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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
Biedermann, August, F.		1887 NY

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: 1926

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

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CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District

From: 1912 To: 1923

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Form 73 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and ~~Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

May 23, 1913

SELECTION REGULAR
Subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission
MAY 24 1913
Sec'y Second U. S. Civil Service District

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist)

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 26 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, August F.Biedermann — Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 14 — Rating, Keeper — Percentage, 78.8

Other eligibles considered, Lewis H.Wilcox - Accepts
H.Hale Parsons - Declined (Name restored to register)

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Wallace W.Eddey — Services terminated, May 31, 1913

Reason, Promoted

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Mr.Biedermann has no relatives in the Government Service.
No employe of District desired transfer to this position.
No quarters at this station for families of keepers.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.
HOPKINS

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce and ~~Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 26 1913

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

The nominee is one of the first group of three who will accept appointment at stations where no quarters are provided for families.

Acting Commissioner

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

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Washington D C May 27 1913

Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

Eddey appointed first assistant Biedermann second assistant Race Rock Hall assistant Penfield Reef June first

Putnam

Commissioner.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

May 27, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.
Legal Residence: New York.

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MAY 31 1913

E.D. June 5 1913.

HRW

August Biedermann,
transfer.

September 12, 1913.

Honorable Benjamin I. Taylor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your indorsement on letter dated September 9, 1913, addressed to you by Mr. Ray H. Brinkerhoff, Rockland Lake, N. Y., in regard to Mr. August Biedermann, second assistant keeper assigned to duty at Race Rock Light Station, N. Y., who desires transfer to Tarrytown Light Station, N. Y.

I beg to state that the matter is being investigated, and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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A.F.Biedermann,
transfer.

October 4, 1913.

Honorable Benjamin I. Taylor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring again to your indorsement on letter dated September 9, 1913, herewith, addressed to you by Mr. Ray H. Brinkerhoff, Rockland Lake, New York, in regard to Mr. August Biedermann, second assistant keeper at Race Rock Light Station, New York, who desires to transfer to Tarrytown Light Station, New York.

I beg to advise you that Mr. Biedermann entered the Lighthouse Service on June 5, 1913, and that it is the general policy, in the cases of new men entering the Service, to assign them to water stations, and to give them the privilege of filing a list of stations and positions to which they would accept transfer in case of a vacancy. When a vacancy occurs at a station the list of those desiring transfer to that station is gone over, and other things being equal, the man who has been longest in the Service, or the man who has served longest at a water station, is given the position. In this manner, those who are most deserving of a transfer obtain the more desirable stations, such as land stations, or one man stations where keepers are allowed to have their families. Tarrytown Light Station is a one man water station, where the keeper is allowed to have his family, and as it is only a very short distance from the shore, and near a large city, it is con-

sidered a desirable station by the keepers. Prior to the receipt of Mr. Biedermann's request for transfer to this station, similar requests had been received from four other keepers, all of whom have had considerably longer service.

This office has no information in regard to a prospective vacancy at the station in question, and in view of the facts above stated it does not appear, at this time, that it would be in the interests of the Service to transfer Mr. Biedermann, as desired by him, over other keepers or assistant keepers, who are efficient men, and who have had longer periods of service at isolated stations than Mr. Biedermann. The case of Mr. Biedermann will, however, be given due consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,

G. L. Putnam
Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 4 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 25 1913
DEPT OF COMMERCE

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Sept.24,1913

Returned to Commissioner.

August F.Biedermann entered the service on June 5,1913 as Second Assistant Keeper at Race Rock Light Station, New York, and is still holding the same position.

In the majority of cases new men entering the service are appointed to water stations, and after entering on duty have the privilege of filing with this office a list of stations and positions to which they would accept transfer in case of a vacancy. When a vacancy occurs at any station, the list of those desiring transfer to that station is gone over, and, other things being equal, the man who has been longest in the service or who has served longest at a water station, is given the position. In this manner those who are most deserving of a transfer obtain the more desirable stations, such as land stations or one-man water stations where keepers are allowed to have their families.

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This office has no information in regard to a prospective vacancy at Tarrytown Light Station.

In view of the fact that Mr.Biedermann has been less than five months in the service, and as it is to the interest of the service to recognize service at off shore stations by transferring men to more desirable stations as opportunity permits on the basis of seniority, when other things are equal, it is recommended that should a vacancy occur at Tarrytown Light Station, that Mr.Biedermann be not given preference over other keepers or assistants who have had longer periods of service at isolated stations than Mr. Biedermann.

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ARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
Washington

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 25 1913
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Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
Washington

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. SEP 23 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 25 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 12 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville N.Y.
for remark and return with recommendation

Acting Commissioner

Letter of Ray H. Brinkerhoff to Rep. Taylor re transfer of August Biedermann to Tarrytown light, N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ACKNOWLEDGED SEP 11 1913 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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word, I feel that his application will receive favorable consideration.
Thanking you for what you may do in the matter, I am

Very Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) Ray H. Brinkerhoff.

Respectfully referred to Com. Lighthouses for investigation and report, returning this letter with reply. (Signed) B. I. Taylor, 25 N.Y.

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Ray H. Brinkerhoff
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

Rockland Lake, N.Y., Sep't 9 1913.

Hon. Benjamin I. Taylor
Member of Congress, Washington D.C.

Hon.Sir:- A young Democratic friend of mine Mr. August Biedermann, of Rockland Lake, N.Y., now employed in the U.S. Lighthouse Service, and stationed at Race Rock L.I. has put in an application for a transfer to Tarrytown Light (Hudson River) and as he informs me, that the present keeper at Tarrytown, is also desirous of leaving that station, that event will leave an opportunity for transfer. In the event of a vacancy existing at the Tarrytown light in the near future will you use your good offices in an endeavor to place this young man at Tarrytown. I assure you that he is thoroughly qualified, strictly temperate, and an exceptional young man to be in the service, and feel that his request should be granted; and if you can put in a favorable word, I feel that his application will receive favorable consideration. Thanking you for what you may do in the matter, I am

Very Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) Ray H. Brinkerhoff.

Respectfully referred to Com. Lighthouses for investigation and report, returning this letter with reply. (Signed) B. I. Taylor, 25 N.Y.

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 18 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 17, 1913 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann — Legal residence, New York

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 16, 1913 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $456.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Wallace W. Eddey — Services terminated, Nov. 15, 1913

Reason, Resignation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. OCT 20 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Sgn) Clifford Hastings

C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.

Legal Residence: New York.

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NOMINATION

LIGHT MAR 10 1914 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) March 9, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 26, 1914 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Wilcox — Services terminated, March 25, 1914

Reason, Resigned

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 11 1914

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1914.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William H. Wilcox.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 7 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6, 1915 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on April 16, 1915.

Name, August F. Biedermann Position, Keeper G 24

From Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. G 24 To Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15, 1915 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr. Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

YATES

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 8 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6, 1915 191

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Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15,1915 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr.Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

YATES

April 17,1915 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16, 1915.

YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 19 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 6 1915

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

COPY

Dec 6

August F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton, Conn.

Dup Dept ltr Dec 6

December 4,1915

You are informed that on an inspection of your station on December 1,1915, the station was found to be in a dirty and neglected condition throughout, viz, foundation plates, landing ladder and platform rusty; landing deck dirty and cluttered; outside of tower dirty and in need of scaling and painting; paint around windows and air ports thick, cracked and dirty; interior paintwork, floors and stairs dirty; stove dirty and rusty; fog signal engines and apparatus dirty; engine room cluttered, floors and walls dirty; lens not properly cleaned, iron parts of pedestal rusty; boat falls not coiled and ends ragged and not whipped; power boat dirty, rusty, and in need of thorough cleaning and painting; station tanks dirty and rusty.

You are hereby reprimanded for allowing your station to get into such a dirty and neglected condition, and informed that a continuation of such practices will necessitate further disciplinary action.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your official record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd.) YATES
Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. T. Yates
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 6 1915

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

January 3,1916

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Commissioner:

Referring to the efficiency rating of August F. Biedermann, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, as reported on Form 106, dated January 3,1916, which rating is not up to the required standard.

on file
Milton P. Kitchel

As Mr. Biedermann was reprimanded under date of December 4,1915, it is recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 6, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of the Inspector's recommendation, further report and recommendation to be made in this case not later than June 30, 1915. Attention is invited to letter of reprimand addressed to Biedermann by the Third Inspector on December 4, 1915, copy of which was furnished the Department under date of Dec. 6, 1915.

The Inspector in his efficiency report (form 106) as of Dec. 31, 1915, gives Biedermann 7/10 for quantity, fair for quality, fair for interest manifestedin work, and states that this employee is not fully earning his salary.

Acting Commissioner.

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Commr.

January 8, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 3d instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 6th instant, relative to the unsatisfactory efficiency rating of August F. Biedermann, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, and in view of the fact that Mr. Biedermann was reprimanded under date of December 4, 1915, approves the recommendation to the effect that no action be taken at this time, but that further report and recommendation be made not later than June 30, 1916.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

JANUARY 11, 1916.

Referred to the Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y., for his information, guidance, and the files of his office. Submit report and recommendation in this case not later than June 30, 1916.

Acting Commissioner.

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LIGHT
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March 28, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated March 24, 1916, as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $624 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of April 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 8 1918

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 2,1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **August F. Biederman** Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$564.00 p.a.**

Location, **Rockland Lake Lt.Sta., N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **March 1,1918** {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **76.0** , Other eligibles considered:
None

Previous incumbent, Brewster S.Oldis Services terminated, **Feb. 28,1918**

Reason, **Resigned**

Members of family in Government Service, None

Assignment to duty on March 1,1918 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Nos.1 to 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. Mr.Biederman resigned from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., on April 15,1916.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAR 5 - 1918 , 191

[signature]

J. T. YATES.

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 8 - 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

HOUSES

March 9, 1918.

Mr. August P. Biederman,

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 Five Hundred and Sixty-four dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting (SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST
Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:

Brewster S. Oldis

Vice:

Connecticut.

Legal Residence:

(See reverse side.)

RG-EK

June 24, 1923.

August Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, N. Y., regarding the improper use on your part of a letter addressed to you, dated May 19, 1923, with respect to the discontinuance of the present light and fog signal at your station. Your attention is called to Superintendent's circular letter No. 294, dated May 8, 1923, concerning efforts on the part of employees to in any way affect their status in this Service by means of outside sources. The Bureau accordingly cautions you to avoid action of this character lest serious consequences follow.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 25 1923
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Enclosure
Enclosed is 3d Supt's letter of June 18, 1923 and 3 enclosures in connection with this matter.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

Supt Report of 6/19/23 in file 1548-E

August F. Biedermann

August F. Biedermann

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
New York.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
2nd Asst. Kpr. Race Rock L.S. N.Y.	$456.	L. H.	June 5, 1913
1st " " " " " "	$480	"	Nov. 16, 1913
Keeper. " " " "	$624.	"	Mar. 26, 1914.
" Greens Ledge L.S. Conn	624.	"	April 16. 1915
Resigned clerk Apr 15. 1916			
Keeper Rockland Lake L.S. N.Y.	564.	L. H.	Mar. 4, 1918
" Increases " "	900	"	Nov 4, 1918
" Incr. "	960	"	Mar 4, 1922
SERVICES DISCONTINUED — July 10, 1923			

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

No papers O.T.K.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

May 23, 1913.

SELECTION REGULAR
Subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission
MAY 24 1913
Sec'y Second U. S. Civil Service District

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION MAY 27 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 26 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, August F.Biedermann Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

CHIEF CLERK MAY 27 1913 5

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

10.41 APPOINTMENTS MAY 27 ..3

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 14 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 78.8

Other eligibles considered, Lewis H.Wilcox - Accepts
H.Hale Parsons - Declined (Name restored to register)

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Wallace W.Eddey Services terminated, May 31,1913

Reason, Promoted—requested

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Mr.Biedermann has no relatives in the Government Service.
No employe of District desired transfer to this position.
No quarters at this station for families of keepers.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.

Hopkins

5-27-13

HRW-McC.

Department of Commerce ~~and Labor~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 26 1913

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

The nominee is one of the first group of three who will accept appointment at stations where no quarters are provided for families.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

May 27, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED MAY 27 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

(SIGNED) GEO. W. BRADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CHANGE REPORTED U. S. COMMISSION. JUN 1913

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 3 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK JUL 8 1913

I, August F. Biedermann

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.

August F. Biedermann
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS JUL 8 1913 9.30

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 7th day of June, A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Rudford L. Shumbler

(Official title) Notary Public

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	2nd Asst.Keeper	$456 p.a.	Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Former[5]			

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) July 2nd 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 5, 1913 (Date)

Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

[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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Ent'd 7/7/13 MMB

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. JUN 12 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. JUN 30 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 18, 1912.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 3 1913 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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

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

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CHIEF CLERK JUL 5 1913

APPOINTMENTS JUL 5 1913

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he cannot write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

August, Franke, Biedermann

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

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

Rockland Lake	N. Y.	Rockland Co	25
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Rockland Lake, Rockland Co, N. Y.

6. When were you born? April 13th 1887
Month. Day. Year.

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

F. L. Biedermann — —
Name. Number and street.

Rockland Lake — N. Y.
City or town. State or Territory.

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

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

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

Examination of Light House Keeper, Mar 3, 1913.

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Name under which service was rendered

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

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Asst Meter Tester

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

Public School

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

Blacksmith

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 10, 1913

(Signature) August F. Biedermann

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

N. Y.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 2, 1913

(Signature) [illegible]

(Official title) [illegible]

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PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L.H. Service | Race Rock Light, N.Y. | 3
(Bureau or Service. | Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) | District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. May 27, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. June 7, 1913

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. June 5, 1913

7. What is his salary? 450 per a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

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

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Local Civ Service Exam. Mar 3, 1913

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) Yates

(Official title)

Date: ——, 19

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Form 73

NOMINATION

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 18 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) October 17, 1913 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPT OF COMMERCE OCT 22 1913 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

CHIEF CLERK OCT 22 1913

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann Efficiency not reported Legal residence, New York

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lights

APPOINTMENTS OCT 22 1913

Effective November 16, 1913 {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Former salary, $456.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Wallace W. Eddey Services terminated, Nov. 15, 1913

Reason, Resignation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

10/22/13 MLL

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 2 0 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

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

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Sgn.) Clifford Hastings

C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.

