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

Date: 07/24/2026

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Birch, John, S.		1870 VA

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: 1954 NY

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (NJ) 4th District	1893	1933
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00077903B6

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): Req sent 8/17/26 mx

Remarks: '26 JUL 23 AM11:19 B620

SCREENING NOTES

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

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

STANDARD FORM 127
APRIL 1952
PRESCRIBED BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
REG. 3-IV-302

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER
(SEPARATED EMPLOYEE)

Submit in duplicate to the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 5 March 1954

SECTION I—TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING OFFICE

General Services Administration
Records Management Service, Region 6
Federal Records Center
1724 Locust Street
St. Louis 3, Mo.

B-420

2. NAME (*Last, first, middle*)	3. NAME UNDER WHICH FORMERLY EMPLOYED FEDERALLY (*If other than item 2*)	4. DATE OF BIRTH
BIRCH, John S.		3-21-1870

5. FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYING OFFICE (*Agency, bureau or equivalent, address, and dates of employment*)

Lighthouse Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Retired 5-31-33

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(*If formerly employed by agencies in addition to above, list under item 7*)

6. PERSONNEL FOLDER ACTION (*Check appropriate box*)

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(Two folders, Department of Treasury or Commerce and Bureau of Lighthouses)

SECTION II—FOR USE BY FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, MO.

8.

- [ ] a. CONSOLIDATE ATTACHED PAPERS WITH FOLDER PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED
- [ ] b. FOLDER ENCLOSED 7-03-5-33
- [ ] c. FOLDER NOT LOCATED
- [ ] d. FLAGGED. FOLDER TO BE FORWARDED WHEN LOCATED
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9. REMARKS

3-15-54 Ea

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TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
ADDRESS: U. S. Coast Guard
1300 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN:

Requesting agency will type name and address of office submitting request in address box. To be used to mail folder or reply.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66697-1

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file 75
LEH

The Sailors' Snug Harbor

FOUNDED 1801

Staten Island 1, N.Y.

WWI 5-26 AM

HOWARD A. FLYNN
Governor

HERMAN KEOPKA
Deputy Governor

WILLIAM W. WOOD, M.S., B.D.
Chaplain

GEORGE JUNNIER
Commissary

November 4, 1946

Treasurer of The United States
Division of Disbursement
Retired Pay
Lighthouse Service
Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

The check for Mr John S. Birch, Sailors' Snug Harbor for $80.87 arrived this morning but the card which he has to sign at the end of this month was not enclosed. Would you please send him one ?

Treasury
Division of Disbursement 3.919

John S. Birch, KPR RET
Sailors' Snug Harbor
Staten Island, N.Y.

00 003 926
object for which drawn
Retired Pay
Lighthouse Service
Coast Guard 18,460

Respectfully yours,

Mac G Stone
Hospital Superintendent

MGS/no

Answered by form letter
11/22/46

S.H.

Birch

February 6, 1912.

Dr. James Hesbs,

Lewes, Del.

S i r :

The receipt of your letter of February 5, 1912, stating that Captain John Birch is quarantined at his home on account of the illness of his wife, is acknowledged with thanks.

Respectfully,

O. D. Stearns,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

File- 2-22-12-
" 3-5-12

No Card

S.H.

February 6, 1912.

Alfred Johansen, Mate
Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Del.

S i r :

You are informed that the Master of Overfalls Light Vessel, John S. Birch, is quarantined at his home on account of the fact that his wife is ill with Diphtheria. Dr. James Beebe of Lewes, Del., has informed this office that it probably will be necessary for him to remain at home for at least two weeks. Pending the return to duty of Mr. Birch, you will be in charge of the vessel and will govern yourself accordingly.

When Captain Birch returns to duty, please request him to advise this office of the fact by letter.

Respectfully,

C. D. Stearns,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

OFFICE HOURS:
8 TO 9.30 A. M.
12.30 TO 2 P. M.
6 TO 8 P. M.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE
3D DIST
FEB 6 1917
PHILADELPHIA PA

DR. JAMES BEEBE
LEWES, DEL.

DIAMOND STATE PHONE

Feb. 3, 1917

Light House Inspector
Thompsonville N.Y.

Dear Sir -,

I beg to notify you that Captain John Bish of the Overfalls Light Ship is quarantined at his home here, his wife is ill from Diphtheria it will probably be necessary for him to be at home for at least two weeks.

If there is any further information you desire kindly command me, and

Yours truly.

James Beebe.

Feb. 3, 1912

Dr. James Beebe , ~~xxxx~~ Lewes , Del. States that John Birch Master of Overfalls L.V. is quarantined in his home on acct of wife ill with Diphteria. Will probably be there for two ~~w~~ks.

See Birch , John

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPR 32
JAN 3 1917
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Cornwalls Lt No 69
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 31, 1916

Light House Inspector
Third Dist.

I have this day received notice from Mr. James Lucey, Tompkinsville N.Y. that the Corn Exc. Bank refused to cash the check I gave him in payment for stores bought in November. The bank when I deposit the ships money has changed its name from the Lewis National Bank to Fidelity Trust and Savings Bank, when the change was made the Cashier told me to go on useing the checks I had on hand till they were used up, this I have done without any trouble till this particular case. I will go ashore Tuesday Jan 2, weather permitting, and get some Fidelity Trust and Savings Checks, make out one for the amount of our indebtedness to Mr Lucey, and inclose it in this letter to you, I will at the same time mail a notice to Mr. Lucey to call at your

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

, 191

office and get the check in exchange for the one he now holds against me.

I am very sorry to cause you this trouble, but I feel that it is not quite the right thing to have two checks sent out to pay one bill.

Birch

Macalester

New clk for 56.60 deducted to + old clk for 56.60 recd from Lucy 1/8/17

January 8,1917.

John S.Birch,Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel #69,
Lewes,Del.

Referring to your letter of December 31st 1916.

You are advised that your check for $56.60 on the Fidelity Trust and Savings Bank was today delivered to Mr.James Lucey who at the same time returned your check No.41 dated December 11th on the Lewes National Bank for $56.60 which check is herewith returned.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Raymond Haskell

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

John S. Birch (Name) — Virginia (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Mate S.V. #52	Trans. from Treasury	$ 720	Light House Field	July 1, 1903
Master-S.V. #79		1,000	"	Feb. 1, 1905
Mate		80 mo	" (Bizania) "	Apr. 19, 1907
Master S.V. #69		1,000	" "	Dec 15, 1907
" " "		90 mo.	" "	Oct. 1, 1908
" " "		1,200 pa	" "	Jan. 1, 1913
" " "	TEMPORARY - Incr. to June 30, 1917	1,248	" "	Apr. 1, 1917
" " "		1,260	" "	July 1, 1917
" " "	TEMPORARY - Incr. to June 30, 1919	1,440	" "	Mar. 26, 1919
" " "	Incr.	1,500	" "	May 17, 1919
" " "	"	1,680	" "	Aug. 21, 1919
Keeper		780	" Fisms Pt. Rge. Fr. & S. N.J.	Jan. 14, 1920
"		840	" " " " "	Apr. 1, 1922
"		780	" Fairview Life Sg. Sta. N.J.	Feb. 4, 1923
"	Read. of Pay	1,020	" "	July 1, 1924
"	Act. Dec. 4, 1924	1,200	" "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	Incr.	1,260	" "	July 1, 1925
"	"	1320	" "	Jan. 1, 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928	1380	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1440	" "	JUL 3 1930

Retired beginning June 1, 1933 (Disability) Annuity $ 1069.45 pa.

PS
6 April 1954
P6-2/L16-4

File
3-2

Miss Elizabeth W. Birch
1421 Arch Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Birch:

Your claim for the final retired pay due the estate of your father, John S. Birch, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, has been forwarded by this office to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

In the event of undue delay in the settlement of this claim, it is suggested that you contact the Claims Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C.

There is forwarded herewith the Withholding Statement for the Year 1954 to aid you in the settlement of your father's estate.

Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
Form W-2

mailed
4/6/54

MJM:eeo Return to 2--4 Room 2111

MJM.

PS
6 April 1954
P6-2/L16-4

File
3-2

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Enclosed is the claim of Miss Elizabeth W. Birch claiming the final retired pay due the estate of her father, John S. Birch, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, who died on 26 February 1954.

This claim in the amount of $115.59 has been examined and is approved for payment. The appropriation to be charged is 204024l Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1954.

Attached to the claim is a photostatic copy of a waiver indicating that funeral expenses incurred in this case in the amount of $794.76 have not been paid.

Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Form No. 1055
(2) Form No. 2661
(3) Waiver

mailed
4/6/54

MJM:eeo Return to 2--4 Room 2111

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF RECORDS AND STATISTICS

Borough of RICHMOND New York, N. Y. **MAR 3 1954**

Below is a photostatic copy of a certificate on file in the Bureau of Records and Statistics of the Department of Health of the City of New York.

DIVISION OF RECORDS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOROUGH OF Richmond
FILED
1954 FEB 25 PM 9:25

Certificate of Death

Certificate No. 156-54-500384

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Print or Typewrite) JOHN SKINNER BIRCH
First Name Middle Name Last Name

PERSONAL PARTICULARS
(To be filled in by Funeral Director)

2 USUAL RESIDENCE: (a) State NEW YORK
(b) Co. RICHMOND (c) Post Office and Zone New Brighton
(d) No. 914 RICHMOND TERRACE Ave. St.
(If in rural area, give location)
(e) Length of residence or stay in City of New York immediately prior to death 8 YEARS

3 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) WIDOWED

4 DATE OF BIRTH OF DECEDENT (Month) MARCH (Day) 21 (Year) 1870

5 AGE 84 yrs. | If under 1 year: mos. days | If LESS than 1 day: hrs. or min.

6 Occupation
a. Usual Occupation (Kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) SEAMAN
b. Kind of Business or Industry in which this work was done SHIPS

7 SOCIAL SECURITY NO. NONE

8 BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) VIRGINIA

9 OF WHAT COUNTRY WAS DECEASED A CITIZEN AT TIME OF DEATH? U.S.A.

10a. WAS DECEASED EVER IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES? NO
10b. IF YES, Give war or dates of service

11 NAME OF FATHER OF DECEDENT GEORGE C. BIRCH

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER OF DECEDENT MARIA TRAINEY

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
(To be filled in by the Physician)

15 PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) NEW YORK CITY: (b) Borough RICHMOND
(c) Name of Hospital or Institution Infirmary of Sailors' Snug Harbor
(If not in hospital or institution, give street and number.)
(d) If in hospital, give Ward No. 7

16 DATE AND HOUR OF DEATH (Month) 2 (Day) 26 (Year) 54 (Hour) 4:30 P.M.

17 SEX MALE | 18 COLOR OR RACE WHITE | 19 Approximate Age 84

20 I HEREBY CERTIFY that (I attended the deceased)* (~~a staff physician of this institution attended the deceased~~)*
from July 1937, to 2-26-54 1954,
and last saw him alive at 10 A.M. on 2-26-54 1954

I further certify that death † was not caused, directly or indirectly by accident, homicide, suicide, acute or chronic poisoning, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, and that it was due to NATURAL CAUSES more fully described in the confidential medical report filed with the Department of Health.

* *Cross out words that do not apply.*
† *See first instruction on reverse of certificate.*

Witness my hand this 26 day of February 1954
Signature William H Barlow M. D.
Address 100 Central Ave

13 NAME OF INFORMANT ELIZABETH BIRCH | RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED DAUGHTER | ADDRESS 1421 ARCH ST. PHILADELPHIA

14a. Name of Cemetery or Crematory Sewell Methodist Cem. | 14b. Location (City, Town or County and State) Sewell, Delaware | 14c. Date of Burial or Cremation March 2. 54

21 FUNERAL DIRECTOR Edwin H. Slaten | ADDRESS 7. Columbus Ave | PERMIT NUMBER 3242

BUREAU OF RECORDS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CITY OF NEW YORK

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a record in my custody.

CARL L. ERHARDT
Director of Bureau

BY Nora H. Costello
Borough Registrar

WARNING: DO NOT ACCEPT THIS TRANSCRIPT UNLESS THE RAISED SEAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS AFFIXED THEREON. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS TRANSCRIPT IS PROHIBITED.

NOTICE: In issuing this transcript of the Record, the Department of Health of the City of New York does not certify to the truth of the statements made thereon as no inquiry as to the facts has been provided by law.

Birch

LEWES, DEL.
(place)

MAR. 22 1954
(date)

This is to certify that I (we) WILLIAM T. ATKINS & SON (undertaker) conducted the funeral of the late JOHN S. BIRCH U. S. COAST GUARD: that my charges for conducting said funeral are $794.76 and that payment therefor has not been received.

I hereby waive all claim against the United States Government for conducting said funeral and look only to Elizabeth W. Birch for reimbursement therefor.

(signed) Raymond R. Atkins
(undertaker)

complete and Return

CG 2661 A
Form approved by
Comptroller General, U. S.
(April 13, 1934)

DATA SUPPORTING CLAIM FOR PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF PERSONNEL

(MEMORANDUM)

U. S. COAST GUARD

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

Headquarters

Appropriation: 2040841, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1954 — *Unit* Retired Roll-Lighthouse

THE UNITED STATES, *Dr.*, Elizabeth W. Birch, daughter of

To JOHN S. BIRCH, KEEPER, FLHS, DECEASED (Name) — Retired

1421 Arch Street (Designation), *U. S. Coast Guard*

Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania (Address)

Total years of service ____

Pay ~~period of service~~ grade ____

Monthly rate of pay $133.37 (Base and longevity)

For pay and allowances—

From 2/1, 19 54, *to* 2/26, 19 54 (Inclusive)

CREDITS:		NOTATIONS
Subsistence allowance $		
Rental or quarters allowance		
Pay	115.59	
Balance forwarded from (Name of unit, noting month of roll or voucher)		
Sundry credits and adjustments		
TOTAL CREDITS $	115.59	

CHARGES:		
Allotment $		
Clothing		
Forfeited		
Sundry charges and adjustments		
TOTAL CHARGES $	None	

		NOTATIONS
Total Credits $	115.59	
Less—Total Charges, $		
Amt. retained		
TOTAL $		
Net amount to be paid on this voucher $	115.59	

REMARKS: Died: February 26, 1954. Last paid for the period 1-31 January, 1954 on D.O. Vou. No. 436-1760, settled in the January, 1954 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO SN 346. U.S. Treas. check No. 1,391704 dated 28 February, 1954 was returned and will be cancelled in the March, 1954 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO SN 346.

(Additional statements by Department if deemed necessary)

(ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION)

99-72
999000-1234

(Payee will NOT use this space)

Differences ____

Account verified; correct for $ 115.59

(Signature or initials) LEH

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

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

____, 19____ (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) ____ (Name) ____ (Official designation)
(Date)

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

Approved for $ 115.59

Date March 10, 19 54 (MEMORANDUM—DO NOT SIGN) ____

Commanding, District Commander.

C.C.GORDON
ACO

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—29661-3

FP-4
10 March 1954
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General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: John S. Birch, Keeper, FLHS, Retired,
Deceased

Gentlemen:

The following information relative to the pay account of the retired civilian employee named above is furnished for use in the settlement of claim for final pay held due in his case:

Date of death:	February 26, 1954
Gross pay to date of death:	$115.59
Federal Tax withheld and disposed of:	None
Other deductions:	None
Net amount due on death:	$115.59

Last paid for the period 1-31 January, 1954 on D.O. Vou. No. 436-1760, settled in the January 1954 accounts of Paul D. Banning, CDO SN 346.

Appropriation to which chargeable: 2040241, Retired Pay, Coast Guard, 1954.

Rate of retired pay was $133.37 per month.

Application for payment of amount due the decedent (Standard Form 1055) is being furnished next of kin.

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED
MAR 1 3 1954
SURVIVORS BENEFITS SECTION
U. S. COAST GUARD

LEO J. KING, LT, USCG
Chief, Payments and Claims Division
By direction of the Commandant

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APRIL 1952
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REG. 3-IV-302.

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TO: Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
ADDRESS: U. S. Coast Guard
1300 E Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN:

Requesting agency will type name and address of office submitting request in address box. To be used to mail folder or reply.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—66697-1

STANDARD FORM 50 (9 PART)
UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1946

U. S. COAST GUARD
RECEIVED
OCT 18 1948
Civilian Personnel Section

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS —FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Birch, John S. (Dr.)	3-21-1870	30	10-11-48

This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
~~ADJUSTMENT~~ Retirement (Disability)	Close 5-31-33	

FROM		TO	
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE		
$1440 per annum) Plus $240 pa Qtrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY		
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS		
New York, N.Y. Tinicum Island Range Rear Lt.Sta.	11. HEADQUARTERS		
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70329 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-20-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $1060.45 to $1240.45, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 39 years, 2 months, 11 days

Computations: ($1653.93 x 30.0000 ÷ 40) = $1240.45

14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

15. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE								16. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION			
NONE	5 PT.	10 POINT			WWII	WWI	OTHER	NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL.
		DISAB.	WIFE	WIDOW							
X											

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
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Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS AND REGULATIONS ON BACK)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 4th District.

