeper, again I will call the Office's attention to the fact, that Mr. Ericksen did not sign for the Station, untill Dec. 11th 1919. Respectfully, and then as only 1st. Assistant Keeper.

It appears to me, and it must be plain to the Office,, That the Office is of the oppinion, that it was through Choice that I remained as Keeper at the Sabine Bank Light Station to the close of Dec. 11th. 1919. if I had wished to remain as keeper, I would have not tendered my resignation November 6th. 1919.

I will now give the Office my reasons for my remaining at the Sabine Bank Light Station,as keeper, to the close of Dec. ~~XX~~ 11th. 1919. and to the best of my ability along concrete lines.

1st. I did not prepose to leave the Station, without somebody to sign for the Station, and the Government property, who was authorized by the Office, why did I take thosesteps, the reason is plain in order to protect myself and for the good of the Service.
Which as keeper I considered my duty, and I will now kindly ask the Office to approve of this Statement.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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Referring to the 3rd. Paragraph, which the Office stated that on Dec. 5th. I was ashore, that statement being correct, I was ashore on Official Buisness, in order to inform the Office that 1st. Assistant keeper Ericksen, had refused to sign for the Station, which I supposed that the Office had approved of my taking those steps,
As keeper, of the Sabine Bank Light Station, again I will ask the Office to read my letter of Dec. 5th. which explains the entire situation. The Office will note, that I am asking for nothing more or less, then reason and justice, and in view it appears to me that it is unreasonable and an injust, that I should be made a victim.

Now hoping that the Office's reply will be in the affirmative, As it takes money to live at this day and date, under the prevailing Conditions, which are just about unbearable.

I will close by hoping to hear from the Office at an early date.

I remain sincerly Yours,

William S. Armstrong.
Temporary Addi. Keeper.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

New Orleans 20 December 9

William Armstrong Former Keeper
Sabine Bank Light Station
Sabine Texas

Regret have directed a fourth keeper proceed Sabine Should be now on way If he does not report will consider your reinstatement Your resignation already accepted

LANPHIER

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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I C M ERICKSON WILL NOT ACCEPT KEEPERSHIP SABINEBANK LIGHT

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REMAIN KEEPER UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED BY OFFICE ANSWER

W S ARMSTRONG

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DEC 6 1919 NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Bank Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 5th, 1919

Superintendent,
Light Houses. 8th District
New Orleans
La

Sir

I Will Say. that. I would have informed the Office. in regards to First Assistant Keeper. I. C. M. Erickson. position. in regards to Singing Form 30 at an earlier date. but. as there is no Communication, or dispatch, at this Station. except by Boat. and owing to the bad Weather. which has prevailed for the last ~~Week~~ 12 days. has been the cause of this delay. and as Such conditions has arised. I Will remain at this Station. as Keeper, until. I am relieved. or outherwise. advised. by the Office. hoping to hear from the Office, at at an early date.

I remain Respectfully Yours
W. S. Armstrong Keeper

DEC 6 1919 NEW ORLEANS

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Bank Light

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

~~November 22th~~ Dec 5

, 1919

Superintendent

Light Houses 8th District.

New Orleans

La.

Sir

I will Respectfully State that I am being govern by your letter November 22th 1919 and I am making all necessary provisions for the close of December 5th 1919. without outherwise advised by the Office.

I furthermore wish to State for the Office information that First Assistant I.C.M. Ericksen has informed me that he did not care to assume the risponsibility to Sign Forms 30 as he did not consider that he was Capable of the position as a whole.

I remain Yours { have been
W.S. Armstrong { weather Bound at
Keeper { Tower for 12 days

January 15, 1920.

William S. Armstrong, Temporary Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper).

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of January 12, 1920, there is inclosed check in the sum of $123.50 in payment of your services as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station during the month of November, 1919.