CHANGE REPORTED NOV 1913 COMMISSION

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 28 1913 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK DEC 5 1913

I, August F. Biedermann

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.

☞ August F. Biedermann
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS NOV 29 1913

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 24th day of November, A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Radford de Shanklin

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 1st Asst. Keeper	$480 p.a.	Race Rock Lt. Sta., N.Y.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	456 p.a.	do

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Nov 26, 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov 16, 1913 (Date)

Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

[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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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 10 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.), March 9, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF MAR 12 1914

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann (Efficiency not reported) Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAR 12 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS MAR 12 1914 11-29

Effective, March 26, 1914 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Wilcox Services terminated, March 25, 1914

Reason, Resigned

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

3/12/14 MWG

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAR 11 1914

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1914.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
APR 1914
U. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William H. Wilcox.

Legal Residence: New York.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED
MAR 12 1914
ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 11 1914 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK APR 23 1914

APPOINTMENTS APR 23 1914

I, August F. Biedermann

do solemnly[1] Keeper (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.

☞ August F. Biedermann

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 19th day of March, A. D. 1914

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Radford D. Shanklin

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$624 p.a.	Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Former[5] 1st Asst.Kpr.	480 p.a.	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville,N.Y. April 9

(Address) (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 26, 1914

(Date)

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES APR 7 1915

CHIEF CLERK APR 9 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6,1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on April 16,1915.

APR 9 1915 9 40

Name, August F.Biedermann Position, Keeper 624

From Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. To Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn.

Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15,1915 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr.Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 9 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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

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CARDED.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

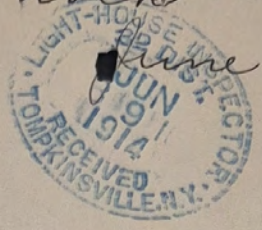
APR 8 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Gen'l file.

Race Rock Lt Sta.
June 6, 1914





Inspector:- In case of a vacancy I wish to be considered for transfer to the following stations

Bridgeport Light Sta. Keeper
Black Rock " " "
Coxsakie " " "
Eatons Neck " " "
Execution " " "
Esopus Meadows " "
Faulkners Isl. " "
Four Mile Pt. " " "
Gt. Captian Isl. " " "
Greens Ledge " " "
Hortons Pt. " " "
Hudson City " " "
Little Gull Isl " " "
Montauk Pt. " " "
New London Ledge " " "
Orient Pt " " "
Old Field Pt " " "
Pecks Ledge " " "

over

Roundout Lt. Sta. Keeper

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta., 1 asst. or Keeper

Saybrook Breakwater " " "

Saybrook " " "

Southwest Ledge " " "

Stratford Pt. " " "

Sands Pt. " " "

Stepping Stone " " "

Stonington Breakwater " "

Stony Point Lt. " "

Sangerties " " "

Stuyvestank " " "

Tarrytown " " "

Throggs Neck " " "

Watch Hill " " "

A. F. Biedermann

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 19 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6, 1915

CHIEF CLERK APR 20 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on April 16,1915.

CHIEF CLERK APR 20 1915

Name, August F.Biedermann Position, Keeper #624.

From Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. To Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn.

Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15,1915 Reason, Transferred

APPOINTMENTS APR 20 1915

Letter from Mr.Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

YATES

April 17,1915 , 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16,1915.

CARDED.

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

APR 19 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 20 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

CHIEF CLERK
DEC7 1915

August F. Biedermann, Keeper, December 4,1915

Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

APPOINTMENTS
DEC 7 1915

You are informed that on an inspection of your station on December 1,1915, the station was found to be in a dirty and neglected condition throughout, viz, foundation plates, landing ladder and platform rusty; landing deck dirty and cluttered; outside of tower dirty and in need of scaling and painting; paint around windows and air ports thick, cracked and dirty; interior paintwork, floors and stairs dirty; stove dirty and rusty; fog signal engines and apparatus dirty; engine room cluttered, floors and walls dirty; lens not properly cleaned, iron parts of pedestal rusty; boat falls not coiled and ends ragged and not whipped; power boat dirty, rusty, and in need of thorough cleaning and painting; station tanks dirty and rusty.

You are hereby reprimanded for allowing your station to get into such a dirty and neglected condition, and informed that a continuation of such practices will necessitate further disciplinary action.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be made a part of your official record in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd.) YATES
Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

DEC 6 1915

File
J.H.G.

YATES

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

General Depot, Office of
Inspector, 3d District, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

December 28, 1915.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau Letter Dated December 17, 1915, relative to schedule of pay of Lighthouse keepers the Bureau is informed that nominations for all increases in pay authorized were transmitted to the Bureau December 24, 1915, with the exception of the positions mentioned below:

A. F. Biedermann

Race Rock Lt. Station, N. Y.	Keeper and 1st Asst. Keeper
Greens Ledge Lt. Station, Conn.	Keeper and Assistant Keeper
Execution Rocks Lt. Stat., N. Y.	Keeper and 1st Asst. Keeper
Rockland Lake L. Sta., N. Y.	Keeper
Stony Point Lt. Sta., N. Y.	Keeper
Hudson City Lt. Sta., N. Y.	Keeper

These increases were not recommended on account of the fact that the employees holding these positions were reprimanded during the year on account of the poor condition of their stations. Further consideration will be given to the matter in these instances, when the condition of the various stations is up to the required standard.

(Signed) J. T. Yates.

(Excerpt of letter in file of William H. Hedges, Lighthouses.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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January 3,1916

Commissioner:

Referring to the efficiency rating of August F. Biedermann, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, as reported on Form 106, dated January 3,1916, which rating is not up to the required standard.

As Mr. Biedermann was reprimanded under date of December 4,1915, it is recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 6, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of the Inspector's recommendation, further report and recommendation to be made in this case not later than June 30, 1916. Attention is invited to letter of reprimand addressed to Biedermann by the Third Inspector on December 4, 1915, copy of which was furnished the Department under date of Dec. 6, 1915.

The Inspector in his efficiency report (form 106) as of Dec. 31, 1915, gives Biedermann 7/10 for quantity, fair for quality, fair for interest manifestedin work, and states that this employee is not fully earning his salary.

G. R. Putnam

January 8, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 3d instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 6th instant, relative to the unsatisfactory efficiency rating of August F. Biedermann, keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, and in view of the fact that Mr. Biedermann was reprimanded under date of December 4, 1915, approves the recommendation to the effect that no action be taken at this time, but that further report and recommendation be made not later than June 30, 1916.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

LIGHT MAR 27 1916 HOUSES

MAR 28 1916

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 25, 1916

CHIEF CLERK MAR 28 1916

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, August F. Biedermann Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Greens Ledge Light Station, Conn.

Salary, $624. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15, 1916.

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

Remarks:

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 27 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAR 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT MAR 27 1916 HOUSES

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar. 24th, 1916

Inspector:

I hereby wish to resign my position as keeper of this station, my time to expire on the 15th of April.

Biedermann

P.S. I am resigning with the desire to better prospects.

March 28, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated March 24, 1916, as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $624 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of April 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED.

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... out the clause which does not apply.

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March 28, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated March 24, 1916, as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $624 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of April 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 8 1916 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED APR 1916 U. S. LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSION

Acting Commissioner

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 2, 1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, August F. Biederman (Orig.)

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $564.00 p.a.

Location, Rockland Lake Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 1, 1918 {'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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 76.0, Other eligibles considered: None

Previous incumbent, Brewster S. Oldis

Services terminated, Feb. 28, 1918

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty on March 1, 1918 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Nos. 1 to 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. Mr. Biederman resigned from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., on April 15, 1916.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAR 5 - 1918, 191

W. Parker

J. T. Rees

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAR 8 - 1918

Acting Commissioner

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1918.

r. August P. Biederman,
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the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
Through

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 Lighthouse Service in the Five Hundred and Sixty-four at a salary of dollars annum ed per , effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.)
local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.
issued by the

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

N Acting
C Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:
Brewster S. Oldie
Vice:
Connecticut.
Legal Residence:
(See reverse side.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 9 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Form 111.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT MAR 21 1918 HOUSES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED 1918 MAR 26 PM 12 05 OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

I, August F. Biederman

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.

☞ August F. Biederman
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 18th day of March, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Alfred Seeley

(Official title) Notary Public N. Y.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Keeper	$564.p.a.	Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y.
Former [5]			

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Mar 20/18 (Date)

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

CANCELED

J. Sayres
(Signature followed by title)

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

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

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

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

[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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. MAR 21 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 21 1918

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(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.)

August Franke Biedermann

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Rockland Lake N.Y. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 2nd (District.)

OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK

4. Position to which appointed Keeper

5. Compensation $564 P.A.

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keepers L.H. ~~Department of Commerce~~

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.)

Local Civ Serv. Exam. Feby 24/18 Application filed with Lighthouse Inspector

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

Rockland Lake (City or town.) N.Y. (State or Territory.) Rockland (County.) 25th (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.

My legal residence has always been Rockland Lake, I have never been inside a voter in Conn, so it will remain Rockland Lake N.Y.

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

11. Where were you born? Rockland Lake N.Y.

12. When were you born? April (Month.) 13th (Day.) 1887 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. A. F. Biedermann (Name.) #7 Elm Grove St (Number and street.)

So. Norwalk (City or town.) Conn (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.
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17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

Slight hernia on the right side

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.
Commerce	Light House	Keeper	$ 62	June 1, 1913	Apr 15, 1916.

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.) No

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

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. No

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

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.

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.)

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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.)

Business College

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.")

Machinist

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

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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, Mar 18th, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) August F. Biedermann

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory. N Y.

(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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Mar 20, 1918

(Signature) J. T. Yates

(Official title) Supt

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1918.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $64 per annum to $100 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 5 1923
WASHINGTON, D.C.

...mmissioner of Lighthouses; March 1,1923

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...UBJECT: Longevity Pay of Keepers.

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1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum on account of Longevity, be granted August F. Biedermann, keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective March 1,1923. Mr. Biedermann entered the service on March 1,1918. His present rate of pay is $900.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $960.00 per annum.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
MAR 6 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 2 - 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1923.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective March 1, 1923 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, MAR 6 - 23

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter and file No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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Inclosure.

May 29, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 31 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: 3rd Supt's. letter, May 25, 1923, Rockland Lake Light Station.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Bureau concurs in the views and recommendations of the Superintendent contained in his attached letter, and so recommends for approval.

2. The rate of pay recommended for the position of light attendant is reasonable and not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year. Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 4 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

FWO:JHG

May 25, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT : Rockland Lake Light Station.
REFERENCE: Form 80 dated May 15, 1923 and approved by Bureau May 17, 1923.

1. As the establishment of a flashing acetylene light on a skeleton steel tower, together with a fog bell, at Rockland Lake Light Station will make the employment of resident keepers unnecessary at this station, it is recommended that the position of keeper at $900.00 per annum and the position of keeper(assistant)at $720.00 per annum be discontinued; also that the services of August F. Biedermann,Keeper,at $960.00 per annum(including longevity pay of $60.00 per annum), and William A. Ackerson, Keeper(assistant),at $780.00 per annum (including longevity pay of $60.00 per annum) be discontinued without prejudice. Mr. Biedermann and Mr. Ackerson have not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. The matter of transfer of these two men to other stations, where vacancies exist, has been taken up and both men declined such transfers.

2. The services of a person residing in the vicinity will be necessary to place the fog bell in operation as occasion requires and relight the light in the event of its becoming extinguished and to read the gas pressure once each week, reporting same to this office, and to keep the tower clean and paint it and in good order. It is, therefore, recommended that one position of Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y., with pay at the rate of $600.00 per annum, be authorized. The matter of the position of Light Attendant has been taken up with the present keeper of the station and he is desirous of obtaining employment in that position and so far as is known at present he will be so employed when the changes at this station are made. It is recommended that the discontinuance of the positions of Keeper and Assistant Keeper at this station, as well as the discontinuance of the services of the incumbents of these positions, be made effective when the new light and fog bell are established, at which time the position of Light Attendant referred to herein will also be effective, the exact dates to be reported later.

APPORTIONMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUN 4 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. T. Yates

May 31, 1923.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the position which was occupied by you has been abolished, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper at $960 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay), in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 4 - 1923
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IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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June 24, 1923.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 26 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

August Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y.,
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.).

1. The Bureau is in receipt of a report from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, N. Y., regarding the improper use on your part of a letter addressed to you, dated May 19, 1923, with respect to the discontinuance of the present light and fog signal at your station. Your attention is called to Superintendent's circular letter No. 294, dated May 8, 1923, concerning efforts on the part of employees to in any way affect their status in this Service by means of outside sources. The Bureau accordingly cautions you to avoid action of this character lest serious consequences follow.

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 25 1923

Enclosure
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Enclosed is 3d Superintendent's letter of June 19, 1923 and copies of enclosures in connection with this matter.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

6-26-23.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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June 19, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Rockland Lake Light Station.

REFERENCE: Attached copies of letters of May 19th to keeper, Rockland Lake Light Station; June 15th from the Hudson Navigation Co., and June 19th to Hudson Navigation Company.

In connection with this matter attention is invited to statement contained in the Hudson Navigation Co.'s letter of June 15th that a copy of letter of May 19th to August Biederman, Rockland Lake Light Station, was brought to their attention by James A. Farley, Member of Assembly, from which it would appear that Biederman, the present keeper, has used correspondence from this office in a manner that was prohibited by Bureau Circular No. 383 of March 24, 1923 and this office considers that action under same should be taken.

J. T. Yates
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(COPY)EK

May 19, 1923.

August Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Lt. Station,
Rockland Lake, New York.

Subject: Rockland Lake Light.
Reference: Your letter of May 17, 1923.

1. The contents of your letter of May 17 have been noted. In view of the conditions at this station you are advised that the present light and fog signal will be discontinued and an acetylene light established with a fog bell that will run for about eight or ten hours on one winding, which will eliminate the necessity for a resident keeper. The new light will be located on a structural steel tower and the light attendant will be required to keep the tower clean and paint same as necessary and provide facilities on shore to take care of a boat. It will be necessary for the light attendant to visit the light once each week to read the gas pressure and make report of same and also to visit and relight the light in any case where it may become extinguished. It will also be necessary for him to go to the station and start the fog bell in case of foggy weather. The light attendant, who will, necessarily, reside on shore, will be permitted to have other employment on shore provided such employment does not interfere with his caring for the light as stated, or with his going to the station to start the fog bell whenever the weather becomes foggy. The pay of the position will be about $70.00 per month. Please advise this office by return mail whether or not you wish to be considered for the position of light attendant at Rockland Lake Light under the above conditions.