803 New Custom House, 2d & Chestnut Sts, Phila, Pa.
(Place)

August 22, 1938.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

Sir:

The bearer, Captain John S. Birch,
(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
is a beneficiary of the U. S. Public Health Service:

1. An officer or member of the crew of a vessel belonging to the Lighthouse Service (including lightship), i. e., the _____
(Name of vessel)

or—

2. A light keeper or an assistant light keeper on duty at _____
(Name of station)

3. A former light keeper and master of lightship retired under Act Mar.4,1925.

You are requested to examine this applicant and to furnish him with such medical relief as may be required. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of employee to be examined _____

_____

Nativity American Age 68 years. Height _____ feet _____ inches.

Color of eyes _____ Color of hair _____

Distinguishing marks _____

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service March 20, 1894

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, _____, 19____

G.W.Hitchens,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Title of officer signing request)

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.
†Fill in only in case of light keeper or assistant light keeper when the date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service is subsequent to August 27, 1916.

(OVER)

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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(Place)

June 13, 1938.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.

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(Name and title of applicant for medical relief)
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(Title of officer signing request)

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Form 9
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PERMANENT
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RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date May 2d, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Fourth District

Philada, Pa.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 31, 1933, on the basis of service shown hereon.

(Sgd) John S. Birch
(Name)

Keeper, Tinicum Island Range Rear Lightstation.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Philada, Pa. *Date* May 5, 1933.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1060.45 per annum, effective at the close of May 31, 1933.

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

(Certificate of medical examination by U.S. Public Health Surgeon attached)

G. W. HITCHENS
Acting *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name John S. Birch Date of birth March 21, 1870

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
Mate of Lightvessel	Mar.	20	1894	Feby.	10	1905	
Master of Lightvessel	Feby.	11	1905	Apr.	18	1907	
Mate of Tender	Apr.	19	1907	Dec.	14	1907	
Master of Lightvessel	Dec.	15	1907	Jan.	10	1920	
Keeper of Lighthouse	Dec.	11	1920	May	31	1933	
Total service							39 yrs. 2 Mos. 11 days.

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: ----

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	June	1	1928	June	30	1928	$1320.	$ 110.00
do	July	1	1928	June	30	1929	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1929	June	30	1930	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1930	July	2	1930	1380.	7.67
do	July	3	1930	June	30	1931	1440.	1432.00
do	July	1	1931	June	30	1932	1440.	1440.00
do	July	1	1932	May	31	1933	1440.	1320.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7069.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1413.93

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1413.93 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1060.45
(Not exceeding 30)

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Form 9a-

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

Philadelphia, Pa, 4-26-1933
(Date)

NAME OF CLAIMANT John S. Birch DESIGNATION Lighthouse Keeper

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

Iridectomies in both eyes.

Height 72 Weight 180 pounds. Complexion Ruddy

Color of eyes Blue Color of hair Grey

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Heart trouble; poor hearing and poor vision. Had Glaucoma and was operated on 9 years ago. Frequent urination; (has to get up twice at night).

Here describe fully nature of disability: Vision:- Left eye, completely blind. Right eye, 20/200 corrected to 20/70. Hearing impaired. Heart shows evidence of chronic myocarditis with a suggestion of heart block.

Claimant describes the duties of his position as follows: "Lighthouse Keeper."

Is disability to perform such duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S.Public Health Service Relief Station,
225 Chestnut Street, Phila.Pa.
(Place of examination)

(Signed) H. McG. Robertson,
(H.McG.Robertson)
(Examining Surgeon)

Medical Director,U.S.P.H.S.,In Charge.
(Title and branch of medical service)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
18 AUG 1930
PHILADELPHIA

July 3, 1930.

John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: 1380

To: 1440

4th Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 1, 1928.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320

To: $1380

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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19 JAN 1927

January 1, 1927.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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,

CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PERMANENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1200 per annum to $ 1260 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHTHOUSES

January 31, 1925.

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Mr. John H. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1200

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

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Form A-21

PERMANENT

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1924 JAN 14 AM 9 LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1924.

JAN 28 1924 PHILADELPHIA

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective April 1, 1922, 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,

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

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Noted. To cover period April 1, 1922, to Dec. 31, 1923.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE FILE No. 1924 JAN 29 AM 8 49

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SUBJECT: Pay of John S. Birch - Longevity, etc.

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Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

28 January 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1 Referring to enclosed letter in duplicate (Notice of Change in Salary), the Bureau will please note that the authorized pay of J. S. Birch in his present position plus longevity is $780. p. a. Amended letter of January 5th, 1923, covers this employment and this later authority would apparently raise his present pay $5.00 per month above the authorized rate including longevity.

2 If the enclosed notice is made effective from April 1, 1922, to January 31st, 1923 inclusive, it will effect the granting of longevity from and after April 1, 1922, without changing the present authorized rates for his present employment.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 30, 1924.
Inclosure.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa., with statement that the inclosed notice of change in salary was issued by the Department to cover longevity pay in this case from April 1, 1922, as stated thereon. This notice, although dated January 10, 1924, does not raise his present rate of pay $5 per month, in view of the fact that amended notice of change in salary dated January 5, 1923, changed his rate of pay from $840 to $780 per annum, including $60 longevity pay, effective January 15, 1923, or date of entrance on duty, which was February 1, 1923. Be guided accordingly. The inclosed notice merely shows that Birch became entitled to longevity pay beginning Apl 1-1922 at which time his pay was $780.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

February 2nd, 1924.

John S. Birch, Keeper,
Tinicum Island Rear Light Station,
Paulsboro, N. J.

1 Referring to the enclosed Notice of Change in Salary, dated January 10, 1924, you are advised that the Bureau has granted longevity pay in addition to your base pay and allowance, on and after April 1, 1922. The enclosed letter is intended to cover longevity pay from April 1, 1922, to January 31, 1923, on which date the letter covering your present pay status becomes effective.

2 Deferred longevity pay during the period referred to comes out of two old appropriations, and it will be necessary to obtain funds for this payment. As soon as these funds are in, and which will be about February 15th, 1924, a check covering this deferred longevity will be sent you.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1923.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $780 per annum, effective January 16, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, 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.

4th

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PERMANENT

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SUBJECT - J. S. Birch - Keeper
Longevity pay

4 January 1924

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D C

1 In view of the provisions of Bureau Circular #369 - Subject,- "Longevity", dated March 12 1923, which has just reached this office, the case of Mr John S Birch is respectfully submitted for a decision.

2 Mr. Birch entered on duty March 20 1894, as Mate of Fenwick Island Shoal Lightvessel, and served continuously on vessels until January 11 1920, on which date he was transferred and appointed (e.o.d) Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Lightstation, New Jersey.

3 In its letter of December 9 1919, to the Commissioner, the Department declined to allow longevity pay to Mr. Birch in the following terms "*** as it is the understanding of this Department that longevity pay will be granted only after an employee has served continuously for five years as a lighthouse Keeper and Mr. Birch's service to date has been on vessels exclusively".

4 Under this ruling Mr Birch has received no longevity pay altho under the provisions of Circular Letter #369 he "is entitled".

5 I desire to pay longevity allowance to Mr Birch for all of his term of service as Keeper if permissible, and if not then for such a period as is approved, with the understanding that allotments of funds will be required for any payments from the appropriations for "Salaries of Keepers" for years prior to 1924.

E. E. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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January 9, 1923.

Mr. John S. Birch, Keeper,
Finns Point Range Front Lt. Sta.,
Salem, New Jersey.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department notice of January 5, 1923, changing your salary from $780.00 to $720.00 per annum. This notice covers your transfer and appointment to the position of keeper of Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey. Owing to circumstances that have arisen, it is not likely that this transfer can be arranged for prior to February 1, 1923.

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

Respectfully,

B. B. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Notice of change in salary sent to Bur 1/16/23

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January 2nd, 1923.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Keeper, Finns Point Front Light Station,
Salem, New Jersey.

1. You have been nominated for transfer and appointment as Keeper of Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, with base pay at the rate of $720.00 per annum, effective on or after January 15th, 1923. This transfer will be made by the Lighthouse Tender at some convenient date after the 15th, of which you will be later advised.