2. Referring to your statement that you were "on duty as keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station from December 1 to 11, 1919," you are informed that Department letter accepting your resignation at the close of December 5, 1919, was mailed to you from this office on December 2d and you were directed not to perform service after the close of December 5th, but to turn the station and all Government property over to First Assistant Keeper Erioksen in accordance with instructions previously given. In response to your telegram of December 5th from Sabine, Texas, reading, in part,

"Will remain at station until otherwise advised by office."

you were telegraphed as follows:

"Regret have directed a fourth keeper proceed Sabine. Should be now on way. If he does not report, will consider your reinstatement. Your resignation already accepted."

3. Your telegram and two letters indicate that you were ashore at Sabine on December 5th, and, in view of the telegram sent you by this office, above quoted, you had no authority to perform service after the close of December 5th, there being three keepers at the station, and a fourth one on his way.

(Sgd.) LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information and files of F. P. Spratley, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E.S.L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

1920

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 12th 1920..., 191

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Eighth District
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I wish to state that I have recieved Check. amount $20.58 which appears to be for services rendered by me as Keeper at the Sabine Bank Light Station. Dec. 1st to the close of Dec. 5th 1919 The Office will kindly note that I was on Duty as Keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, from Dec. 1st to the close of Dec. 11th 1919. Respectfully and the Office is aware as to why I remained at the Station as Keeper untill the close of Dec. 11th 1919.

I will Respectfully state that I have not recieved pay for services rendered by me ~~xk thm~~ as Keeper at the Sabine Bank Light Station, for the month of November 1919. Now hoping to hear from the Office at an early date.

I remain yours Respectfully,

William S. Armstrong
Temperory Additional Keeper.

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- Nov. check held a/c his resignation early part of December.

Dec 12th 1919

Superintendent
Light Houses 8th District
New Orleans
La

Sir

I wish to State. that 1st asst Keeper
J. C. M. Erickson released me December 17th 1919
as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station
the Office is aware of this delay
and that it is no fault of mine

Yours Truly
W. S. Armstrong

Dec 9th, 1919

superintendent
Light House 8th District.
New Orleans
La

Sir

I wish to inform the Office, that i Will
Sing parse 30 as 1st Assistants keeper;
my Reason for not Wishing to assume the
responsibility as Keeper is plain as Mr Armstrong
and my self, has had Practicaly all the, Ill
Conditsion to Contend with in the last three Months
Hoping this Will prove Satisfaction to the
Office.
I Remain Yours Respectfully J C M Erickson
1st Assistant Keeper

December 8, 1919.

I. C. M. Ericksen, Acting Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. This office is in receipt of a letter dated December 5, 1919, from William S. Armstrong, former Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station, stating that you did not care to assume the responsibility to sign the Forms 30 as his successor, as you did not consider you were "capable of the position as a whole." You are therefore directed to sign the forms 30 as "First Assistant Keeper."

2. This office believes that you can satisfactorily fill the position of Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station and will assist you in the making of reports, requisitions, etc. You are therefore requested to again consider the matter and advise whether or not you desire promotion to the position of Keeper of above station at a total monthly salary of $123.50. If you do not desire the promotion, this office will endeavor to secure someone else for the position.

3. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

M.

First Assistant Superintendent.

November 25, 1919.

I. C. M. Erickson, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. Referring further to the resignation of Mr. William S. Armstrong, keeper, effective at the close of December 5, 1919;

2. You are informed that you are being considered for promotion as Keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station at a salary of $1080 per annum and the usual ration allowance, together with the $20 a month bonus during the present fiscal year, making a total monthly pay of $125.50.

3. Advise this office <u>at the earliest date practicable after the receipt of this letter</u> whether or not you will accept appointment to the above position.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished Wm. S. Armstrong, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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November 22, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Your letter of resignation has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted to take effect at the close of December 5, 1919, and you will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

2. Three copies of Form 30 are inclosed and you are directed to carefully prepare thereon a list of all Government property under your charge. Before leaving the Light Station at the close of December 5th, you will have First Assistant Keeper I. C. M. Ericksen carefully check over all property with your lists and sign all three copies of Form 30 in accordance with Instructions "B" thereon. Check for salary due you will be withheld until the receipt for property transferred has been received at this office, checked and approved. Advise the address to which your check should be mailed.