2. As resident keepers at Rockland Lake Light Station will, necessarily, be dispensed with please instruct the Assistant Keeper to make prompt reply to the letter previously sent to him in reference to the matter of transfer to Romer Shoal Light Station.

(Signed) J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

(COPY)EK

HUDSON NAVIGATION COMPANY
Pier 32, North River
New York.

June 15, 1923.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, S. I.

Sear Sir:

A copy of your letter of May 19 to August Biederman, Rockland Lake Light Station, Rockland Lake, N. Y. was brought to my attention by James A. Farley member of Assembly, and I have interviewed each of our Captains and they are unamious in the opinion that it will be a very bad move to discontinue the present Lighthouse at that point, it being one of the most important on the whole River, as coming down from Stony Point, Rockland Light is the only guide they have, and at the latter point the course is changed, if foggy with the bell not ringing unless Rockland Light is made they must run to Tarrytown, distance from Stony Point approximately 12 miles with no guide.

It would be dangerous situation and frequently fog comes up in the night, or early morning when it was clear at sunset the night before.

On the whole our Captains all feel that it would be a very unwise change to make and might easily prove disastrous.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. H. Hanscom
General Manager.

(COPY)EK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

General Depot
Office Superintendent of Lighthouses
3d Dist., Staten Island, N.Y.
June 19, 1923.

Hundson Navigation So.,
Pier 32, North River,
New York, N. Y.

Subject: Rockland Lake Light

Reference: Your letter June 15, 1923.

Sirs:

The action taken at Rockland Lake Light Station has been made necessary by the fact that the continual listing of the tower has now arrived at such a state that there is an element of danger in the matter of retaining keepers at this station and, therefore, it is necessary to remove the old structure. The structure now being installed is more or less temporary and is to be installed alongside the old tower, after which the old tower will be removed and as soon as the stone around the light has settled sufficiently to form a foundation, a new structure will be erected on Rockland Lake Light Station. The structure about to be established, which is to serve in the meantime, is to have a fog signal equally as efficient as that on the old light and in regard to the matter of resident keeper, does not affect the efficiency of the fog signal and, in fact, will not be permitted to do so. For your information it may be stated that there are in this District several stations having fog bells where there is no resident keeper, which are located in the water similar to this station and no trouble has been encountered in the matter of fog bell not being in operation. This office will take all possible action to see that the bell is properly taken care of and is in operation at all times, as was the bell on the old structure.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COM[illegible]
SUPERINTENDENT OF LI[illegible]SES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

July 18, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services of Keeper and Asst. Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau's indorsement of June 6, forwarding department letter of May 1st, 1923.

The Bureau is advised that the services of the Keeper and Assistant Keeper at the Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, were discontinued effective at the close of July 10, 1923.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

A. F. Biedermann
W. A. Ackerson

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 19 1923

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

The station is a considerable distance from District Headquarters and this employee works to a considerable extent upon his own responsibility. He performs his duties in accordance with regulations and special instructions received when the station is periodically inspected by the Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

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

General supervision of the work of the Assistant Keeper.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 9 years.

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

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasoline engines, oil engines, painting.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1440 to $1560

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

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

Sheet No. 128
2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
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	d		

1. Biedermann (Surname) August (Given name) F. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Rockland Lake Light Sta.
   (c) City or town Rockland Lake State N. Y.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ---; or per week ---
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise m. to --- m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ---
   During what months ---
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ---
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 900.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 900.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate ---
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; X Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; X Fuel; X Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $154.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $ ---
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ---; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ---; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Operate illuminating apparatus and fog bell machine; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order; including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog bell machine only.	

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET



Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 18, 1912.

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

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

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

August 7, Biedermann

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PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

August. Frank. Biedermann

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

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

Rockland Lake	N.Y.	Rockland	25
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Rockland Lake Rockland Co N.Y.

6. When were you born? April 13th 1887

Month.	Day.	Year.

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

F. L. Biedermann — (Name.) — (Number and street.)

Rockland Lake — (City or town.) — N. Y. — (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

Examination of Light House Keeper Mar 3, 1913.

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

No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

No

Name under which service was rendered

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
MAR 13 1918
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COMMERCIAL BUILDING

(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.)

August Frank Biedermann

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

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

Bureau or Service.	Place (city, town, station, or vessel).	District.
Lighthouse	Rockland Lake Lt Sta	3rd

4. Position to which appointed Keeper

5. Compensation $364 p. a.

6. Appropriation from which paid Department of Commerce

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.) Legal Civ Service Exam. 24, 1918 Application filed with Lighthouse Inspector

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Rockland Lake	N.Y.	Rockland	25th

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.

My legal residence has always been Rockland Lake, N.Y. I have never been made a voter in Cohw, so it will always remain Rockland Lake N.Y.

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

11. Where were you born? Rockland Lake, N.Y.

12. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
April	13th	1887

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Name.	Number and street.
Mrs. A. F. Biedermann	#7 Elm Grove St
So. Norwalk	Conn.
City or town.	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.)

Slight hernia on the right side

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.
Commerce	Light-house	Keeper	$624.	June 1, 1913	Apr. 15, 1916

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.)

No

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

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.

No

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

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.



I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Aug. F. Biderman
(Name.)

Keeper
(Position.)

Light House
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Mar 18, 1918

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(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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

Light House service, Feb 14, 1918

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, Mar 18, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) August F. Biderman

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

N. Y.
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.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Mar 20, 1918

(Signature)

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(Official title) KK

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.)

Machinist

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.)

Business College

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.")

Machinist

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

Light house service, Feb 14, 1918.

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, Mar 18, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) August F. Biederman

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

N. Y.
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Mar 20, 1918

(Signature)

(Official title)

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To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 of December 5, 1913, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
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POMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

August F. Biedermann
(Name.)

1st Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

Bureau of Lighthouses
(Bureau, Office, or service.)

Date, Jan. 28, 1914

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"Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Blacksmith

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 10, 1913

Witness:

(Signature) August F. Biedermann

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

N. Y.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 2, 1913

(Signature)

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(Official title)

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Asst. Meter Tester

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

Public School

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

Blacksmith

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 10, 1913

(Signature) August F. Biedermann

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Rockland Lake
City or town.

Number and street.

N. Y.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded July 2, 1913

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L H Fennie — Bureau or Service.
Rockaway Point, N.Y. — Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)
3 — District.

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

3. State the date of appointment. May 27, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. June 7, 1913

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. June 6, 1913

7. What is his salary? 480 per a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers

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

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

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Local Civ Ser Exam Mar 3, 1913

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Date: _____, 19

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; March 1,1923

SUBJECT: Longevity Pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum on account of Longevity, be granted August F. Biedermann, keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective March 1,1923. Mr. Biedermann entered the service on March 1,1918. His present rate of pay is $900.00 per annum, and the new rate, including Longevity, will be $960.00 per annum.

J. T. Yates

Form A-21

LIGHT HOUSES

1923 MAR 7 AM 8 32

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 6, 1923.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 960 per annum, effective March 1, 1923 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT A. F. Bierderman Number 75

Letter from L. T. Yates

Date March 15 1914.

Subject R/E appointment & ability

Original filed under

Unit Race Rock Lgt Sta Number 601

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT A. H. Biedeman Number 75

Letter from Hopkins

Date Oct 27. 1913

Subject R/E appointment as 1AK at Race Rock Lgt sta

Original filed under

Unit Race Rock Lgt Sta Number 601

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT A. F. Biederman Number 75

Letter from Biederman

Date 3-26-14

Subject R/E Reporting for duty 3-25-14 Mobridge

Original filed under

Unit Race Rock Lt Sta Number 601

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT A. H. Beckman Number 75

Letter from J. T. Yates

Date Mch. 31. 1916

Subject R/E Resignation and turning over to W. H. Rhodes Gov. property taking receipt for same

Original filed under

Unit Green Ledge Light Sta Number 601

August 7. Biedermann

June 5. 1913

Fort Wright

N. Y.

Mr Yates:

Dear sir: As it appears from what the 1st Asst. here at Race Rock tells me, that there may be a vacancy as keeper here. And as I am aware that the 1st Asst at Rockland Lake Light has requested to be transfered to Race Rock. I am asking that if you transfer from Rockland Lake light that you

kindly transfer me to
Rockland Lake Light
Stoping that you will
very kindly do this if
it is anyway possible
I am your faithful servant

A. F. Biedermann

Fort Wright

2nd Asst. Keeper. N. Y

(75)

June 15, 1913-

August F. Biedermann asks transfer to Rockland Lake Lt. if vacancy occurs-

See Biedermann A. F.

Biedeman

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June 1, 1913-

Letter from 1st Asst-Keeper Eddy, Race Rock
States Kpr. Ryder was taken from Station
sick, asks if he has Contagious disease.

Shearn went off duty May 31, 12 P.M.
and wants entered on Duty June 1st, 2d asst-
Kprs have not arrived, Shearn waiting for
pay to come

See Race Rock -

Biedeman

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June 2, 1913-

Asst Kpr. Rock Rock States from
Sheuers term expires on 31st & Keeper
Ryder was taken away sick by timber
Rodgers Mr. Biedemans has not arrived
and Sheuer desires to know if he shall
watch & receive pay or leave Staten
Island Lee Rock Rock.

Sheuer.
Biedeman

Beckman

June 5th, 1913

1st Asst Kpr. Race Rock Light Station

Left Station June 5th Mr. Beckman has not arrived and Keeper still absent—

Lee Race Rock

Sherman
Beckman

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 1 1921 RECEIVED MP TONAWANDA, N.Y.

REQUEST

Rockland Lake Lt Sta, May 31, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 16 1921 RECEIVED TONAWANDA, N.Y.

I respectfully request that I be granted 8 days of shore liberty or leave, from June 8th to 16th June, inclusive, 1921. I have had 13 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Henry Eisenhauer (Name.), Rockland Lake (P. O. Address.) N. Y.

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Fifth Ave. Hotel (Street or R. D. Route.), Troy (City.), N. Y. (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, June 4, 1921, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for eight days, from June 8th to June 15th, inclusive, 1921.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. YATES

~~Inspector~~, Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 A. M. June 8th, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10 A. M. June 15, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 8 days.

Period charged: 7 days.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 10 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Rockland Lake Lt., May 12, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from June 10th to June 20th, inclusive, 1921 I have had 13 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Henry Eisenhauer, Rockland Lake N. Y.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

87 Brookside Ave, Amsterdam, N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

.....
Keeper in charge.

.....
(Applicant's signature.)

.....
(Title.)

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 13 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Rockland Lake Lt, May 12, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 10 days of shore liberty or leave, from June 10th to June 20, inclusive, 1921. I have had 13 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Henry Eisenhauer, Rockland Lake, N.Y.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

87 Brookside Ave, Amsterdam, N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

Substitute ..... be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

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(Applicant's signature.)

.....
Keeper in charge.

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.....
(Title.)

FWC-JHG

A. F. Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

May 13,1921

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.
REFERENCE: Form 76 dated May 12,1921.

1. You are advised this office cannot see its way clear to approve your request for 10 days leave, since the authorized leave for your station is 8 days per month and is not cumulative, it being not desired that keepers be absent from duty for excessive periods during any one month.

J. T. YATES.

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. FEB 2 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Lt. Feb. 1st 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. FEB 4 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb. 7th to Feb. 9th, inclusive, 1916. I have had 2 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Rockland Lake, N. Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb. 3, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Feb. 7th to Feb. 8th, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. O. Wills
Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P. M. Feb 8th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 1 P. M. Feb. 10th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 days.

Period charged: 2 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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JhG

A. F. Biedermann, Keeper, March 2,1916

Greene Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

In reply to inquiry in your letter dated March 1,1916, you are advised that all leave of absence must be reported on Form 65, monthly report.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. FEB 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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REQUEST

Greens Ledge, Feb. 12th, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb 21st to 22nd, inclusive, 1916. I have had 4 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Rockland Lake, , N. Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, Feb. 15, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Feb. 21st to Feb 22nd, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. F. [illegible]

Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 A. M. Feb. 21st, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 11 A. M. Feb. 23, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 days.

Period charged: 2 days.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. FEB 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Lt., Feb. 23rd, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAR 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from Mar. 4th to Mar 5th, inclusive, 1916. I have had 6 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Rockland Lake, , N. Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, Feb. 25, 1916

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from March 4th to March 5th, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.
Haskins
Supt.
~~Inspector~~, 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 10 A. M. Mar 4, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10 A. M. Mar 6, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 days.

Period charged: 2 days.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

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JHG

August F. Biedermann, Keeper, March 13,1916

Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,

Rowayton, Conn.

You are directed to forward to this office by return mail, with the Final Report filled out, Form 76 returned to you Feb. 25th authorising leave of absence frnm March 4th to 5th.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HASKELL

Superintendent

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Rockland Lake

April 19. 1916

Apr 19 1916

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
APR
21
1916
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Inspector

Kindly forward

my check to Rockland

Lake, N. Y.

A. F. Biedermann

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C O P Y

Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,

March 24,1916

Inspector

I hereby wish to resign my position as Keeper of this station, my time to expire on the 15th of April.

(Sgd.) Biedermann

P.S. I am resigning with the desire to better proppects.

LIGHT
MAR 29 1916
HOUSES

March 28, 1916.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated March 24, 1916, as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $624 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of April 15, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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RECEIVED
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JHG

August F. Biedermann, Keeper, March 25,1916

Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

Your letter dated March 24,1916 resigning your position as keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, has been received, and same has been forwarded to Washington with recommendation that it be accepted, effective at the close of April 15th,1916.

Transmitted herewith are three copies of Form 30 which you will fill out to show all the Government property in your charge, so as to be able to obtain the necessary receipts for same from your successor. You will be advised later as to who is to succeed you.

J T YATES

Form 93 JHG

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 25,1916 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, August F. Biedermann Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn.

Salary, $624. per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15,1916.

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

Remarks:

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GAVIGAN

J T YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FWO/EJC.

A. F. Biedermann

May 8th, 1916.