2. Please hold yourself in readiness for final instructions on this subject.

B. B. DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Penna., January 2, 19 23.
(City.) (Date.)

SSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

ction recommended, Transfer, reduction, and appointment.

Name, John S. Birch. Legal residence, New Jersey.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $720.00 per annum.

Location, Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective January 16, 1923. ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper. Former salary, $780.00 per annum.

Location, Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey.

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

x x x

Previous incumbent, Oscar A. Conard. Services terminated, ~~X~~ on or about Jan.15,1923.

Reason, Nominated for transfer, promotion, and appointment to the position of keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, N. J., effective on or about Jan.16, 1923.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. Birch has requested this transfer in writing, with the knowledge that it carries with it a reduction in pay. This recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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

B. B. DORRY

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse 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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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

PERMANENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA. July 11, 1921.

United States Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels,
Finance Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

This will certify that Captain John S. Birch served continuously and satisfactorily as master of Overfalls Light Vessel #69 under license numbered 61618 from the date of its issue until January 8, 1920.

Respectfully,

B. B. DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Pers.

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Supt.,

January 12, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

This office desires to advise you that Captain John S. Birch, formerly master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69, entered on duty in this district January 11, 1920, as keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey.

E. E. DOBBY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Supt.,

December 16, 1919.

Capt. John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Delaware.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of December 9, 1919, transferring and appointing you to the position of keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey, with pay at the rate of $780.00 per annum, effective January 1, 1920, or as soon x thereafter as you enter upon duty.

2. Please subscribe to the enclosed oath and mail it to this office as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

B. B. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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December 9, 1919.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 13 1919 PHILADELPHIA

Mr. John S. Birch,

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from Master at $1680 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Christopher F. Donegan.

Legal Residence: Virginia.

Entered 1/12/20

4th district

Oath fwd. 1/12/20

E.O.D.

Seniority card made 1/12/20

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
OCT 20 1908
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October 15, 1908.

Mr. John S. Birch, of Delaware, is hereby appointed

Master,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Ninety dollars per month

this appointment to be effective beginning October 1, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

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

(By change from $1000 per annum.)

(Signed) Charles Earl.

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
DEC 14 1907
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Maj. C. A. F. Flagler,
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. DRAWER 976
PHONE D. & A. 5560

OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 4TH DISTRICT
OLD FEDERAL BUILDING
SIXTH AND KING STS.
WILMINGTON, DEL.

December 13, 1907.

Commander John E. Craven, U. S. N.,
Inspector Fourth Light-House District,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have transmitted your letter of December 12, 1907, to Mr. John S. Birch, Mate on U. S. Light-House Tender Zizania, together with the enclosures thereto, and have informed him that he will be relieved from duty on the Zizania to take effect December 14, 1907, in order to enable him to comply with your instructions. He will receive pay from this office to include December 14.

Very respectfully,

C. A. F. Flagler

Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer 4th L. H. District.

J.E.C.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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Two enclosures.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Dec. 12, 1907.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Mate Light-House Tender Zizania,
Through Engineer Fourth Light-House District,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

Herewith is transmitted Department letter of November 30, 1907, appointing you Master in the Light-House Service, with pay at the rate of $1000 per annum, from the date of your entrance on duty.

By authority of the Light-House Board you are hereby assigned to duty as Master of Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, to which vessel you will report as soon as relieved from your present duty.

Before assuming charge of Light-Vessel No. 69, you will subscribe to the enclosed oath of office and forward it to this office.

Please make up and forward receipts in duplicate for all public propertyfor which you become responsible with Light-Vessel No. 69. A third copy will be retained by you for reference.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. CRAVEN.

Commander, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

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NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT,
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10 Dec., 1907.

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The Inspector of

The Fourth L. H. District,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 22 Nov., '07,---- -- the Board incloses herewith Department letter of 30 Nov.,'07,--------- transferring and appointing Mr. John S. Birch, of Delaware, Master in the Light-House Service,

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to date from 1 Dec., '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, ----- ---------- with pay at the rate of-- $1000 a year, ------- in the place of Mr. Samuel S. Baker, transferred.

When Mr. Birch ---------- has taken the prescribed oath the Board requests you to forward it at once to this Office, and state when he entered on duty.

The Board approves the assignment of Mr. Birch to duty on Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Del.

Respectfully,

DEC 12 1907

Commander, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, FOURTH DISTRICT. DEC 12 1907 RECEIVED.

November 30, 1907.

Mr. John S. Birch, of Delaware, is hereby appointed

Master,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of One Thousand

dollars per annum, effective beginning December 1, 1907,

or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Samuel S. Baker.)

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

(By transfer and promotion from Mate in the Light-House Service, at $80 per month.)

(Signed) Lawrence O. Murray,

Assistant Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Maj. C. A. F. Flagler,
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. DRAWER 976
PHONE D. & A. 5560

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, FOURTH DISTRICT,
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OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 4TH DISTRICT
OLD FEDERAL BUILDING
SIXTH AND KING STS.
WILMINGTON, DEL.

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December 6, 1907.

Commander John E. Craven, U.S.N.,
Inspector Fourth L. H. District,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of December 5, 1907, I have the honor to state that I have revoked the orders to Mr. John S.Birch to report on Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69 on December 9th, and will retain him as Mate of the Tender "Zizania" until receipt of notice of action on your nomination.

Respectfully,

C A F Flagler

Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Fourth L. H. District. JCR

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December 5, 1907.

Major C. A. F. Flagler, U.S.A.,
Engineer Fourth Light-House District,
Wilmington, Del.

Sir:

With reference to your order dated December 5, 1907, to Mr.John S.Birch, Mate of Light-House Tender Zizania, relieving him from duty under your office on December 6th, and directing him to assume duty on board Overfalls Light-Vessel No.69 on December 9, of which orders I have received a copy, I have the honor to state that, though I have nominated Mr.Birch as Master of Overfalls Light-Vessel No.69, no appointment has as yet been received from the Department.

I therefore respectfully suggest that unless you have another Mate in view for immediate appointment, you retain Mr.Birch as Mate of the Tender Zizania until he is regularly appointed by the Department as Master of Overfalls Light-Vessel No.69, and when such appointment has been received, that he be detached from duty under your office and directed to report to the Inspector of the District for duty.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. CRAVEN.
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR,
FOURTH DISTRICT.
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Maj. C. A. F. Flagler,
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. DRAWER 976
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OFFICE OF ENGINEER, 4TH DISTRICT
OLD FEDERAL BUILDING
SIXTH AND KING STS.
WILMINGTON, DEL.

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December 3,1907.

Mr. John S. Birch, Mate,
(Through Capt. T.S.Ludlam,
Master, Light-House Tender "Zizania"),
Wilmington, Del.

Sir:--

In accordance with your recent request for transfer from duty as Mate on the Light-House Tender "Zizania" to service on one of the light-ships in the District, and to the action of the Inspector of the District thereon, as voiced in his letter to you of November 23, 1907, you are hereby relieved from duty under this office, to take effect on Sunday, December 8, 1907, and will assume your duties on board the Overfalls Light-ship, relieving Mr. Samuel S. Baker, on Monday, December 9, 1907, unless otherwise instructed by the Inspector of the District.

Respectfully,

C. A. F. FLAGLER,
Major, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer 4th L.H.District.

Copy respectfully furnished Commander John E. Craven,U.S.N.,
Inspector 4th Light-House District, Philada., Pa.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Nov. 23, 1907.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Mate Light-House Tender Zizania,
Care Light-House Engineer, Fourth District,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

Referring to your application of the 18th. instant, for the position of Master of light-vessel, you are informed that I have nominated you for the position of Master of Light-Vessel No. 69, (Overfalls), to date from December 1st. '07, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty, to relieve Mr. Samuel S. Baker, who has been nominated for transfer to a light-station.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. CRAVEN.
Commander, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

Form 73

TRANSFER OR PROMOTION OF LIGHT KEEPERS

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR,

Fourth DISTRICT,

Nov 22, 1907., 190

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer of Mr. John S.Birch, from the place of Mate of Light-House Tender ~~Keeper at~~ Zizania, to that of Master of ~~Keeper at~~ Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Del. to date from December 1, '07, to be paid at the rate of $ $1000 per annum, in the place of Mr. Samuel S.Baker, who has been recommended for transfer to Delaware Breakwater Range Rear L.H. as Keeper.

This recommendation is made at the request of Mr. Birch, endorsed by the Engineer Officer of the District.

Mr.Birch was recently transferred to the tender Zizania from thepo-sition of Master of L. V. No. 79.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. CRAVEN.