(Sgd.) E. S. LANPHIER,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished First Assistant Keeper I. C. Ericksen, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information, guidance, and the station files.

L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee William S. Armstrong

Designation Keeper in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $780 p.a.

Place of employment Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Date of appointment: Jan.22,1919, effective Jan.1,1919, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment.

Last day served June 18, 1919.

Copy furnished Secretary, Tenth Civil Service Dist., 330 Customhouse Bldg., N.O., La., for his information.

(Signed) LANPHIER,

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(*Official title.*)

Date July 25, 1919.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON



January 22, 1919.

Mr. William S. 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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective January 1, 1919.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from date of receipt of a certification of eligibles for probational appointment in the above-mentioned position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hunting

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G

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Lawrence F. Meyer.

Legal Residence: Texas.

8th district

MCC

February 24, 1919.

Thorwald Hansen, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. "Personal Question Sheet," which was forwarded to Additional Keeper William S. Armstrong on January 13th for completion, has not yet been returned to this office. Have him forward same as soon as practicable.

2. For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

First Assistant Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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2 inclosures

January 15, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Additional Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. In reply to your letter of January 7, 1919, there is inclosed an application for examination for the position of Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, which you should execute in accordance with letter of instructions attached and return to this office as soon as practicable.

2. You are also requested to complete and return inclosed "Personal Question Sheet."

(Signed) B. B. DORNY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

1. Copy furnished Thorwald Hansen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files.

2. William S. Armstrong has been recommended for appointment as temporary additional keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station, at a salary of $780 per annum and the usual ration allowance, effective commencing January 1, 1919, as per your letter of January 8, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (MCC) Recd., 10 a.m., Feb. 5, 1919. D.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William S. 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.

William S. Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 4th day of February, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Notary Public
E(County of
A(Jefferson,
L(Texas.

[4](*Name*) W. A. VAUGHN,

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1, 1919.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper (additional) in the Lighthouse Service	$780 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former [5] Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certification of eligibles for probational appointment in above-mentioned position.		

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~EXAMINING OFFICER~~, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., February 6, 1919.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1919.
(Date)

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(Signature, followed by title)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF [illegible] Eighth DISTRICT.

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January 27, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Additional Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated January 22, 1919, appointing you temporary additional keeper at Sabine Bank Light Station at a salary of $780 per annum and a ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash, effective commencing January 1, 1919.

2. Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable, as no compensation under this appointment can be paid you until the oath is received in proper form.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished T. Hansen, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Sabine, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., January 13 (City.) (Date.), 1919.

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Name, William S. Armstrong

Position, Keeper (Additional) in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Texas.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Salary, $780 per annum.

Effective January 1, 1919,

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Rank on eligible list, - - - Rating, - - - Percentage, - - - , Other eligibles considered:
No eligibles available.

Previous incumbent, Lawrence F. Meyer

Services terminated, October 11, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement of keepers at Sabine Bank Light Station, William S. Armstrong was assigned to duty on January 1, 1919. He previously served ten years in the U. S. Coast Guard Service. This nomination is made to fill the lowest-rated position at this station, in accordance with Department letter of June 5, 1918.

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

Through C. Seay

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Banks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

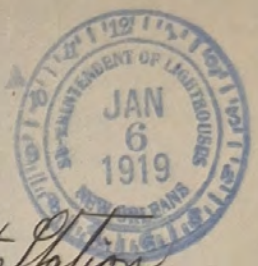
Jan 7th, 1919

Light House. Superintendent.
New Orleans
La

Sir
as I have been hired by the Keeper, Mr Hansen, for Temporarly imployment at this Station, and as I am very much pleased here I am Kindly asking that upon return Mail I be Sent application Blank to become eligable in the Service. and ask that I be remembered and Considered for the position at this Station as first Assistant Keeper,
an oblige I remain
Yours Respectfully
William. S. Armstrong.