A. F. Biedermann,
Rockland Lake,
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 6th, you are advised that check for salary has not yet been forwarded on account of the fact that there are discrepancies in the account of property at the Greens Ledge Light Station, for which you were responsible, which have not yet been satisfactorily adjusted.

As soon as the property account referred to is found to be correct, a check for the amount due will be promptly forwarded to you.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Inspector.

Rockland Lake
May 6, 1916.

Inspector of Lighthouses
32 Dist.
MAY 8 1916
RECEIVED
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Awaiting return of transportation

Inspector:- I have not as yet received my check for the 15 days services which I rendered during April last. I think it is about time I receive same and if there is any reason why it is being held up I wish to be informed thereof

as I intend to look into the matter. It is now 20 days since I left your service and as I have entered a new line of business and in need of funds, it is urgent that I receive what is due me. I informed your office several days ago that I would like same forwarded to Rockland Lake. I hope you will look into and settle this matter.

A. F. Biedermann

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 6th, 1919.

Supt. of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
N.Y.

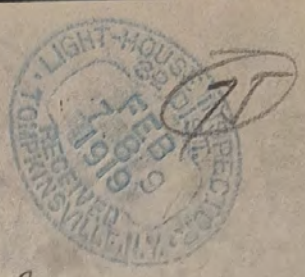
Subject: Consideration of position as keeper of Long Beach Bar Lt. Sta.

I do not wish to be considered for said position.

A. F. Biederman
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Ls
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 6, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N Y

I do not want to be considered for Keeper of Long Beach bar Light Sta

William A Ackerson
asst Keeper

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper

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Aug.F.Biederman, Keer, Rockland Lake
Wm. A. Ackerson, A.K. do

Feb. 5,1919

SUBJECT: Position, Keeper, Long Beach Bar.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for transfer to the position of keeper of Long Beach Bay Light Station, located in Shelter Island, N. Y. The light is a 5th order oil, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork. Quarters are provided for family of keeper. There is no assistant keeper. It is expected that the rate of pay will be $840 per annum, in addition to which there will be the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and a temp orary increase of $10 per month for the period up to June 30,1919. There is also a fuel allowance of 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year.

J. T. YATES.

JHG

August F. Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Feb. 8,1919

SUBJECT: Position of keeper at Whale Rock.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for the position of keeper of Whale Rock Light Station, located off shore in Narragansett Bay. The salary is $960 per annum, in addition to which there is the usual ration allowance, and the temporary allowance of $10 per month for the period up to June 30,1919. There is also a fuel allowance of 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year. There is but one keeper at this station, and family of keeper is permitted to reside at the station. The light is a 4th order oil, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork. If you wish to be considered for this position, submit application for transfer to same in the usual manner.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 5th, 1919.

Supt. of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville
N. Y.

Subject: Transfer to Stale Rock Lt. Sta.

I do not wish to transfer to the above named station.

A. F. Biedermann

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1st Asst Supt

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FOLLOW UP PROBATION CARD

Employee.....August F. Biederman,.....

Rank.....Keeper.....

Where employed...Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.....

Entered on duty.....R March 1,1918.....

Probation expires on.....Aug.30,1918.....

Yes
Vote & name contributed
So far as known

#7 Elm Grove St.
So. Norwalk Ct.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
32 DIST.
FEB
15
1918
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Light House Inspector
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

I understand there is to be a vacancy at Rockland Lake Lt. Sta. soon. Is there any chance of my getting the position a keeper on this station?

Application blank for her. Is there any chance to get the keeper of Tarrytown to take Rockland Lake and me to get that Orng. Co. Alderman Formally Keeper of Race Rock & Greens Ledge.

application blank for her. Is there any chance to get the keeper of Tarrytown to take Rockland Lake and me to get that.

Aug. F. Biedermann

Formally keeper of Race Rock & Greens Ledge.

Light House Inspector
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

I understand there is to be a vacancy at Rockland Lake Lt. Sta. Is there any chance of getting the position a keeper on this station?

7 Elm Grove St.
So. Norwalk Ct.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. FEB 15 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Is there any chance of my wife getting the position as my asst. on said station? She is a fisherman's daughter and can handle a boat as good as a man. I know that with her assistance we can run the station with satisfaction. I have an application blank which will be coming in by the next mail. I have yet the medical certificate to be filled out. If there is a chance to get my wife as my asst. Send an

FILE COPY

JHG

Mr. August F. Niederman, Feb. 5,1918

7 Elm Grove Street,

South Norwalk, Conn.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter without date, received to-day, you are advised that there is no vacancy in the position of keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, and none contemplated so far as known to this office.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.
HASKELL

Respectfully,

HASKELL
Inspector

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Supt
1st

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Rockland Lake Lt
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar 10, 1919.

Supt of Lighthouses
3rd Dist
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Re. district circular #227, as to operation of power fog signal.

Is a keeper who is not stationed at, light station, having said fog signal, eligible to take the examinations pertaining thereto?

A. F. Biederman
Keeper

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FWO/HB

March 12th, 1919

A. F. Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Examination relative to power fog signal.

REFERENCE: Your letter March 10th, 1919.

1. You are advised that Keeper who is not stationed at a station having power fog signal might take the prescribed examination, but in the event of his passing the examination, he would not receive additional pay at the rate of $5.00 per month, as such increase is allowed to Keepers only while serving at stations having fog signals operated by oil engines as stated in District Circular Letter #227.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

FWO-JHG

August F. Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Dec. 8,1921

SUBJECT: Leave.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov. 28,1921.

1. Your explanation in regard to excess leave taken by you during the month of October, is not considered satisfactory. Under date of August 15,1917 this office forwarded a letter (copy enclosed) to the keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station advising him that the leave allowance for that station had been increased from six to eight days per month, but that this amendment did not effect the Regulations which required that neither keeper at that station shall be absent for more than two consecutive days without providing, at his own expense, a satisfactory substitute.

2. You are directed to see that these instructions are adhered to in the future, as further violation of same will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J. T. YATES

FWO:MRM.

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November 25, 19

August F. Biedermann, Keeper
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. It is noted from your report on form 65 for the month of October that you were absent from the station without providing a substitute for four days from 11:00 A.M. Oct.9th to 9:00 A.M. Oct.13th. You are directed to advise this office as to why you were absent from your station in excess of 48 hours without providing a substitute in accordance with the regulations governing leave of absence of keepers.

J.C.YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 29 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 28, 1921

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist Tompkinsville
N.Y.

Reference your letter dated Nov. 25, 1921.
In District Circular #245 dated June 10, 1920 which I have in my files, states, in paragraph numbered 5, that stations having two keepers may be granted leave in not exceeding 4 day periods without a substitute.
There is also a later circular than the above referred to which changed the time of shore leave at this class of stations of from 6 to 8 days a mo. which also stated about 4 day periods without substitute. This circular I am unable to locate just now. I was innocent of my being wrong on this matter as I have reported several 4 days peroids before.

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Mr. Ockenfels. 11/23/21.

A. F. Biedermann, Keeper of Rockland Lake was absent from 9th 11 A.M. to 13th 9: A.M. without furnishing substitute

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FWO:CFG

October 10, 1924.

August F. Biedermann, Light Attendant,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York.

SUBJECT : Charges - Neglect of duty.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated October 9, 1924.

1. The contents of your reply to charges of neglect of duty as Light Attendant at Rockland Lake Light Station have been carefully noted and the various excuses made for the condition in which your station was found are in no way satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that you have had a number of years experience in the Lighthouse Service and should be fully aware of the duties required and work to be performed in connection with the maintenance and upkeep of the station in your charge. In reference to your statement that no brushes, etc. have been issued to work with, you are well aware of the fact that all such supplies and cleaning materials are furnished only on requisition and your statement in this respect in no way justifies the conditions found.

2. This office is well aware of all conditions at Rockland Lake Light Station, as well as what is necessary to keep the station in a satisfactory condition, and a continuance of the conditions recently found at your station will not be tolerated. You are hereby reprimanded for your neglect of duty in caring for the station in your charge, and you are notified that you will be given until November 10, 1924 to bring the station up to a proper and satisfactory condition in all respects as to cleanliness and upkeep of the structure and apparatus. If the station is not found to be in a satisfactory condition on or before the date stated steps will be taken to terminate your employment in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Receipt for Registered Article No. 45473

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Fee paid _____ *cents* *Class postage* _____

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Charges - 10-7-24

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake, Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 9, 1924

Supt. of Lighthouses
2nd Dist.

Subject: Answer against charges of neglect of Duty.

The charges as made seem rather harsh. As for the condition of the lantern and lens I haven't a thing to work with. Since this new light has been installed I have not been issued any brushes pails and etc. to work with, and as for opening the lantern I do not like to do that as long as everything seems to be working O.K. as I have so little experience with these kind of lights that if something did go wrong or get out of adjustment I would not feel sure about getting it right again. As to the painting

of the tower, I was ready to paint
the next day after inspection. Had
it been inspected a couple of days
later it would have been painted
as it now is. I had a job to
finish on the outside the day I was
inspected and had everything
ready to go to work at the tower
the next day. The fact is the 70 dollars
a mo. I receive for this work is
not enough to keep a person and
other work must be taken when
it can be had or a man cannot
get along. The bell machine is
oiled up well every time it is used.
The grease cups are filled and
screwed down to the limit as they are
so small and the joints large there
is no trouble to empty them at one
turning down. It must be born in
mind that the bell is exposed to
weather and the heavy rains wash
the oil and grease out.

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THIRD DISTRICT

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This is a new thing all the way around. The new building has just been put up here. I have been waiting to see what was going to be issued with the building. I dont know what is going to be allowed me. As it is there is a stove here no coal hod fire shovel no brooms or brushes and no cot or table or light of any kind, hatchet, to cut wood, and ect. There are no davits to pull a boat up with and no ladder on the end of the dock to get up on, it seems as though it would be difficult to crawl up over the rocks. I am willing to do my part and things get straightened out once. I am sorry the inspector took things so severe I did not think things as bad as he put them. Hoping this letter has been written as you think it should be and you may have

confidence in me performing my duties
properly in the future.

A. F. Biedermann

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. 12-16

October 7, 1924.

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August F. Biedermann, Light Attendant,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York.

SUBJECT: Charges - Neglect of duty.

1. You are hereby charged with gross and wilful neglect of duty as Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light, in that, when the station in your charge was inspected on October 3, 1924, it was found that the lantern and lens were dirty, the tower had considerable rust spots that need attention, the tower needs repainting after scrubbing the white paint, all hinges on the tower need oiling, the grease cups on the ball socket joints of bell striker were dry, the caps being screwed down to the limit, and, from appearances, had been in this condition for a considerable period of time; where oil holes in bell striker are provided they were found to be dry and the fog signal apparatus in a dirty condition.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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Superintendent.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

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Rockland Lake L. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 13, 1922

Supt of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Reference to your letter dated the 11 inst. The absence refered to was reported on form 76. I did not think it was required to be reported twice. If so it was an oversight on my part. If monthly report for Sept. is returned to me I will rectify the error which I consider is the best that I can do.

D. F. Biedermann

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WJL:AH

A. F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

October 11th, 1922.

SUBJECT: Leave of absence.

REFERENCE: (a) Your monthly report, Form 65, for month of September.
(b) Application for Shore Liberty, Form 76, dated August 21st, 1922.

1. You do not state on your monthly report for September that you were absent from 12:00 P. M. Sept. 1st to 6:00 P. M. Sept. 6th. However, on August 21st application for shore liberty for the period from Aug. 30th to Sept. 6th was received from you which was approved, and according to the final report in regard to this leave, you were absent from the station from 9:00 A. M. August 30th to 6:00 P. M. September 6th, 1922, in view of which you are requested to submit explanation as all leaves of absence are to be reported on your monthly report.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS,
1st Asst. Supt.

Form 76

A. R. H. 10/3/22

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE [redacted] KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 22 1922 RECEIVED

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REQUEST

Rockland Lake Lt Sta, Aug 21, 1922
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 2 1922 TENTH DISTRICT EXCELLENCY

I respectfully request that I be granted 8 days of shore liberty or leave, from 30 of Aug. to 7 of Sept., inclusive, 1922. I have had 34 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Henry Eisenhauer (Name.), Rockland Lake (P. O. Address.), N. Y.

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

22 Shuler St. (Street or R. D. Route.), Amsterdam (City.), N. Y. (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Aug. 22, 1922, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for Eight days, from Aug. 30, 1922 to Sept. 6, 1922, inclusive, 1922.

Substitute must be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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J. T. YATES

~~Inspector~~ Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 9.00 A. M. Aug 30th, 1922
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 6.00 P. M. Sept 6, 1922
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 8 days.

Period charged: 8 days.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1., 1923

Supt of Lighthouses

Is it necessary that I must wait until the 7th of each month to get my pay check?

A. F. Biedermann

P.S. In moving I cannot trace what become of all my Forms 76 Monthly Reports of Light Station. I am enclosing requisition for 9 for some and will mail one for month of Sept as soon as I receive said forms

(75)

WJL:CL

October 4, 1923.

A. F. Beiderman, Lt. Attendant,
Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Monthly Checks.

REFERENCE: Your letter of October 1st.

The keepers salary checks are usually forwarded from this office on the fifth of each month. In this occasion your attention is invited to paragraph 23, page 11, of "Instructions to Employees" 1915.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

By W. J. Lawton
Chief Clerk.

WJL:CL

October 10, 1923.

A. F. Biederman, Lt. Attendant,
Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Salary check for the month of September.

REFERENCE: Your letter of October 8, 1923.

Your check has been held up on account of non-receipt of your Monthly Report. The Monthly Report has not as yet been received, but the check is being mailed to-day. You are directed to submit the Monthly Report by return mail and in the future submit it promptly on the first of the month. The Monthly Report form is No. 65. You are requested to take note of this number and in the future order by the number on requisition, and keep a supply on hand. Small supply is now being forwarded herewith.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 8, 1923.

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

I sent for some forms last week. When I received them they were not what I wanted. I wanted "monthly report of light station". I was sent shore liberty forms. I dont know what number "monthly report of light station" is so will you kindly see that I get same. I have not as yet received my pay check for september. Has it been mailed? Just at this time I am sorely in need of my check. Will you kindly look into this matter for me?