Commander, U. S. N.,

Light-House Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Nov. 21, 1907.

Major C.A.F. Flagler,
Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Fourth Light-House District,
Wilmington, Delaware.

Sir:

I was recently informed orally by Mr. J.S.Birch, Mate of the tender Zizania, that he wished to return to the light-vessel service.

As there is a prospective vacancy in the position of Master of light-vessel, in this district, I should like to learn the sentiment of your office on the question of offering the position to him.

Respectfully,

JOHN E. CRAVEN.

Commander, U.S.Navy,
Inspector.

FILE No. 328

SUBJECT BIRCH, JOHN S.

SERIAL

No.	DATE	FROM OR TO	NAME	SUBJECT MATTER
1	11-21	to	4th ENGINEER	Relv. to his return to L.V.Service in this Dist.
2	11-21	from	" "	Transmits application of Mr.Birch for position of Master of Light-Vessel.
3	11- 22	to	Light-House Board	Recnd transfer to position Master L.V.NO.69
4	11-23	to	Self	Has been nominated for position Master L.V.No.69
5	12-3	from	4th Engineer to J.S.Birch	Relieved as Mate of Zizania December 8
6	12-5	to	" "	Mr.Birch's Apptmt, not yet through, if he can keep him as Mate on Zizania until it comes through &c
7	12-6	from	" "	Birch will be retained as Mate Zizania until further notice
8	12-10	"	Light-House Board	Apptmt Master L.V. 69 from Dec. 1
9	12-13	to	J.S.B., Thro Engineer	Fwd.apptmt as Master #69, & orders to report for duty
10	12-13	from	4th Engineer	Will be relieved as Mate Zizania Dec. 14
11	12-14	to	" "	Will be taken on Rolls of this office as Master 69 from December 15,07
12	12-16 1908	to	Light-House Board	Oath of office transmitted
13	10-5	to	" "	Req. for an increase in pay. to $90. per mo.
14	10-15	from	" "	Increase in Pay, New apptmt.
15	10-20	to	self	Fwds New apptmt and Oath of Office.
16	11-17	to	Light-House Board	Oath of Office forwarded.
17	7-3 1916	to	Whom it may concern	Recommendation.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses, 4th District, Dec. 16,1919

Philadelphia, Penna.

SUBJECT: Transfer of John S. Birch.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec.1,1919 to John S. Birch.

1. It would be appreciated if you would advise this office by return mail whether or not John S. Birch has as yet been appointed to the position of Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station. This information is desired in order that we may make proper preparations for his relief as Master of Overfalls Light Vessel No.69 on December 31,1919.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 17 1919 PHILADELPHIA.

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

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J. T. YATES.

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Office of Superintendent 4th L.H. District,
Philadelphia, Pa. December 17, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. The appointment of Mr. Birch as Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Lightstation was forwarded to him under date of the 16th, and a copy was mailed you for your information.
2. The effective date is January 1, 1920.

R B Darrow

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Superintendent 4th Lighthouse District

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
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Supt.,
OFFICE OF ~~INSPECTOR~~ 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 16, 1919.

Capt. John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Delaware.

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of December 9, 1919, transferring and appointing you to the position of keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey, with pay at the rate of $780.00 per annum, effective January 1, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

2. Please subscribe to the enclosed oath and mail it to this office as soon as practicable.

Respectfully,

E. B. DOERY

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Third Superintendent's copy.

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John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No.69,
Lewes, Delaware

Dec. 2,1919

SUBJECT: Inventory of Vessel.

1. Enclosed find three copies each of Form 53a, 53b, and 53c. Fill out same to show all the Government property under your charge on Overfalls Light Vessel No.69. Hold these forms on the vessel until further orders are sent you in regard to turning the vessel over to your successor.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

Supt.,
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
December 1, 1919.

John S. Birch, Master,
Lightvessel #69,
Thru Supt. 3d Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

1. You have been nominated for transfer and appointment as Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, effective on January 1, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

2. Please hold yourself in readiness to report at the station when so directed.

Respectfully,

E. E. DORRY
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
Dec. 2, 1919

Forwarded to John S. Birch, Master, Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Lewes, Del.
For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst. Supt.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Wrights Lo. S. No 69
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 26, 1919

Supt. of Lighthouses
Thirds Dist.

I respectfully inform you that this day I asked the Supt of Lighthouses ~~Fourth~~ Third Dist. for an appointment as Keeper at Fanns Point Range Light Station

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WJL:SS

November 25th, 1919.

John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Delaware.

SUBJECT: Re transfer to 4th District.

REFERENCE: Your letter November 22nd, 1919.

1. You are advised that a copy of your letter relative to transfer to the 4th District has been forwarded to the Superintendent of that District, with favorable endorsement.

2. Since your conversation with the Superintendent in regard to a transfer to a light station there has been no suitable vacancy to which you could be transferred. There is however a vancancy as assistant keeper of Staten Island Light which is a very desirable location. The keeper of this light is Vernon Ball who was formerly mate on one of the tenders and it is requested that you advise this office whether you care to be considered for appointment to the position of assistant keeper of Staten Island Light temporarily pending a vancancy at a one man station which you stated you prefer. The total monthly pay is $85.50 consisting of base pay of $600 per annum, ration allowance of 45 cents per day which is paid in cash at the end of each month, and a temporary increase of $20 per month for the period to June 30th, 1920. There are two keepers at this station, and family quarters are provided.

J. T. YATES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

WJL:SS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NOV 1919

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

November 25th, 1919.

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Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Delaware.

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J. H. YATES

Replying to the above, I respectfully state that I would not like to take the position as Asst. Keeper at Staten Isl. Light Station.

Thanking you for the offer.

Birch
Master

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November 24th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Fourth District,
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Fourth District of John S. Birch, Master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69.

1. Enclosed for your information is copy of letter received from the master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69 relative to his transfer to a light station.

2. Owing to his health, it is necessary for Captain Birch to seek some other occupation than that as master of a light vessel and he has requested to be transferred to a shore light station and has been promised by this office that he should have the first suitable vacancy but to date no such vacancy has occurred. Captain Birch is a man of excellent qualifications in all respects. His services have been entirely satisfactory and this office desires to do everything that will assist him in this matter. Therefore, if it is satisfactory to you to have him transferred to the light station referred to in the attached letter, this office would be pleased to have transfer made and would do everything possible to assist in same. Captain Birch has been employed in this Service for about 25 years.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Lewis, Del.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 22, 1919

John S. Birch
Last day of service. Jan. 8. 1920

Supt. of Lighthouses
Third Dist.

It has just been brought to my notice that there is a Light House in the Fourth District without a Keeper, Finns Point Front.

The Superintendent of that District seems to be satisfied, - with your Consent, - to give it to me.

If this does not in any way Conflict with your arrangements, will you please notify him, and give him such recommendations as you may think my past services may warrant. I have not made an application to him and will not do so until I hear from you, but, as I shall be on the station when this reaches you, if this change meets with your approval, will you please notify him that a few day will necessarially elapse before I can get in an

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST.
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application

I want you to know that in this matter I am not trying to force the issues with you. I am perfectly willing to wait till such times as it may suit your convenience to make the change. it is on the advice of the Doctor together with my johysical Condition that causes me to be very anxious to leave the sea.

Yours
Mastr.

JHG

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John S. Birch, Master,

Overfalls Light Vessel No.69,

Lewes, Delaware

November 8,1917

Referring to your letter dated November 5,1917 relative to Louis F. Englund, Mate on Overfalls Light Vessel No.69, stating you do not consider him fit for permanent appointment. Please advise this office by return mail as to the reasons why Mr.Englund is not considered fit for permanent appointment.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

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C O P Y

Overfalls L. V. No.69

Nov. 5,1917

Light House Inspector,

Third Dist.

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. the good of the service compels me to say that I do not consider Louis F. Englund a fit subject to be permanently continued in the service.

I respectfully ask that you will not consider the above opinion as one based on a personal feeling, and also I wish to inform you that fully recognizing the conditions as they now exist, I am perfectly willing to continue on with him till such times as the other mate returns to duty, or a better man can be obtained in his place.

BIRCH

Master

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. OCT 15 16 17 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Overfalls L.V. No 69
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1st, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist

When a suitable vacancy occurs, I respectfully ask to be detached from duty on this ship and appointed Keeper of a "one man" Light Station.

The principles point that I must consider before making this change is the fact that I have one child within the school age limit.

Birch
Master

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John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69,
Lewes, Delaware.

October 16th, 1919.