Thornald Hansen.
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 5th, 1919

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La

Sir —:

Your Telegram of Jan. 3rd to hand and in reply beg to stat that I have asstd Hansen in geting his Launch fixed up, and he left her in his own Launch yesterday. He also tok one New Hand by the Name of Bill Armstrong out, and I understan that he (Bill Armstrong) wuld lick to stay

E. & D 1-19-date em- ployed by Hansen.

Very respectfully
Kristian Anderson. Keeper
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine Texas

(MCC) Recd., 12 M., March 4, 1919. D.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. William Samuel Armstrong.

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

3. Bureau or Service, place, and district in which employed:

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sabine Bank Light Station, Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper (additional) in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation $780 per annum.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination ———, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination--temporary appointment.

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

Sabine (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Jefferson (County.) Second (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Columbia, Texas.

12. When were you born? February (Month.) 13 (Day.) 1869 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Single

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

Clarence Armstrong (Name.) West 16th (Number and street.)

Port Arthur (City or town.) Texas. (State or Territory.)

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 19, 1919.

Mr. William S. Armstrong,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Ten Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Secretary of the Tenth Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Thorwald Hansen.

Legal Residence: Texas.

(See reverse side.)

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William S. 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.

(Sgd.) William S. Armstrong
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of July, A. D. 191 9.

(Affix official seal here)
S(Notary Public,
E(County of
A(Jefferson,
L(Texas.

[4](*Name*) (Sgd.) W. A. VAUGHN,

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1st, 1921.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service (Probationary)	$1080 p.a.	Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.
Former Keeper in the Light-house Service (Temporary)	$780 p.a.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) August 6, 1919. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 19, 1919. (Date)

E.S.K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mailed to Sabine Tex 8/15/19 Brown

Personnel Sabine Bank Co.

AUG 15 1919 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

AUG 25 1919

Sabine Tex 8/14/19

L.A. Inspector
New Orleans La
Dear Sir - Will you be so kind as to send me my Check as I owe a grocery bill and need the Check in order to pay same. I am sick myself and that was my reason for quitting as I had to stay ashore. I left the Vessel all right but the Dr said I had to stay where he could wait on me
Yours Respectfully
Jerry Rightmyer

Sabine Texas

6, 1919.

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This form must be and is not IDENTICA appointing officer for a LAW AS QUOTED C accordingly.

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Name.

so, fill in the

Married or single.

7. Have any of the abo

examination?

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cerning polit- the attached

I hereby certify that t

[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? ..... If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? .....

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

Signature .....

Official title .....

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
[Branch of service or department.]

New Orleans, La., August 6, 1919.
[Name of city.] [State.]

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DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	50 Years Feb 13th 1869
2. Where were you born?	State Texas
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Edward White. E.E. Jeko, B.S. Granger, H.A.P. Holy hauser Crist Anderson
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	Port Arthur Tex (Custom House, N.O., La.
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	Keeper

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" No If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position ..... Department or office		
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7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? Yes If so, give the name of each such person H.A.P. Holy hauser Coast Gard

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? Yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

William S. Armstrong
[Signature.]

Sabine Texas
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

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The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

Signature .....

Official title .....

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July 25, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 23, 1919, withdrawing your resignation as keeper of Sabine Bank Light Station.

2. Referring to your statement that you received a check for $47.10 in payment of services rendered during the month of June, you are informed that this check covered your services as temporary keeper at $780 per annum from June 1 to 18, inclusive. Check for salary due you as probationary keeper at $1080 per annum, effective commencing June 19th, has not been forwarded for the reason that no compensation can be paid an employee until he has executed oath of office covering his last appointment. Your "Certificate of Probationary Appointment" as Keeper at $1080 per annum was received from the Department today and is forwarded herewith, together with the required oath of office. As soon as the oath is returned to this office, properly completed, check for the balance due you will be forwarded to you. Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee," should also be completed and returned without delay.