A. F. Biedermann
Light Attendant

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT A. F. Biederman Number 75

Letter from W Eddie

Date

Subject R/E
Reporting for duty of
A/F. Biederman

Original filed under

Unit Rose Rock Lgt Number 601

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 1, 1923.

Supt. of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

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Am I to send in the same reports every mo as I have been doing on the same forms? Then am I supposed to receive my pay check under this new appointment? mailed to Rockland Lake my - 8/1/23 AS 8/1/23

A. F. Biedermann
Light Attendant.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. FEB 19 1916 RECEIVED N.Y. TOMPKINSVILLE

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

Feb. 17th, 1916

Inspector:

In the event of a vacancy occurring as keeper at Stesh Bank Lt Sta I would like to be considered for said position

A. F. Biedermann

Did not write him re said position

FWC-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

August F. Biedermann, Light Attendant,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York

Dec. 17,1925

SUBJECT: Dismissal.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov.4th and your letter Nov.6th.

1. Charges of neglect of duty having been preferred against you and said charges having been proven to a degree sufficient to warrant such action, you are hereby dismissed from the position of Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective at the close of December 27,1925.

2. William Pierson of Rockland Lake, has been appointed to the position of Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, and has today been directed to relieve you and take charge of the station at the close of December 27,1925. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Pierson on that date the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30-a, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30a are enclosed herewith.

3. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Pierson.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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Paid 1/16/26
Vou. No. 18
Check No. 81197
$63.00

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(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 48905

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark

Fee paid 15 *cents* *Class postage* 0 15

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

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Form 3806 c 5—6852

A. J. Biedermann — Dismissed 12-17-25

Voucher Clerk

Dec.17,1925

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August F. Biedermann, Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, has been dismissed from the service, effective Dec.27th. Hold his pay until last day of service has been determined and property return is correct.

1st Asst. Supt.

RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

(Signature or name of addressee.)

A. F. Biedermann

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 12/19/, 1925

Form 3811

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 05—6116

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Jan. 9th 1921.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Transfer of Property from A. F. Biedeman, Keeper, Rockland Lake U.S.G. is correct.

Wm. R. Fraser
GSK's Office.

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 46376

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid ..... cents *Class postage* .....

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

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Form 3806 c 5—6852

Charges — 11-4-25

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Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 46376

INSURED PARCEL

No. .....

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 7 1925 3RD DISTRICT

ROCKLAND LAKE N.Y. POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Dept of Commerce

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, } (NAME OF SENDER) Lighthouse Service Supply Bldg

Post Office at Staten Island

State NY

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 6, 1925

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd dist.

Re. letter of Nov 4 as to charges made by person inspecting station. I have been working my head off this past mo to get the station in A, 1, condition for inspection, The weather being so bad kept me from not quite getting all finished, If I had been able to get all around this gear mentioned would not be showing its slight rust. I never keep the fog signal wound up for the reason people fishing out there go aboard the light and pull the hammer down and start it running. The stop on the clock-work does not hold it. I wind it when I use it. The clock is cased in and I dont see where all the cobwebs get in there. The inside of the

tank house is so clean I dont see where the cobwebs came from. As for the fog signal not running Oct. 30. It was running. I started it a few minutes before 12. 30. I was watching the weather and could see the tender on the other side of the river two miles away working on a buoy. I have a dozen witnesses to that statement. The whole time it was storming that day it wasn't bad enough for the tender to be giving out any signal or any other boat. For there wasn't a bad running blast given by any the whole day. It is getting discouraging to me. This has made me sick after trying so hard to have everything right and then get a call like this. It can easily be seen that I have tried to have things in great shape out there and it was the bad weather that kept me from getting all around. I suppose I have said enough and this much will answer as well as any more.

A. F. Biedermann

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

August F. Biedermann, Lt.Attendant,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Nov. 4,1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with gross neglect of duty in that on October 30,1925 when the station was inspected the winding gear on fog signal machine was found rusty, the fog signal machine was run down and the clock full of cobwebs, notwithstanding the fact that at the time this condition was observed it was snowing so hard that the opposite shore was invisible, objects 1-1/4 miles away being invisible at the time. While the station was being inspected between 11 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. on October 30th you had not yet arrived at the station to start the fog signal.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make, through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges, and confined to the point at issue.

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Sept 6, 1915

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
SEP 10 1915
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector:

In the event of a vacancy I wish to be considered for transfer to the following stations:

X	Black Rock Lt. Sta	Keeper
X	Bullocks Pt. " "	"
X	Bridgeport Harbor "	"
X	Bristol Ferry " "	"
X	Beaver Tail " "	"
X	Coxsackie " "	"
X	Cedar Isl. " "	"
X	Connecticut Isl. " "	"
X	Dutch " " "	"
X	Execution Rocks " "	"
X	Eatons Neck " "	"
X	Four Mile Pt " "	"
X	Fire Island " "	"
X	Gull Rocks " "	"
X	Great Captains Isl "	"
X	Hortons Point " "	"

Resigned April 15-1916

G. T. Biedermann

X	Little Gull	Lt Sta	Keeper
X	Lime Rock	" "	"
X	Loyd Harbor	" "	"
X	Montauk Pt.	" "	"
X	New Port Harbor	" "	"
X	North Hook Beacon	"	"
X	New Haven Outer Breakwater		"
X	North Dumpling	Lt. Sta	"
X	Old Field Pt.	" "	"
X	Point Judith	" "	"
X	Roundout	" "	"
X	Rose Island	" "	"
X	Rockland Lake	" "	1st Asst. or Keeper
X	Shinnecock	" "	Keeper
X	Stony Point	" "	"
X	Stamford Harbor	" "	"
X	Stepping Stone	" "	"
X	Saybrook	" "	"
X	Saybrook Breakwater	" "	"
X	Saugerties	" "	"
X	Styvestant	" "	"

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 10 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

X	Stratford Point	Lt. Sta.		Keeper
X	Sabine	"	"	"
X	Tarrytown	"	"	"
X	Statch Hill	"	"	"
X	Stickford Harbor	"	"	"
X	Starwick	"	"	"

A. F. Biedermann

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.
Sept. 6, 1915



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Black Rock	Lt. Sta.	Keeper
Bullocks Pt.	" "	"
Bridgeport Harbor	" "	"
Bristol Ferry	" "	"
Beaver Tail	" "	"
Cossackie	" "	"
Cedar Island	" "	"
Connaicut Island	" "	"
Dutch	" " "	"
Execution Rocks	" "	"
Eatons Neck	" "	"
Four Mile Point	" "	"
Fire Island	" "	"
Gull Rocks	" "	"
Great Captains Isl.	" "	"
Hortons Point	" "	"

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Montauk Point	"	"	"
New Port Harbor	"	"	"
North Hook Beacon	"	"	"
New Haven Outer Breakwater			"
North Dumplin	Lt. Sta.		"
Old Field Point	"	"	"
Point Judith	"	"	"
Roundout	"	"	"
Rose Island	"	"	"
Rockland Lake	"	"	1st. asst. or Keeper
Shinnecock	"	"	Keeper
Stony Point	"	"	"
Stamford Harbor	"	"	"
Stepping Stone	"	"	"
Saybrook	"	"	"
Saybrook Breakwater	"	"	"
Sangerties	"	"	"
Styvestant	"	"	"

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Stratford Point	Lt. Sta.		Keeper
Sabine "	"	"	"
Tarrytown	"	"	"
Stratch Hill	"	"	"
Richford Harbor	"	"	"
Starwich	"	"	"

A. F. Biedermann

Biedermann

FWO/WJL

June 5,1915.

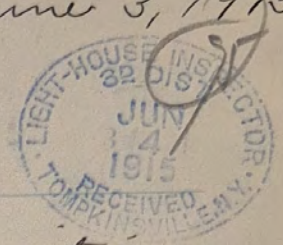
A.F.Biedermann,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton,Conn.

Referring to your letter of June 3rd 1915 concerning the matter of your exchanging positions with Mr.Bentley of Rockland Lake Light Station, you are informed that the change referred to will not be approved.

Yates

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

June 3, 1915.



Inspector:-

Regarding exchange of positions with Fyr Bentley, 2d asst of Rockland Lake.

Could it be arranged in this manner. Could I have form 76 (shore liberty or leave of absence) executed through the keeper of Rockland Lake Lt. for the period of one week (7 days) and by furnishing a substitute for myself there, stay on this station for that period & teach Fyr Bentley all about these engines. As Fyr Bentley understands combustable engines his familarity with these engines would be easily accomplished.

Biedermann

P.S. If we can get your approval of this plan we will try or like to arrange the exchange to take place near the middle of July.

advise when exchange will be permitted

Leave, Keepers

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DWO/WJL

May 28,1915.

A.F.Biedermann,Keeper,
Greens Ledge Light Station,
Rowayton,Conn.

Referring to your letter of May 26th 1915 you are informed that the allowance of leave for keepers at your station is six days per month. In taking the six days leave a substitute must be furnished as required by the regulations in each instance where a keeper is absent from the station for more than 48 consecutive hours. The leave allowed may be taken if desired in small amounts at different times during the month, the total leave taken in any month not to exceed six days.

Yates

Greens Ledge

Biedermann

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JHG

May 21,1915

August F. Biedermann, Keeper,

Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

Referring to your letter of May 19,1915 requesting permission to exchange positions with James Bentley, assistant keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.

This exchange of positions cannot be approved by this office, for the reason that Mr.Bentley has never had any experience with oil engines.

Inspector

No applications on file.

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

May 19, 1915

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3R. DIST. MAY 20 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector:

Mr. J. Bentley first asst. keeper of Rockland Lake Lt. Sta. and myself would like to exchange positions, & wish herein to ask your consent or permission to do so. We have consulted with him and we have agreed on June 1, as the date of exchange providing you will allow us to do so.

Yours truly

August F. Biedermann
1st asst. keeper
Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.

August F. Biedermann entered service as 2nd Asst. Race Rock, June 5, 1913, promoted to 1st Asst. Nov. 16, 1913, and to Keeper, March 26, 1914. Transferred to Greens Ledge as Keeper April 16, 1915. Record clean. Efficiency in 1913, 95%.

James H. Bentley entered service Nov. 1, 1912 as assistant keeper of Plum Beach. Exchanged positions with Asst. Keeper of Rockland Lake on Oct. 16, 1913. Record clear. Efficiency, 1913, 89%, 1914-100%, 1915-97%.

Mr. Exp. will engineer

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta.

May 12, 1915.



Inspector:- In the event of a vacancy I wish to be considered for transfer to the following stations.

X	Bullocks Point Lt. Sta	Keeper
X	Bridgeport Harbor	"
X	Bristol Ferry " "	"
X	Beaver Tail " "	"
X	Cockenoe " "	"
X	Connecticut Isl. " "	"
X	Dutch " " "	"
X	Execution Rocks " "	"
X	Catons Neck " "	"
X	Four Mile Pt. " "	"
X	Fire Island " "	"
X	Gull Rocks " "	"
X	Great Captains Isl. "	"
X	Gould Island " "	"
X	Hortons Point " "	"
X	Lime Rock " "	"
X	Lloyd Harbor " "	"
X	Muscle Bed Shoals "	"
X	North Hook Beacon " "	"
X	New Port Harbor " "	"
X	New Haven Outer Breakwater	"
X	Old Field Point	"
X	Point Judith " "	"
X	Pecks Ledge " "	"
X	Roundout Lt. "	"
X	Rose Island " "	"
X	Rockland Lake " "	"
X	Shinnecock " "	"
X	Stony Point " "	"
X	Stamford Harbor "	"

Now last received Sept 10-1915

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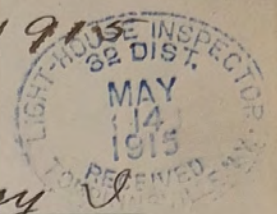
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X	Saybrook Lh. Sta.	Keeper
X	Saybrook Breakwater	"
X	Sangertie's " "	"
X	Styvestant " "	"
X	Stratford Point "	"
X	Sabine " " "	"
X	Tarrytown " " "	"
X	Statch Hill " " "	"
X	Stickford Harbor " "	"
X	Starwick " "	"

Biedermann

Greens Ledge Lt. Sta

May 12, 1915



Inspector:- In the event of a vacancy I wish to be considered for transfer to the following stations.

Bullocks Point	Lt.	Sta	Keeper
Bridgeport Harbor	"	"	"
Bristol Ferry	"	"	"
Beaver Tail	"	"	"
Cockenoe	"	"	"
Connecticut Isl.	"	"	"
Dutch	"	"	"
Execution Rocks	"	"	"
Eatons Neck	"	"	"
Four Mile Pt.	"	"	"
Fire Island	"	"	"
Gull Rocks	"	"	"
Great Captains	"	"	"
Gould Island	"	"	"
Hortons Point	"	"	"
Lime Rock	"	"	"
Lloyd Harbor	"	"	"
Muscle Bed Shoals		"	"
North Hook Beacon		"	"
New Port Harbor		"	"
New Haven Outer Breakwater			"
Old Field Point	"	"	"
Point Judith	"	"	"
Pecks Ledge	"	"	"
Roundout	"	"	"
Rose Island	"	"	"
Rockland Lake	"	"	"
Shinnecock	"	"	"
Stony Point	"	"	"
Stamford Harbor	"	"	"

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Saybrook Lt. Sta. Keeper

Saybrook Breakwater " "

Sangerties " " " "

Styvestant " " "

Stratford Point " " "

Sabine " " " "

Tarrytown " " "

Statch Hill " " "

Strickford Harbor " " "

Starwick " " "

Biedermann

Form 73a

JHC

Race Rocks

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6, 1915

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on April 16,1915.

Name, August F.Biedermann Position, Keeper

From Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. To Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn.

Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15,1915 Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr.Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

ASPINWALL

BUTLER

GAVIGAN

YATES

April 17,1915, 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16,1915.

YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

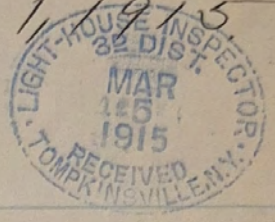
Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

Biedermann A. F.

Race Rock Lt. Sta.

Mar. 1, 1915



Inspector:

Kindly have my check forwarded to me at the following address.

A. F. Biedermann
Rockland Lake
Rockland Co.
c/o F. L. Biedermann N. Y.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2 DIST. JAN 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Greens Ledge Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 21, 1915

Inspector!