SUBJECT: Transfer to a Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter October 14th, 1919.

In accordance with your previous verbal request this matter is under consideration but to date there has been no suitable vacancy. The matter will be kept in mind and you will be considered for the first suitable vacancy.

J. T. YATES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Owrfalls L.V. #69.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept. 26th, 1915

Light House Inspector,
Third District.

Sir:

I respectfully report that John T. Birch, Master, at 4 a.m. Sept. 24th left this ship on sick leave.

At 8 a.m. Sept. 25th Karl Lange, Fireman, left this ship on sick leave.

Filghman
Mate.

Owrfalls

Leave. L. V.

FWC/WJL

September 9,1914.

John S.Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel #69,
Lewes, Del.

Referring to your letter of September 5th 1914 you are informed that your understanding of the regulations governing shore liberty is correct.

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Overfalls L. V.

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Birch
Shore Liberty

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September 2, 1914.

John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel #69,
Lewes, Del.

It is noted from your monthly report, Form 65, for August 1914 that you exceeded the authorized allowance of shore liberty. It is, of course, to be understood that excess leave taken during any month must be deducted from the allowance of subsequent months.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Haskell.

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY. FORM 8.

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

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

2. Department:
Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:
3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:
Master

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

6. Annual earnings:
1200

7. Kind of appropriation:
LS

8. Present rate of pay:
$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:
720

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—
Substitute— Years: Months:
Regular— Years: 22 Months: 2 9

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

12. Race:
W

13. Sex:
Male

14. Date of birth—
Month: March
Year: 1870

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:
E7

16. Marital condition:
M

17. War veteran?
No

18. Appointed from—
Congressional district and State: At L. Delaware
County: Sussex

19. Civil service status:
C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:
AC

21. Place of employment—
City: Lewes
State: Delaware

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 14 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

ent of Commerce:

ain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in con-
s of the probable cost of retirement of civil
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nd return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.
t practicable date. Please give this matter

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

ial hours: Masters Light Vessels

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in service less than one year, state num-
nd total amount of compensation received,

civil establishment of the United States. If

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	Sept 1 1887	May 1 1890

ntry into the Government service: $20. per m.

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7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state None.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
Congressional District, 1st Dist; State, Delaware; County, Sussex
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, _____. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, Yes. Reinstated under individual Executive ord _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

Form A.

Department of Commerce

August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. _____ at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: John A Birch.
2. Character of your work during official hours: Master Keeper Light No 69.
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $1200. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $: _____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
Treasury	Rev. Marine	Dec 1 1884	Oct 1 1886
"	Life Savings	Sept 1 1887	May 1 1890

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $10. per m.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years 7
   High school, years 0
   College or University, years 0
   Special courses of study, years 0.
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken 0
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) Married
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement _____. If none so state None.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged.
   Congressional District, 1st Dist; State, Delaware; County, Sussex
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, _____. Non-competitive examination, _____. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, _____. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, _____. Classified by Act of Congress, Yes. Reinstated under individual Executive order _____. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, _____. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, _____.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. SEP 14 1916 RECEIVED ITHACA, N.Y.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Lewis Dock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 21, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist.

Agreeable to request contained in letter of 12th inst, I herewith enclose Money order for $2.34.

Birch
Master

Rec'd
7/22
Lcw

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 18 1917
HOUSES

July 17, 1917.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Master~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Twelve Hundred and Sixty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective July 1, 1917.

(By increase in compensation from $1200 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Virginia.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
July 12, 1919

John S. Birch, Master
Overfalls L.V. #69,
Lewes Delaware.

SUBJECT: Increase in pay.

1. Check in the amount of $4.67 was sent you on June 28, 1919, on account of the increase in your pay to $1500. per annum, effective May 17, 1919.

2. The actual amount due was $2.33, as follows:

	Base Pay	Increase	Total
May 1st - 16th @ 1440.a. " 17th - 31st @ 1500.a.	$122.33	$10.00	$132.33
Amount of Salary Check dated June 1, 1919 for May Services	120.00	10.00	130.00
Amount Due			2.33
Amount Paid			$ 4.67
Amount Due			2.33
Amount to be refunded			$ 2.34

3. To adjust the matter you will please forward remittance for $2.34 to this office at the earliest practicable date.

4. If remittance is made by check or money order, it should be made payable to
"Superintendent of Lighthouses 3d District".

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

F. W. Ockenfels.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3RD DIST. MAY 15 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Acorn Lt. V. No. 67
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 15, 1917

Supt. of Lighthouses
Third Dist

I respectfully ask permission to be temporarily absent from this in order to obtain medical attention.

Birch
Master

Port of N. Y.

May 22, 1919

This is to Certify, That J. S. Bizek

late of the ..., has been

this day discharged from Hospital. He has been under treatment

2 days, and his present physical condition is

fair

Certified service on last vessel ...

DESCRIPTION.

Nativity, ...
Age, ...
Complexion, ...
Height, ...
Eyes, ...
Hair, ...

Z. D. Babbitt
P. A., Surgeon.

NOTE.—This discharge does not of itself entitle the above-named seaman to readmission to any U. S. Marine Hospital.

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examination which he proposes to give me as soon as possible. I will keep you informed as to the progress of the case.

Birch
Master

THIRD DISTRICT

Lewes Del
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 22, 1919

Supt. of Lighthouses.
Third Dist.

Since my arrival home I have been confined to my bed.
The doctor has succeeded in relieving me of the pain from which of late I have suffered so much, and is now devoting his attention to building up my strength so as to enable me to withstand the examination which he proposes to give me as soon as possible.
I will keep you informed as to the progress of the case.

Birch
Master

THIRD DISTRICT

Laura Del
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 29, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist.

I am still confined to my bed, but the Doctor thinks I am now improving as fast as can be expected, he thinks I will be able to sit up some next Saturday.

Birch
Master

6-17

JC:

Pay. Brick for entire month of May. Send check right out. Leave has been approved OK

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JC Absent sick May 14 – still absent

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THIRD DISTRICT

Denver Wrk
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 7, 1917

Supt 7 Lighthouses
3rd Dist.

Please have my pay check for the month of May forwarded to me to Denver Wrk.

Birch
Master

	4 Pm to 16-10 am	8 da 14 hr
Feb 1	2 on to 11 - 2 Pm	10 da 12 hr
March 1	9 am to 10 - 3 Pm	9 da 6 hr
April 3	8 am to 9 - 30 Pm	6 da 7 hr
May 16	to date.	

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John S.Birch,Master,LHS..
R.F.D.No. 2,
Lewes, DEL.

June 13th, 1919.

SUBJECT: Salary for May.

REFERENCE: Your letter of June 7th.

1. Before any payment can be made you for the month of May, it is necessary that application for leave be submitted by you for the time you were absent during that month.

2. There is enclosed an application of leave for your use.

J.T.YATES

THIRD DISTRICT

RECEIVED
PARKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Lewis Del
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 12, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist

My general Conditions are much improved, am now able to leave my bed most of the day. Without something unforseen sets in, the doctor thinks I will be able to report for duty about the 21st of June.

Birch
Master

JUN 14 1919
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Lewes Del
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 12, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist

My general conditions are much improved, am now able to leave my bed most of the day. Without something unforseen sets in, the doctor thinks I will be able to report for duty about the 21st of June.

Birch
Master

6-23-19

Capt Beach of Courtdale
requested pay duty today

J. G.

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No 69

23, 1919

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THIRD DISTRICT
JUN 24 1919
RECEIVED
INSPECTOR

Cherrystalls Lt. No 69
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 23, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist

I respectfully report that I returned to duty from sick leave at 3.30 P.M. this day.

Busch
master

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Employees Pay

75

May 10th, 1915.

John S. Birch, Master,

Overfalls Light Vessel #69,

Lewes, Delaware.

Seaman W. H. Bryan was discharged from the service effective close of February 14th, and Seaman George Burns close of February 28th, 1915. There are 14 days due Mr. Bryan and 16 days due Mr. Burns, and as you did not give their addresses when sending their discharge cards, the amounts are still unpaid. If they will notify this office where to send their checks, same will be forwarded.

JHG

April 6,1915.

John S. Birch, Master,

Overfalls Light Vessel 69,

Lewes, Del.

On looking over your report on Form 44 for the month of March, 1915, it is noted that in answer to the first question you state that the main engines were in motion 230 hours during the month.

As it is not believed in this office that the main engines were in motion for such a long period of time, it is presumed you are confusing the main engines with the dynamo. The answer to this question should state the number of hours during which the main engines were in motion, and not the number of hours during which the dynamo was running.