L.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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July 17, 1919.

William S. Armstrong, Keeper,
Sabine Bank Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.

1. Referring to your resignation which you forwarded with request that it take effect August 14th. You are informed that your resignation cannot be accepted until the vacancy at the station is filled. You are authorized to employ another person to fill Wilson's place. The person employed must be a citizen of the United States and you will furnish this office with the following information regarding the person you employ: having him complete inclosed "Personal Question Sheet" and slip relative to previous employment:

a. Name in full, middle initial (if any) and last name in full.

b. Date and place of birth. (If foreign-born, forward final certificate of naturalization to this office and same will be returned after proper record has been made).

c. Present legal (that is, voting) residence.

d. Has he ever been employed in the Government Service? If so, state position, salary, and under what Department.

e. Are any members of his family in the Government Service now, that is, members of his family who reside under the same roof with him. If so, give names, positions, salaries, and under what Departments.

f. The exact date you placed him on duty.

2. It is regretted that you have resigned and you are requested to state your reasons for resigning. In this connection, you are advised that effective beginning July 1st, recommendation will be made to pay you $20 per month additional compensation which, with your present salary and ration allowance will make your total monthly pay about $123.

3. If you resign at this time, you will embarass the Service and in view of the increase in compensation to be recommended in your case, you are requested to report whether you will reconsider your resignation and remain at the station.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.



Sabine Texas
July 14th 1919

Superintendent
Light Houses. 8th District
New Orleans
La

Sir

I. herewith inclose my resignation.
to take affect. August. 14th 1919
as acting Keeper. Sabine Bank. Light. Station.
or as soon as possible.

William S. Armstrong
Acting Keeper
Sabine Bank Light Station

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., June 20 - ---, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William S. Armstrong — Legal residence, Texas

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Salary, $1080 per annum.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 19, 1919, (the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.)

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (temporary) — Former salary, $780 p.a.

Location, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

Rank on eligible list, Second Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 83, Other eligibles considered: William J. Harrison, C; Ingvald C. M. Ericksen, C.

Previous incumbent, Thorwald Hansen — Services terminated, June 18, 1919.

Reason, Transferred to Sand Island Light Station as Keeper, effective June 19,1919 (nomination forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses this date).

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at Sabine Bank Light Station, caused by the transfer of Thorwald Hansen to Sand Island Light Station, and the fact that all the present keepers at Sabine Bank are temporary employees, William S. Armstrong was assigned to duty in above position on June 19, 1919. He has been serving at this station temporarily since January 1, 1919. There is no suitable employee in the Service who desires transfer to the above position. Quarters are not provided at Sabine Bank L.S. for the keepers' families.

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

Ihm C. S. Secy. 6-20-19 mcc

L.
First Asst. Superintendent in Charge.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

William S. Armstrong,
probationary appointment

July 9, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Returned herewith, for amendment of effective date, is Department Certificate of Probationary Appointment in the case of William S. Armstrong, Keeper, Sabine Bank Light Station, Texas.

2. As stated on nomination of June 20, 1919, this employee was assigned to duty in above position on June 19, 1919, due to the emergency existing at Sabine Bank Light Station caused by the transfer of the Keeper, Thorwald Hansen, to Sand Island Light Station, and the fact that the remaining keepers at Sabine Bank were temporary employees.

L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Gabine Bank
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 18, 1919

Superintendent of Light Houses, 8th District
New Orleans,
La.

Sir,

Your communication of the 13 inst. has been received, relative to the qualification of Mr W.S. Armstrong, for Keeper Ship Island Station, And in reply to your request I beg to state that Mr Armstrong is fully in my opinion an acceptable man, And will qualify for the position at this Station;

I will make every possible effort to secure a good man for appointment as Asst Keeper at this Station.

Yours Respectfully
Howard Hansen.
Keeper,

Nominate Armstrong
for Appt. effective
July 1, 1919.