Regarding your letter of the 14 inst. This was an oversight on my part. I thought form 76 was to be submitted for such absence as required a substitute. But after receiving your letter and again referring to circular #95 I understant what is meant. I have been off already once this mo. and so has my asst. What am I to do in regard to that? Should this form 76 be submitted each mo. preceding the one in which we wish liberty? I am filling out form for this mo. to see if I get things right and also for your approval. If the the weather should be so as to not enable us to get off on the dates requested and approved by you are we to loose that liberty? Can we request six days for the mo. and then take them as we see fit? No

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. JAN 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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or must each 48 hrs. be specified separately? Can we get an example as to how form 76 should be submitted?

Yes

Biedermann

P.S. Can I have more forms 76 sent me?

Will be furnished upon request

JHG

August F. Biedermann, Keeper, Jan. 25,1916

Greens Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

In reply to your letter dated Jan.21,1916 re submission of Form 76 for leave of absence, you are informed that the forms transmitted with your letter are incorrectly made out in the following respects:- Forms should be in duplicate; separate forms must be submitted for each leave; the words "Substitute not required" or the name and address of substitute must be filled in. The two forms 76 are returned herewith for correction. A supply of Form 76 will be furnished upon receipt of requisition for same by this office. Submit forms now for any leave taken by you or the assistant keeper this month. Forms should be submitted prior to taking leave. Leave cannot be requested for six days for the month and then taken as you see fit. In cases of an emergency it is not necessary to wait for the approval of leave if the regulations are complied with. Leave does not necessarily have to be taken on the day or days for which same is granted, if bad weather or some other cause prevents, but if not taken on dates specified, should be taken during the month it is granted.

YATES

Inspector

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. FEB 3 1916 RECEIVED ITHACA N.Y.

REQUEST

Greens Ledge Lt., Jan 31, 1916
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 2 days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan 12th to Jan 14th, inclusive, 1916 I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

Rockland Lake, , N. Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb. 3, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for two days, from Jan. 12th to Jan. 13th, inclusive, 1916.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. Mills
Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 11 A.M. Jan 12th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 11:00 A.M. Jan 14th, 1916.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 2 days.

Period charged: 2 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper in charge.

A. F. Biedermann
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Biedermann F. L.

Race Rock Lt Sta
Oct. 1, 1914



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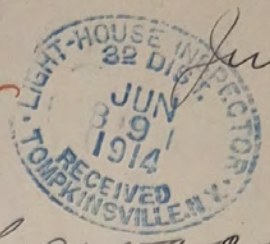
Inspector: - Kindly send my check to me at Rockland Lake this mo.

A. F. Biedermann
Rockland Lake
Rockland Co
N. Y.

C/o. F. L. Biedermann

Race Rock Lt. Sta.

Filed



June 6, 1914.

Inspector:- In case of a vacancy I wish to be considered for transfer to the following stations.

X	Bridgeport	Light Sta.	Keeper
X	Black Rock	" "	"
X	Cassakie	" "	"
X	Eatons Neck	" "	"
X	Execution Rocks	" "	"
X	Esopus Meadows	" "	"
X	Faulkners Isl.	" "	"
X	Four Mile Pt.	" "	"
X	Gt. Captians Isl.	" "	"
X	Greens Ledge	" "	"
X	Hortons Pt.	" "	"
X	Hudson City	" "	"
X	Little Gull Isl.	" "	"
X	Montauk Pt.	" "	"
X	New London Ledge	" "	"
X	Orient Pt.	" "	"
X	Old Field Pt.	" "	"

No new list received to May 6-15

Circular re transfers sent April 19-15

Reclassification

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X	Pecks Ledge	Light Sta.	Keeper
X	Roundout	" "	"
X	Rockland Lake	"	" Keeper or 1st asst.
X	Saybrook Breakwater	.. ..	Keeper
X	Saybrook	" ..	"
X	Southwest Ledge	" ..	"
X	Stratford Pt.	" ..	"
X	Sands Pt.	" ..	"
X	Stepping Stone	" ..	"
X	Stonington Breakwater	.. ..	"
X	Stony Pt.	" ..	"
X	Saugerties	.. ..	"
X	Stuyvestant	" ..	"
X	Tarrytown	" ..	"
X	Throggs Neck	" ..	"
X	Watch Hill	" ..	"

A. F. Biedermann

Biedermann Race Rock Lh. Sta (7)

Files Apr. 6, 1914.



Inspector:

I would like to have my name considered for transfer to the following stations.

X Rockland Lake Lh. Sta. Keeper
X Stony Point " " "
X Tarrytown " " "

A. F. Biedermann

New list received 6/9/14

Race Rock Lt. Sta

Apr. 6, 1914.

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Inspector:

I would like to have my name considered for transfer to the following stations.

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta. Keeper
Stony Point " " "
Tarrytown " " "

A. F. Biedermann

Race Rock

(7)

March 26, 1914

Biedermann Kpr. Race Rock reports Geo. Dorge entered on duty 1st asst Kpr. and himself as Keeper. on March 25, 1914
Also that Wm H. Tucker reported for duty March 26, 1914

Lee Biedermann

Race Rock Lt

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March 25, 1914

Wm H. Wiley reports turning over Race Rock
Lt. Stn to August F. Biedermann. March. 25, 1914

See Biedermann

JHG.

(75)

March 16,1914

August F.Biedermann, 1st Asst.Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of March 12,1914 appointing you to the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, effective at the close of March 25,1914.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to take charge of Race Rock Light Station and relieve the present keeper, Mr.Wilcox at the close of March 25,1914, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

You will inform this office promptly by letter when you have relieved Mr.Wilcox and taken charge of Race Rock Lt.Sta.

YATES

Biedermann

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1914.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Twenty-four dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from first assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William H. Wilcox.

Legal Residence: New York.

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JHC

Form 73

NOMINATION

Race Rocks

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.), March 9, 1914 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 26, 1914 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Wilcox — Services terminated, March 25, 1914

Reason, Resigned

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

ASPINWALL *Secretary,* *Civil Service District.*

~~BUTLER~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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A.F.Biedermann $624.a.
Keeper,Race Rock,
Light Station.

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A.F.Biedermann,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
% Ft Wright Fishers Island,N.Y.

JHG

Form 73

NOMINATION

Biedermann, A. F.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.), March 9, 1914 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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Name, **August F. Biedermann** Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$624 per annum**

Location, **Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **March 26, 1914** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, **1st Assistant Keeper** Former salary, **$480 per annum**

Location, **Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.**

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

Previous incumbent, **William H. Wilcox** Services terminated, **March 25, 1914**

Reason, **Resigned**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

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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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Biedermann

Race Rock Lt. Sta. Files

Feb. 20, 1914



Inspector:

Please consider me for transfer to the following stations.

X	Bluff Point	Light Station	Keeper
X	Barbers	"	"	"
X	Coxsackie	"	"	"
X	Cumberland	"	"	"
X	Colchester	"	"	"
X	Crown Point	"	"	"
X	Esopus Meadows	"	"	"
X	Hudson City	"	"	"
X	Isle La Motte	"	"	"
X	Juniper Island	"	"	"
X	Latimer Reef	"	"	"
X	New London Ledge	"	"	"
X	Rockland Lake	"	"	"
X	Rondout	"	"	"
X	Stuyvesant	"	"	"
X	Saugerties	"	"	"
X	Stony Point	"	"	"
X	Split Rock	"	"	"
X	Tarrytown	"	"	"

New list received Apl 7-1914

Recommended Wilcox

Biedermann

Race Rock Lt. Sta.

Feb. 20, 1914



Inspector:

Please consider me for transfer to the following stations

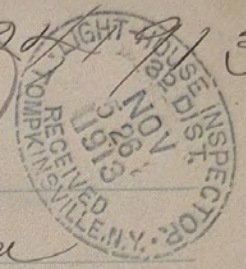
Bluff Point Light Station Keeper
Barber " " " "
Corsackie " " "
Cumberland " " "
Colchester Reef " " "
Crown Point " " "
Esopus Meadows " " "
Hudson City " " "
Isle La Motte " " "
Juniper Island " " "
Latimer Reef " " "
New London Ledge " " "
Rockland Lake " " "
Rondout " " "
Stuyvesant " " "
Saugerties " " "
Stony Point " " "
Split Rock " " "
Tarrytown " " "

Respectfully
Recommended
Wilcox

Race Rock Lh. Sta.

Files Nov. 24th 13.

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Inspector

In the event of a vacancy I wish to be considered for the following positions.

✓ Rockland Lake Lh. Sta. Keeper or 1st Asst.
✓ Stony Point " " "
✓ Tarrytown " " "

A. F. Biedermann

Recommended
Wilcox

New list received 2/26/14

Race Rock Lt. Sta.

Nov 24/1913.



Inspector

In the event of a vacancy I wish to be considered for the following positions.

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta. Keeper or 1st Asst.
Stony Point " " "
Tarrytown " " "

A. F. Biedermann

Recommended
Wilcox

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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October 22, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Sgn) Clifford Hastings

C Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.

Legal Residence: New York.

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A.F.Biedermann,
1st Asst.Kpr,Race Rock Lt,
% Ft H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

A.F.Biedermann $480.a.
1 Asst.Kpr.Race Rock,
Light Station.

JHG

Biedermann

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.), October 17, 1913 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, August F. Biedermann — Legal residence, New York

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 16, 1913 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $456.00 p.a.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Wallace W. Eddey — Services terminated, Nov. 15, 1913

Reason, Resignation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Oct.17,1913

August F. Biedermann, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N.Y., effective November 16,1913.

Definite orders as to your entry on duty will be sent you later.

YATES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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A.F.Biedermann,
transfer.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
OCT 7 1913
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

October 4, 1913.

Honorable Benjamin I. Taylor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring again to your indorsement on letter dated September 9, 1913, herewith, addressed to you by Mr. Ray H. Brinkerhoff, Rockland Lake, New York, in regard to Mr. August Biedermann, second assistant keeper at Race Rock Light Station, New York, who desires to transfer to Tarrytown Light Station, New York.

I beg to advise you that Mr. Biedermann entered the Lighthouse Service on June 5, 1913, and that it is the general policy, in the cases of new men entering the Service, to assign them to water stations, and to give them the privilege of filing a list of stations and positions to which they would accept transfer in case of a vacancy. When a vacancy occurs at a station the list of those desiring transfer to that station is gone over, and other things being equal, the man who has been longest in the Service, or the man who has served longest at a water station, is given the position. In this manner, those who are most deserving of a transfer obtain the more desirable stations, such as land stations, or one man stations where keepers are allowed to have their families. Tarrytown Light Station is a one man water station, where the keeper is allowed to have his family, and as it is only a very short distance from the shore, and near a large city, it is con-

see Transfer

sidered a desirable station by the keepers. Prior to the receipt of Mr. Biedermann's request for transfer to this station, similar requests had been received from four other keepers, all of whom have had considerably longer service.

This office has no information in regard to a prospective vacancy at the station in question, and in view of the facts above stated it does not appear, at this time, that it would be in the interests of the Service to transfer Mr. Biedermann, as desired by him, over other keepers or assistant keepers, who are efficient men, and who have had longer periods of service at isolated stations than Mr. Biedermann. The case of Mr. Biedermann will, however, be given due consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,

(Signed) G. L. Putnam

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

OCT 4 1913

To Lighthouse Inspector Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:

Burlingame

Acting Chief Clerk

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Biedermann, asst Keeper.

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Sept.24,1913

Returned to Commissioner.

August F.Biedermann entered the service on June 5,1913 as Second Assistant Keeper at Race Rock Light Station, New York, and is still holding the same position.

In the majority of cases new men entering the service are appointed to water stations, and after entering on duty have the privilege of filing with this office a list of stations and positions to which they would accept transfer in case of a vacancy. When a vacancy occurs at any station, the list of those desiring transfer to that station is gone over, and, other things being equal, the man who has been longest in the service or who has served longest at a water station, is given the position. In this manner those who are most deserving of a transfer obtain the more desirable stations, such as land stations or one-man water stations where keepers are allowed to have their families.

Tarrytown Light Station is a one-man water station where the keeper is allowed to have his family, and as it is only a very short distance from the shore and near a large city, is considered a desirable station by the keepers.

Previous to the receipt of Mr.Biedermann's request for transfer to this station, similar requests had been received from four other keepers, all of whom have had considerably longer service.

This office has no information in regard to a prospective vacancy at Tarrytown Light Station.

In view of the fact that Mr.Biedermann has been less than five months in the service, and as it is to the interest of the service to recognize service at off shore stations by transferring men to more desirable stations as opportunity permits on the basis of seniority, when other things are equal, it is recommended that should a vacancy occur at Tarrytown Light Station, that Mr.Biedermann be not given preference over other keepers or assistants who have had longer periods of service at isolated stations than Mr. Biedermann.

YATES

COPY

RAY H.BRINKERHOFF
Rockland Lake,N.Y.

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Rockland Lake, N.Y., Sept.9,1913

Hon.Benjamin I. Taylor,

Member of Congress, Washington,D.C.

Hon.Sir:

A young Democratic friend of mine Mr.August Biedermann, of Rockland Lake,N.Y., now employed in the U.S.Lighthouse Service, and stationed at Race Rock,L.I.,has put in an application for a transfer to Tarrytown Light (Hudson River) and as he informs me, that the present keeper at Tarrytown, is also desirous of leaving that station, that event will leave an opportunity for transfer. In the event of a vacancy existing at the Tarrytown light in the near future will you use your good offices in an endeavor to place this young man at Tarrytown? I assure you that he is a thoroughly qualified, strictly temperate, and an exceptional young man to be in the service, and feel that his request should be granted; and if you can put in a favorable word, I feel that his application will receive favorable consideration. Thanking you for what you may do in the matter I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Ray H. Brinkerhoff.

Respectfully referred to Comm.of Lighthouses for investigation and report,returning this letter with reply.

B.I.Taylor, 25 N.Y.
Left at Bu.by his Priv.Secy.
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A. F. Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Lt. Station,
Rockaland Lake, N.Y.

August 28, 1918.

SUBJECT: Increase in compensation, fiscal year 1918.

REFERENCE: Your letter of August 7, 1918

You are requested to read Circular letter No. 195, sent you, dated August 3rd, 1917, showing that temporary increase in salary ended June 30, 1918.