YATES

Inspector

5 Fathom Bank L.V

Five Fathom personnel

July 25th. 1914

Birch, Master of Overfalls L.V. declines bunging to Five Fathom Bank L.V. Considers Mate (Johansen) fully competent for Master.

See- Birch-

whether you consider ...

for the position of Master of either Overfalls Light Vessel or Five Fathom Bank Light Vessel.

Birch

5 Fathom Bank L.V

(7)

FWO/EJC.

February 21st, 1914.

John S.Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No.69,
Lewes, DEL.

(EXTRA COPY SENT VIA TENDER TULIP.)

This office has been informed that you are desirous of being transferred to the position of Master of Five Fathom Bank Light Vessel.

If such is the case, please so inform this office in writing at your earliest convenience. Also inform this office whether you consider the mate of Overfalls Light Vessel competent for the position of Master of either Overfalls Light Vessel or Five Fathom Bank Light Vessel.

Birch

Birch, John S. 2/26/14 3-5 (7)

FWO/EJC.

February 21st, 1914.

John S.Birch, Master,

Overfalls Light Vessel No.69,

Lewes, DEL.

(EXTRA COPY SENT VIA TENDER TULIP.)

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If such is the case, please so inform this office in writing at your earliest convenience. Also inform this office whether you consider the mate of Overfalls Light Vessel competent for the position of Master of either Overfalls Light Vessel or Five Fathom Bank Light Vessel.

YATES

Birch John S.

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C. A.—2B
REVISED JUNE 15, 1913

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REPORT OF TERMINATION OF DISABILITY

[To be forwarded to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates.]

1. Department of Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office Lighthouses. [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Name of injured employee John S. Birch [Give first name in full.]

4. Time of injury December 29th [Date.], 1914 Tuesday [Day of week.] 2:00 p.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

5. Time employee stopped work January 6th [Date.], 1915 Wednesday [Day of week.] 1:00 p.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

6. First day employee was able to work January 8th [Date.], 1915 Friday [Day of week.] 11:00a.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

7. Did employee return to work after termination of disability? Yes

If so, when? January 8th, 11:00 am

8. Actual time disabled (Sundays and holidays included) 1-7/8 days.

9. Working days disabled (actual working time) 1-7/8 days.

10. Remarks

The above report is made this 8th day of January, 1915, in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

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[Signature of reporting officer.]

Inspector.
[Title.]

(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Overfalls L.V. 69,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 17th, 1916.

Light House Inspector,
Sir:

I respectfully report that. at 8 a.m. Jan. 7th 1916. John L. Birch master left this vessel on shore leave, in the mean time has sent my word he is sick, at this date he has not reported for duty.

Tilghman,
Mate.

verbally stated that he Rated & duty 1/22

1-21-16
left Klang sent on 75 to bring 69 to report in event of Capt Birch not being able to be on board.

Lewes, Delaware

January 19 1916

Light House Inspector
Third District.

I herewith enclose a payroll made out by the mate of Lt No 69. I made some corrections, and when I again get on board the ship I will make out a payroll to replace this one, and forward it to you.

I am at present detained at my home, under the care of a doctor, but will be able to report for duty in a day or two.

Will join 69 as soon as Relief comes.

Birch.

Birch

(7)

EJC.

3rd

Tompkinsville. N.Y.,January 14th 4

John S.Birch, Master,Overfalls Light Vessel,69,

Lewes, DEL.

G.E.,

L.H.S., 1914

Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

the General Lighthouse Depot,Tompkinsville,N.Y. and return

being available on January 30th and 31st, 1914, for appearance if required, before the Committee investigating the Lighthouse Service.

January 29, 1914

(Bureau authority January 12th, 1914.)

YATES

Inspector.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. JAN 7 1915 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Owasco L. V. No 69.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.
Jan 6. 1915.

J. S Birch. Master.
of this vessel left ship.
at 1.00 PM. for treatment at
Marine Hospital

Tracy
Engineer

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 6 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Wrongalls Lt. No 69
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 4, 1917

Mr J. J. Gales
Lt & Inspt. 3rd Dist.-

Sir.-

While laying at the Navy Yard last Summer we were informed by the authorities there, that by obtaining a request from you, the officers of this Ship Could buy Clothing &c from their Stores in the Yard.

I would like to buy some serge for a uniform Suit.

Will you please provide me with the required request, and will you inform me whether a new request will be required with each order. also will you inform me whether I am to send the money or will they draw on you against my pay, either way would Suit me.

Very Respectfully
J. E. Pick
Master

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September 7,1917.

John S.Birch,Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel #69,
Lewes, Del.

In reply to your letter of September 4th 1917 relative to obtaining clothing from the Navy Yard, New York, you are advised that it is not considered advisable to consider purchasing clothing material from the Navy Department at this time.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Raymond Haskell

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

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LIGHT
SEP 18 1919
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1919.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Master in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1500 per annum to $ 1680 per annum, effective August 21, 1919.

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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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75
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LIGHT 15 1919 HOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1919.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Master in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective May 17, 1919.

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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September 5th, 19191

John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel, #69,
Lewes, Delaware.

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SUBJECT: Pay check for the month of August.

REFERENCE: (a) Letter from this office August 28th, 1919.
(b) Your letter September 3rd, 1919.

By letter of August 28th, 1919, you were advised that the officers on the vessel under your charge would receive increase in pay commencing August 21st, 1919. Therefore the pay checks for the officers on Overfalls Light Vessel that have been forwarded cover only from August 1st to the 20th inclusive at the old rate. As soon as appointments are received from Washington at the new rates, checks will be forwarded covering the remainder of the month of August.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 4 5 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

(331)

Lewis Orl
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 3, 1919

Supt of Lighthouses
Third Dist

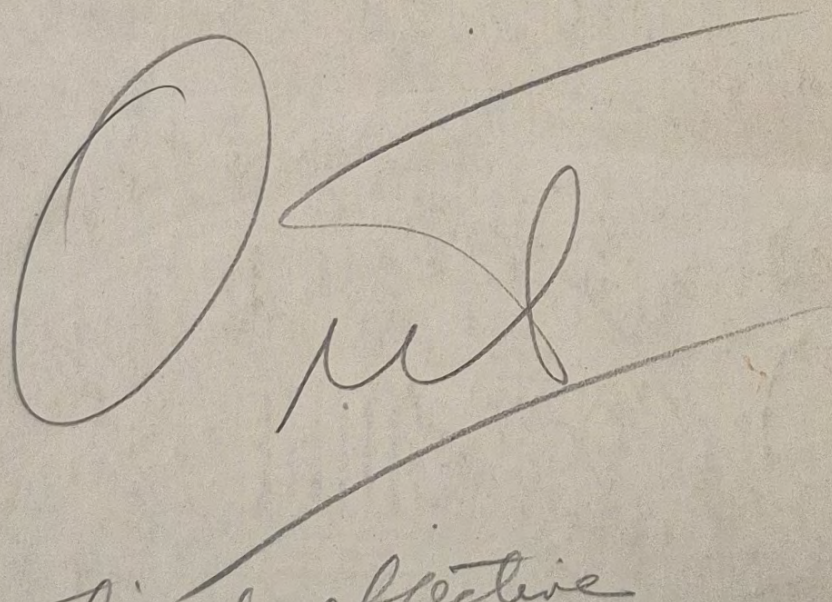
I received today pay check No 7487 drawn for $96.66.

I can not understand why I should receive such a check, as I am not aware of the fact that my salary has been cut, Will you please explain why I should recieve such pay.

Birch
Master

Birch, John S.

Birch, John S.



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John S. Birch

John S. Birch

Form 73

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ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

, 191

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 15 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

OCT 14 1912

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Increase in compensation.

Name, John S. Birch — Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Master — Salary, $1200. per annum

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

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

Former position, Master — Former salary, $90. per month

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

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

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, himself — Services terminated, Dec.31,1912

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels"
In accordance with new schedule of complements and rates of pay for the officers and crew of light vessels in the Lighthouse Service, which was approved by the Department under date of Aug.6,1912
This employee is deserving of promotion recommended, by reason of his efficiency.

YATES

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEC 12 - 1912

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

December 17, 1912.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ---------- Master ----------
in the ---------- Lighthouse Service ----------
at a salary of ---------- Twelve Hundred ---------- dollars per annum,
effective January 1, 1913.