Increase in compensation at the rate of $10.00 per month was sent you August 14, 1918, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1918.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 7th, 1918.

Supt. of Lighthouses

Re. the matter of salary. If $60.95 is all the compensation I can get for a mos work; to keep myself and family on, I shall be forced to resign; as it is impossible for me to pay my bills on such a rate. If this amount is correct it looks more like a decrease instead of an increas comparing $67.80 last mos check with $60.95 this mos. There is no need of my stating any further instances as you know I can do at least $25.- per mo. better in less important positions. Kindly advise as soon as possible in regard to this matter.

A. F. Biederman
Keeper

Race Rock Lt. Sta.

July 7th, 1913.

April 2

Check apart July 8/13 upon completion of papers

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUL 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Inspector

I have not as yet received my check. This being my first mo. in the service & my funds being entirely exhausted, and therefore being sorely in need. Still you kindly see that I get same as soon as possible?

A. F. Biedermann
2nd Asst.

Biedermann

Race Rock Light Sta.

Files

June 2, 1913.





Inspector sir:

In the event of a vacancy I wish you to transfer me to the following stations

Asst. Keeper x Rockland Lake
Keeper x Stony Point
" x Tarrytown

Respectfully yours

A. F. Biedermann

Wallace N Eddey / Asst
In absence of keeper

New list received 11/26/13 JHL

Race Rock Light Sta.
June 12, 1913





Inspector, sir:

In the event of a vacancy I wish you to transfer me to the following stations

Asst. Keeper Rockland Lake

Keeper Stony Point

Keeper Tarrytown

Wallace H. Eddeff
Asst. In absence of keeper

Respectfully yours

A. F. Biedermann

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Files

June 9,1913

August F. Biedermann, 2nd Asst.Kpr.

Through the Keeper in charge,

Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of June 5, relative to your transfer to Rockland Lake Light Station. You are informed that all requests for transfer to other stations, must be submitted in manner and form as prescribed in circular letter in regard to transfers, copy of which was sent to you on June 6, and another copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Your attention is called to the fact that all communications to this office must be forwarded through the Keeper in charge of stations, in accordance with the Regulations.

JHG

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June 9,1913

August F. Biedermann, 2nd Asst.Kpr.

Through the Keeper in charge,

Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of June 5, relative to your transfer to Rockland Lake Light Station. You are informed that all requests for transfer to other stations, must be submitted in manner and form as prescribed in circular letter in regard to transfers, copy of which was sent to you on June 6, and another copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Your attention is called to the fact that all communications to this office must be forwarded through the Keeper in charge of stations, in accordance with the Regulations.

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June 3,1913

August F. Biedermann,

1716 - 2nd Avenue,

New York, N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated May 28,1913 directing you to report for duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

The Keeper reports under date of June 1st that you had not yet entered on duty. As your services are urgently needed at this station, you are directed to report for duty immediately. If you have not already reported for duty, inform this office by return mail, definitely as to what date you expect to report.

Inspector

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May 28,1913

August F. Biedermann,

1716- 2nd Avenue,

New York, N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated May 23,1913 informing you that you had been nominated for appointment to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light-Station,N.Y.

You are informed that you have been appointed to this position and are hereby directed to report for duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Race Rock Light Station, on June 1,1913. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The keeper's name and address, is Edmund B.Ryder, Keeper Race Rock Light Station, Fishers Island,N.Y.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
May 28,1913
Copy forwarded to Keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Report to this office promptly by mail last day of service of Wallace W.Eddey as 2nd Asst.Kpr., and the date of entrance on duty of August Biedermann as 2nd Asst. Keeper.

YATES

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

May 27, 1913.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. BRADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Wallace W. Eddey.
Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 73 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

May 23, 1913 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist)

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, August F. Biedermann Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 14 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 78.8

Other eligibles considered, Lewis H. Wilcox - Accepts
H. Hale Parsons - Declined (Name restored to register)

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Wallace W. Eddey Services terminated, May 31, 1913

Reason, Promoted

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
Mr. Biedermann has no relatives in the Government Service.
No employe of District desired transfer to this position.
No quarters at this station for families of keepers.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.

~~YATES~~ HOPKINS

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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

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

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May 23,1913

August F. Biedermann,

1716 - 2nd Avenue,

New York, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of May 21,1913 stating that you are willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for this position, and are therefore directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will be required about June 1,1913.

YATES

Inspector

Form 201

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

John Ryle, Jr.,
Bay Point,
Stamford, Conn.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
May 19, 1913 , 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

2nd Assistant Keeper

at Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

This station is off shore (On Fishers Island)
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $456.00 per annum.

There are quarters for keepers who must provide their own furniture except stoves. No quarters for keepers families. Family quarters can probably be rented in the vicinity.
(Here state whether dwelling quarters are provided by the Government for the family of the keeper at the station, or whether quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel 11 tons coal & 1 cord wood per year for 3 keepers Rations Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached note)
(Here state allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.

F. W. Ockenfels

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?.....

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?.....

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

.....

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:.....

Similar letter to:
Chas.A.Hall
Jas.J.A.Nelson
Aug.F.Biedermann
Lewis H.Wilcox
H.Hale Parsons
Robt.McAfee

(*Signature:*).....

(*Post-office address:*).....

Date, ...

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT ..... Number 75

Letter from J. J. Yates

Date 12-4-15

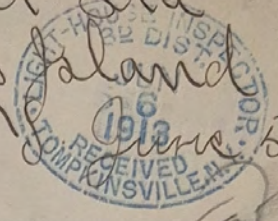
Subject AUGUST F. BIEDERMANN

Reprimanded for station being in a dirty & neglected condition

Original filed under

Unit Queen Ledge Lt. Station Number 683

Race Rock Lt Sta
Fishers Island
N Y June 5



Inspector,

I wish to state that Mr Biederman reported for duty Race Rock as 2nd Asst Keeper on June 5 10 a.m.

Wallace W Eddey
1st Asst Keeper

In absent of Keeper.

August F. Biedermann
2d A.K - Race Rock
E O D June 5, 1913

See Race Rock

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August F. Biedermann, Keeper,

Greene Ledge Light Station,

Rowayton, Conn.

December 28,1915

You are advised that the new authorized rates of pay for Greene Ledge Light Station, are as follows:-

Keeper.....	$648	per annum
Assistant keeper.....	$516	do

These new rates of pay will not become effective until such time as the Greene Ledge Light Station is placed in first class condition and kept up to the required standard. It is to be noted that the condition of the station was not satisfactory when last inspected.

YATES

Inspector

Biedermann

JHG

March 13,1914

August F.Biedermann, 1st Asst.Kpr.,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of March 12,1914 appointing you to the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, effective at the close of March 25,1914.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to take charge of Race Rock Light Station and relieve the present keeper, Mr.Wilcox at the close of March 25,1914, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

You will inform this office promptly by letter when you have relieved Mr.Wilcox and taken charge of Race Rock Lt.Sta.

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Biedermann, Augustus F.
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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Race Rock Lt Sta
Nov 19, 1913
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Inspector

In reply to your letter in regard to the services of August F. Biedermann. In my opinion he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment.

Wilcox

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Nov.13,1913

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William H. Wilcox, Keeper,

Race Rock Light Station,

Fishers Island, N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of August F.Biedermann, second assistant keeper at Race Rock Light Station, will expire on December 4,1913. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

YATES

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Oct.27,1913

August F.Biedermann,2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of October 22,1913 appointing you to the position of First Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station,New York.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to enter on duty as First Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, on November 16,1913.

In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Oct.27,1913

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Inform this office of the last day of Service of Eddey, and the date on which Biedermann enters on duty as 1st Asst.Keeper.
In the absence and by direction of Inspector.

HOPKINS

Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., April 6, 1915

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on April 16,1915.

Name, August F.Biedermann

Position, Keeper

From Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

To Greens Ledge Light Station,Conn.

Previous incumbent, William T. Locke

Services terminated, April 15,1915

Reason, Transferred

Letter from Mr.Biedermann requesting this transfer attached hereto.

ASPINWALL

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GAVIGAN

YATES

April 17,1915, 191

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with April 16,1915.

YATES

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

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FILE COPY

Biederman

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JHG

Mr. August F. Biederman, Feb.14,1918

7 Elm Grove,

South Norwalk, Conn.

Sir:-

Referring to your application filed in this office for the position of Keeper. You are advised you have been selected for the position of keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station, N.Y., and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station and relieve the present keeper at the close of February 28th, 1918. The present keeper's name and address are Brewster S. Oldis, Rockland Lake, New York. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

FILE COPY

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Mr. August F. Biederman, Feb. 18,1918

7 Elm Grove Street,

South Norwalk, Conn.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated Feb.16,1918 stating you were willing to accept the position of keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station. You are informed you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to proceed to the station named and relieve the present keeper, Mr.Oldis, without fail, at the close of February 28,1918. You will give Mr.Oldis receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which you relieve Mr.Oldis and take charge of Rockland Lake Light Station. The salary of this position is $564 per annum, with the usual ration allowance of 30 cents per day. The above mentioned salary is also subject to an increase of 10% for the period up to June 30,1918.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

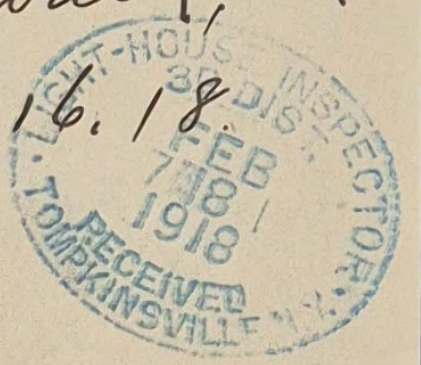
Inspector

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#7 Elm Grove Sh.

So. Norwalk, Ct.

Feb. 16. 18



Inspector :—

Yours of the 14th inst. at hand and contents noted. I will report for duty as per your letter. Kindly advise as to the salary

attached to said position.

A. F. Biederman

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 28, 1918

Inspector:-

I relieved keeper Brewster S. Oldis of Rockland Lake Light Sta. and signed receipts for property in his charge at 6 P. M. on the above date.

A. F. Biedermann

E O D March 1-1918

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAR 12 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rockaway Lake Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 28, 1918

Inspector

Mr August F Biedinman Reported
at Station 6 P.M February 28 1918
& Turned Light House and all Government
Property which has been entrusted to Me

Ernest A. Olds
Outgoing Keeper

Biedenman to O D March 1-1918

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Brewster S. Cldis, Keeper, Feb. 18,1918

Rockland Lake Light Station,

Rockland Lake, N. Y.

Referring to your resignation from the position of keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station. August F. Biederman of 7 Elm Grove Street, South Norwalk, Conn.,has been appointed to relieve you and take charge of the station, without fail, on the close of February 28th,1918. You will turn over to Mr.Biederman on his arrival, the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Biederman.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 2,1918 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y,2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, August F. Biederman

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $564.00 p.a.

Location, Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 1,1918 { 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, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 76.0 , Other eligibles considered:
None

Previous incumbent, Ernester S.Oldis

Services terminated, Feb. 28,1918

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty on March 1,1918 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Nos.1 to 5 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations. Mr.Biederman resigned from the position of Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,on April 15,1916.

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

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J. T. YATES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
MAR 11 1918
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1918.

r. August P. Biederman,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

MAR 15 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. LIGHT INSPECTOR'S

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 Five Hundred and Sixty-four 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 local Civil Service Board for the Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Acting (SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST
Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Appropriation:
Brewster S. Oldis
Vice:
Connecticut.
Legal Residence:

(See reverse side.)

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

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7-25-19 Not yet taken examination JHG

April 8,1918

August F. Biderman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

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Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved Auguse 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No.187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

P.S. Keeper to sign Form 206 where marked A, and assistant keeper to sign where marked B.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



JHG

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

August F. Biederman, ...Keeper,
Rockland Lake
.....Light Station,
Rockland Lake , N.Y.
.....

Furnish the information called for below in regard to ~~assistant~~ Keeper August F. Biederman, and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

30
45

Height 6 feet 1/4 inches.

Weight 190 pounds

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Brown

Distinguishing marks Mold on the bottom of right lid.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

Date Apr. 1st 1918

Returned to Inspector, the information requested having been inserted above.

A. F. Biederman
.....Keeper

Form 206 FILE No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

JHC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, April 3,1918, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SIR:

Please examine August F.Biederman, keeper of Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 6 feet, 1/4 inches;

weight, 190 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, Mole on bottom of right eyelid.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Lighthouse Inspector.

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by B

Asst.Keeper,Rockland Lk.Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , and find him physically { disqualified / qualified* } in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

11—5099

7/31/23

Butler-

When new Pay-Roll plate is made for

August Biederman as
Light Attendant
Rockland Lake Light Station

place same between that of

Herman Burke-Keeper-Pt. Jefferson

and Philip Cameron-Lamplighter
Rouses Point Light Station.

P.S. 7/31/23

NC-8/1/2

Atc

August 1st 1923.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Transfer of Property from A. F. Biderman, Keeper Rockland Lake is correct.

Walter R. Thorne

GSK's Office.

FWO:JHG

July 18, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services of Keeper and Asst. Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station.
REFERENCE: Bureau's indorsement of June 6, forwarding department letter of May 1st, 1923.

The Bureau is advised that the services of the Keeper and Assistant Keeper at the Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, were discontinued effective at the close of July 10, 1923.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

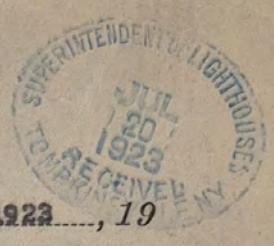
F. W. OCKENFELS

1st Asst. Superintendent.

Form 205 **CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION**

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



Staten Island, N. Y., July 18, 1923, 19
(Place and date)

Employment has been given to August F. Biedermann

as Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Lt.Sta., N. Y., in connection with work in the Third Lighthouse District, at the rate of $ 600.00 p.a. ~~per day~~ ~~a month~~, beginning July 11, 1923, 19 , under regulations approved by the Secretary of Commerce, dated ~~May 10, 1918~~ Aug. 4, 1919 This contract of employment supersedes all previous certificates of appointment.

J. F. Yates
Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

NC-PS 7/31/23

August F. Biedermann

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office.

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FWC-JHG

August F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York

June 29,1923

SUBJECT: New light and fog bell at Rockland Lake.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office June 7,1923.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated June 7,1923 relative to the discontinuance of the present Rockland Lake Light and the establishment of a new acetylene light, and advising you that the date of discontinuance of your services as Keeper and of William A. Ackerson as Assistant Keeper, would be the date on which the present Rockland Lake Light is discontinued; you are advised that these instructions are amended to the extent that both you and Assistant Keeper Ackerson will remain on duty as heretofore up to and including July 10, 1923. You will be taken up as Light Attendant of the new light effective beginning July 11,1923.

2. The new acetylene light will probably be in operation within the next day or so, and the present light will be discontinued as soon as the new light is placed in operation. The new fog bell, however, will not be fully installed for operation for a number of days, and in the meantime in case of fog the old bell will be used.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO:JHG

July 18, 1923.

August F. Biedermann, Lt. Attendant
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Appointment as light attendant.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated June 29th, 1923.

There is enclosed herewith contract of employment in duplicate, covering the position of Light Attendant of the Rockland Lake Light Station, effective beginning July 11, 1923. Please sign the two copies of contract of employment and return both to this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st Asst. Superintendent.

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DISCONTINUANCE OF:-

Positions of Keeper and Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.

Services of August F. Biederman, Keeper of do

" " Wm. A. Ackersen, Asst.Keeper of do

Effective at the close of July 10,1923.

ESTABLISHMENT OF:-

New position of Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Lt.Sta.

Appointment of August F.Biedermann, as Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, effective July 11,1923.

VC 7/31/23

Miss

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11, 1923.

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Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Subject:- Listing position of this station:

This week the tower has moved 3/64 of an inch. The braces under the lower balcony (the small guiders that run from columon to columns) show signs of a strain. Seven or eight of these joints around the deck show sagging and pulling which is seen by the cracking of the paint. In one place to the southeast where there is a joint that has been somewhat open, has opened up fully 1/2 inch more. At the rate this place is moving and the attitude the officials of this department are taking in regard

to it (just watching) makes us feel very uncomfortable. This saying there is not danger does not satisfy us at all. The idea is, if this thing is to be watched for 5 or 6 mos. and by that time the weather conditions will be such nothing can be done for 4 or 5 mos. more, at the rate it is going, where will it be by that time. If there is no action taken in this matter in a reasonable length of time both the asst. and myself feel inclined to resign because of its condition

A. F. Biedermann

Keeper

P.S. The string for plumb has given out and I have not anything here that matches it. A lighter string will make some difference in the measurements, I think. I am enclosing an old piece for sample. If you have any like it kindly send me 12 ft. If not I will use what I have. If form 95 is required enclosed find same.

FWO-JHG

August Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York

May 15,1923

SUBJECT: Rockland Lake Light Station.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 11,1923.

1. In view of your report of May 11th of the fact that the Assistant Keeper and yourself do not desire to remain at the station owing to its condition, you are advised that preparations are being made for the establishment of a light at this station which will eliminate the necessity of a keeper and assistant keeper. At the present time the only vacancy for which you might be considered for transfer is in the position of First Assistant Keeper of New Haven Light Station, located off shore in New Haven Harbor, Connecticut. The total pay of this position is $103.50, consisting of base pay of $70.00 per month, a temporary increase or bonus of $20.00 per month, and the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day. The light is a 4th order oil, and the fog signal a 10-inch air whistle. Advise by return mail whether you wish to accept transfer to this position. You would also continue to receive your Longevity pay of $5 p.m.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWC-JHC

William A. Akerson, Assistant Keeper, May 15,1923
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York

SUBJECT: Rockland Lake Light Station.

1. In view of the Keeper's report of May 11th stating you and the keeper do not desire to remain at the station owing to its condition, you are advised that preparations are being made for the establishment of a light at this station which will eliminate the necessity of a keeper and assistant keeper. At the present time the only vacancy for which you might be considered for transfer is the position of Additional Keeper for temporary detail to Romer Shoal Lt.Sta.,located off shore in N.Y.Lower Bay. The total pay of this position is $93.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $60 p.m., a temporary increase or bonus of $20 p.m. and the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day. You will also receive in addition your longevity pay of $5 p.m. The light is a 4th order oil vapor, and the fog signal a bell operated by clockwork. Advise by return mail whether you wish to accept transfer to this position.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

JTY.HP

May 15, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: Rockland Lake Light Station.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office March 10, 1923 and Form 80 of May 15, 1923.

1. The listing of this light is continuing very slowly, the same being about 1/64 of an inch, on the plumb bobbin suspended on a 6 ft. line, each week. The keepers at this station are commencing to be worried in regard to the safety of the light and, while I do not consider there is any possibility of the light toppling over as it is buried in rip rap, do not consider it advisable to keep the keepers at this station in view of their fears when same can be easily avoided. Therefore, it is proposed to establish at this station a 40 ft. steel tower with acetylene light and weight operated fog bell temporarily and to discontinue the keepers at this station and have the light and fog bell attended to by some person living ashore in the vicinity, this tower to be placed alongside the old tower on the old foundation and the old light tower to be dismantled and removed until such time as rip rap has settled sufficiently to warrant the building of a larger and permanent one, at which time the old tower will be reinstalled or the temporary 40 ft. steel tower will be installed at this location on a more permanent foundation.

2. It is proposed to install the temporary 40 ft. tower at once but on account of important work on hand it is proposed to delay the taking down of the old tower until the latter part of the summer.

J. T. YATES.

Copy to 1st Asst. Supt.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 17, 1923.

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Subject: Changing of this station to a light without keepers in attendance & transfer to New Haven Lt. Sta as 1st. asst. keeper.

How long before this change will take place? Are we to stay here until the change is made? Will there be any kind of a fog signal at this station?

It seems to me if there is no fog signal this will be a dangerous spot. We are willing to stay here as long as we feel safe. The way this thing is moving gets on a fellows nerve and out of patients at times. If we could learn about what time the department would be ready to fix the place, we would try to aim to stay until that time. After seeing how much the tower went in a week it was

the irritable condition I was in that made me speak the way I did in my report of the 11 inst. If we could have some encouragement we would feel diferent. As to my transfer to New Haven I could not consider it at all as the moving of my family and furniture and the rents that are demanded in that section, I figure would be too much for me. May I ask. Is the light you speak of putting in here to be while this light is being fixed or to be permanent. If this tower was to be fixed I would like to ask to come back to it when completed. If you could consent. In the meantime I would like to take imployment ashore.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper

12th asst

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 18, 1923

Supt of Lighthouses
3rd Dist

Subject:- Transfer to Romer Shoals Lt. Sta.

I do not desire to transfer to the above mentioned Lt. Sta.

Yr A Asst

Through the keeper
A. F. Biedermann

FWO:CFG

May 19th, 1923.

August Biederman, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Lt. Station,
Rockland Lake, New York.

SUBJECT : Rockland Lake Light.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 17th, 1923.

1. The contents of your letter of May 17th have been noted. In view of the conditions at this station you are advised that the present light and fog signal will be discontinued and an acetylene light established with a fog bell that will run for about eight or ten hours on one winding, which will eliminate the necessity for a resident keeper. The new light will be located on a structural steel tower and the light attendant will be required to keep the tower clean and paint same as necessary and provide facilities on shore to take care of a boat. It will be necessary for the light attendant to visit the light once each week to read the gas pressure and make report of same and also to visit and relight the light in any case where it may become extinguished. It will also be necessary for him to go to the station and start the fog bell in case of foggy weather. The light attendant, who will, necessarily, reside on shore, will be permitted to have other employment on shore provided such employment does not interfere with his caring for the light as stated, or with his going to the station to start the fog bell whenever the weather becomes foggy. The pay of the position will be about $70.00 per month. Please advise this office by return mail whether or not you wish to be considered for the position of light attendant at Rockland Lake Light under the above conditions.

2. As resident keepers at Rockland Lake Light Station will, necessarily, be dispensed with please instruct the Asst. Keeper to make prompt reply to the letter previously sent to him in reference to the matter of transfer to Romer Shoal Light Station.

Superintendent.

FWO:JHG

May 21st, 1923.

Wm. A. Ackerson, Asst. Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper of Staten Island Lt. Sta.

Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for transfer to the position of Keeper of Staten Island Light Station located on Staten Island, N. Y. Your transfer to this position would be temporary but would probably continue for a period of about six months or possibly longer, after which, if there are any vacancies available, you would be transferred to another position. The total pay of this position is $103.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $65.00 per month, a bonus of $20.00 per month, longevity pay of $5.00 per month and the usual ration allowance of 45 cents per day. Family quarters are provided at this station.

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 23, 1923

Supt of Light-Houses
3 2d Dist-

Subject- Transfer to Staten Island Lt Sta.

I do not wish to be sent away from Rockland Lake

William A Ackerson
A. F. Biedermann.
Keeper

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 22, 1923

Supt. of Lighthouses
3rd Dist

Subject:- Acceptance of position of non resident keeper at this Sta.
Reference your letter of the 19 inst.

I will accept the above mentioned position.
The asst. answered his letter regarding transfer to Romer Shoals.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper.

P.S. How is this fog signal to be worked if the fog sets in and a fellow can't see the light to get to it? And how about when the ice is running in the river?

FWO:CFG

May 25th, 1923.

A. F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Sta.,
Rockland Lake, New York.

SUBJECT : Position of Light Attendant.

REFERENCE: Your letter of May 22nd, 1923.

1. It is noted that you desire to be considered for employment as light attendant of Rockland Lake Light when the new light and fog signal are established.

2. In reference to your postscript to your letter of May 22nd in reference to the matter of attending the station when fog sets in and when ice is running in the river, you are advised that there are other lights similarly located in connection with which the light attendants experience no difficulty in maintaining them and keeping the fog bell in operation during foggy weather and it is expected that the lamplighter of Rockland Lake Light Station will maintain the light and fog bell in as an efficient manner as other light attendants of other similar stations.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent.

FWO:JHG

May 25, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT : Rockland Lake Light Station.
REFERENCE: Form 80 dated May 15, 1923 and approved by Bureau May 17, 1923.

1. As the establishment of a flashing acetylene light on a skeleton steel tower, together with a fog bell, at Rockland Lake Light Station will make the employment of resident keepers unnecessary at this station, it is recommended that the position of keeper at $900.00 per annum and the position of keeper(assistant)at $720.00 per annum be discontinued; also that the services of August F. Biedermann,Keeper,at $960.00 per annum(including longevity pay of $60.00 per annum), and William A. Ackerson, Keeper(assistant),at $780.00 per annum (including longevity pay of $60.00 per annum) be discontinued without prejudice. Mr. Biedermann and Mr. Ackerson have not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. The matter of transfer of these two men to other stations, where vacancies exist, has been taken up and both men declined such transfers.

2. The services of a person residing in the vicinity will be necessary to place the fog bell in operation as occasion requires and relight the light in the event of its becoming extinguished and to read the gas pressure once each week, reporting same to this office, and to keep the tower clean and paint it and in good order. It is, therefore, recommended that one position of Light Attendant of Rockland Lake Light Station, N. Y., with pay at the rate of $~~840~~ 720.00 per annum, be authorized. The matter of the position of Light Attendant has been taken up with the present keeper of the station and he is desirous of obtaining employment in that position and so far as is known at present he will be so employed when the changes at this station are made. It is recommended that the discontinuance of the positions of Keeper and Assistant Keeper at this station, as well as the discontinuance of the services of the incumbents of these positions, be made effective when the new light and fog bell are established, at which time the position of Light Attendant referred to herein will also be effective, the exact dates to be reported later.

J. T. Yates

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1923.

LIGHTHOUSES

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Third Superintendent's recommendation of May 25, 1923, concurred in by the Bureau's endorsement of May 29, 1923, the Department has discontinued the positions of Keeper at $900 per annum and Keeper (assistant) at $720 per annum, at Rockland Lake Light Station, New York, effective at the close of a date later to be reported; and has authorized a position of Light Attendant at that station at $600 per annum, effective on a date later to be reported.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 7 1923 SECOND DISTRICT

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief of Appointment Division.

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JUN 6 - 1923

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 JUN 4 PM 6 26

May 31, 1923.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the position which was occupied by you has been abolished, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper at $960 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay), in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. August F. Biedermann,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

P
G
3rd

May 31, 1923.

Sir:

In view of the fact that the position which was occupied by you has been abolished, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper (assistant) at $780 per annum (including $60 per annum longevity pay), in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. William A. Ackerson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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3rd

FWC-JHG

August F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, New York

June 7,1923

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of position of keeper of Rockland Lake L.S.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 25,1923.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 31,1923 discontinuing your services as keeper of the Rockland Lake Light Station. The effective date of this discontinuance will be the date on which the present Rockland Lake Light is discontinued. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Light Attendant of the new acetylene light which is to be established. The total pay of this position will be $70 per month, consisting of base pay of $50 per month and a temporary increase in pay of $20.00 per month. The effective date of your entrance on duty as Light Attendant will be the date on which the new light is established. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

2. You will be advised later in reference to the property under your charge at Rockland Lake. Fill out the three copies of Form 30 enclosed herewith, and hold same at station until further orders.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

William A. Ackerson, Asst.Keeper, June 7,1923
Through the Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 31,1923 discontinuing your services as Assistant Keeper of Rockland Lake Light Station. The effective date of this discontinuance will be the date prior to the date on which the new acetylene light is placed in operation.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rockland Lake Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 12, 1923

Supt of Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Subject: Time of changing this light station

Will you kindly tell me if you can, the time, or about within a week or so, that the change of lights here is going to take place, as I have a lot of things on the station I have got to find a place to put. If I can get an idea it will help me to arrange things for myself.

A. F. Biedermann
Keeper

P.S. Will it be necessary for me at this time to make out both Annual Property Return and Transfer of Property.

FWO:SS

June 15th, 1923.

A. F. Biedermann, Keeper,
Rockland Lake Light Station,
Rockland Lake, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of station, etc.

REFERENCE: Your letter of June 12th, 1923.

1. You are advised that as the annual property return is not due to be submitted until June 30th and as the present station will be discontinued prior to that date, a transfer of property will be all that is required.

2. You will be advised in due time as to the date on which the present light is to be discontinued and the new light established.

J. T. Yates,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton.
Chief Clerk.