(By promotion from $90 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice:

Legal Residence: [illegible]

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DEC 18 1912

John S. Bruch

(Cross Reference)

For reason for recommendation for promotion see letter dated Dec. 9, 1918, in file Ernst W. Borgstrom.

Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third *District.*

Tompkinsville, New York

MAY 31 1911, 191

In case of J. S. Birch Title Master (Overfalls L.V.No.69)

serving in 3rd District, during the period from AUG 1 1910, 1910 to MAY 31 1911, 1911

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent.
2. Technical knowledge: Excellent.
3. Attention to duty: Excellent.
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent.
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent.
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent.
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent.
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Excellent.
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Excellent
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom:
5. General conduct: Excellent.
6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent.
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent.
8. General health: Excellent.
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent.
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty?

    No.

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs?

    No.

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations?

    No.

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report?

    No.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? no.

15. Record of license: Master of Lighthouse vessels, Atlantic Coast and Tributaries, between Cape Charles, Va. and Sandy Hook, N.J. Pilot on Delaware River and Bay on Lighthouse Vessels.

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Master.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

Is considered an excellent Master of a Light Vessel.

R. M. Doyle

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, the two senior clerks, the appointed officers of tenders and the master and engineer of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any Inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

These reports must be carefully prepared, so as to furnish the Bureau with an accurate and entirely impartial report, showing the relative merits of employees.

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Form 69

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third *District.*



Tompkinsville, N.Y. February 29, 1912.

In case of John S. Birch, Title Master, Overfalls L.V. No. 69,

serving in 3rd District, during the period from June 1, 1911 to February 29, 1912.

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: —
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? Yes

    In care and upkeep of vessel.
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report?

    No

11—4080

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? Yes

15. Record of license: Master of Lighthouse vessels, Atlantic Coast and Tributaries between Cape Charles, Va. and Sandy Hook, N.J. Pilot on Delaware River and Bay of Lighthouse Vessels.

Joseph T. Yates,
Superintendent, L.H.S. *Master.*

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16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

Preceding remarks approved.

C. D. Stearns,
Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUN 7 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third *District.*

Tompkinsville, N. Y. May 31, 1912.

In case of John S. Birch Title Master, Overfalls L.V.No.69.

serving in 3rd District, during the period from March 1, 1912, to March 31, 1912.

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: "
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: "
   - *d.* Punctuality: "
   - *e.* Handling vessel: "
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom:
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty?

    No.

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs?

    No.

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations?

    No.

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report?

    No.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

Yes

15. Record of license: Master of Lighthouse vessels, Atlantic Coast and Tributaries between Cape Charles, Va. and Sandy Hook, N. J. Pilot on Delaware River and Bay, of Lighthouse Vessels.

Yates
Superintendent

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16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

Preceding remarks approved.

Fleet

To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

These reports must be carefully prepared, so as to furnish the Bureau with an accurate and entirely impartial report, showing the relative merits of employees.

Form 69

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
MAR 1 - 1913
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

March 1st, 1913., 191

In case of John S.Birch, Title Master, Overfalls Lt.V.#69

serving in 3rd District, during the period from June 1st, 1912, to Feb. 28th, 1913

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent.
2. Technical knowledge: Good.
3. Attention to duty: "
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent.
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent.
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent.
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent.
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Excellent.
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good.
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom:
5. General conduct: Excellent.
6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent.
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent.
8. General health: Excellent.
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent.
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? On care and upkeep of vessels.
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No.
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties? No. Is master of one of largest light vessels and not considered fit for Tender.

15. Record of license: Master of Lighthouse vessels, Atlantic Coast and Tributaries between Cape Charles, Va, and Sandy Hook, N.J. Pilot on Delaware River and Bay, of Lighthouse Vessels.

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Lighthouse Service, Commanding.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

An excellent Light Vessel master.

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Overfalls L. V. #69, Del.
3. Name Birch, John S.
4. Where born Virginia
5. Age 39
6. Position Master
7. Compensation $90 p. m.
8. When appointed (*a*) About Mar. 20, 1894
9. How appointed (*b*) Before classification
10. Appointed from: State Virginia; Congressional District 1st; County Accomac — Card says was originally appointed from Del., Sussex Co., at large.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service Seaman from Nov. 15, 1893, to date of appointment.
14. Duties (describe fully) Master of light-vessel.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*) This officer is thoroughly capable, resourceful and efficient, maintaining excellent discipline.

H. A. Bispham
Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 4 1909, 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

JAN 5 1912

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

JAN 2 1912

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

1. Name John S. Birch, 2. Age 41 (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau Lighthouses 4. Position Master, Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, 3d District, Del.
5. Compensation $90 P. M. 6. Where employed On Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, 3d District, Del.
7. When appointed (a) Mch 20,1894 8. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount None
12. Other Government service None
13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of vessel, supervises the keeping of light and fog signal, cleaning and painting vessel, and keeping vessel in efficient condition in all respects.
14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them None
15. Efficiency (d):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance		x 2	
Total		8 x 0	800
Average percentage			100

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Pay received right

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (e) An excellent man in all respects;

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

Joseph T. Yates
Superintendent

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

C. F. Pearce
Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Form 69

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

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LIGHT APR 6 1914 HOUSES

February 28th, 1914., 191

In case of John S.Birch Title Master,Overfalls L.V.#69.

serving in 3rd District, during the period from March 1st,1913, 191 , to February 28th, 191 4

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent

2. Technical knowledge: Good

3. Attention to duty: Good

4. Efficiency in the performance of duty— Excellent
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: " "
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent
   - *e.* Handling vessel: " "
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: -

5. General conduct: Excellent

6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent

7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Excellent

8. General health: Excellent

9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent

10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? On care and upkeep or vessel.

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

No; is master of one of largest light vessels. Not considered suitable for tender service.

15. Record of license:

Master of U.S.L.H.Service Steam Vessel,upon waters of Atlantic Coast and tributaries between Cape Charles,Va.&Sandy Hook,N.J. Also Pilot on Delaware River & Bay on class of vessels named.

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.....*Lighthouse Service, Commanding.*

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

An excellent Light Vessel Master.

The COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

.....Yates.....

Inspector.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

LIGHT MAR3 1915 HOUSES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third *District.*

February 26th, 1915

In case of John S.Birch, Title Master, Overfalls L.V.#69

serving in 3rd District, during the period from March 1, 1914, to Feb.26th, 1915

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Good
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: -
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Good
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good
8. General health: Excellent
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? Yes; care and upkeep of vessel.
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No.
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No.
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No.

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

Would make a good mate on tender.

15. Record of license: Master of US.LHS. Steam Vessels, upon waters of Atlantic Coast & Tributaries between Cape Charles, Va., & Sandy Hook, N.J. Also Pilot on Delaware River & Bay on class of vessels named.

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Master.

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16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

An excellent man in all respects.

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To the COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES.

Inspector.

INSTRUCTIONS.

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The efficiency report of the other officers of tenders shall be prepared by the master and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 69

EFFICIENCY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 2 1916
HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. MAR 1 1916, 191

In case of John S. Birch Title Master, Overfalls L.V. 69

serving in 3rd District, during the period from March 1, 1915, to February 29, 1916

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent
2. Technical knowledge: Good
3. Attention to duty: Excellent
4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: -----
5. General conduct: Excellent
6. General bearing and appearance: Good
7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good
8. General health: Good
9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent
10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? In care and upkeep of vessel.
11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No
12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No
13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No

14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

Yes, to mate of tender.

15. Record of licenses (give grades, waters, tonnage, and dates of issuance): Issued Aug. 12, 1911. Master of U.S. Lighthouse Service Steam Vessels on the waters of Atlantic Coast and tributaries between Cape Charles, Va., and Sandy Hook, N.J. Also Pilot on Delaware River & Bay on class of vessels named.

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.....*Lighthouse Service, Commanding.*

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

A good reliable man in all respects.

The COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

J. T. Yates

INSTRUCTIONS.

This efficiency report is to be made in each district in the case of superintendents, assistant superintendents, aids, and other appointed technical assistants, the two senior clerks, and the appointed officers of tenders and of light vessels. One copy shall be prepared and sent to the Bureau by the 1st day of March of each year, and just prior to the detachment of any inspector, for each person to whom this report applies.

The efficiency reports of the officers of tenders and of light vessels other than of masters shall be prepared by the commanding officer of such vessels and be reviewed and forwarded by the Inspector.

The first nine subjects may be answered by the words Excellent, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Poor, to be supplemented with appropriate explanation. Answer all questions that are applicable to the employee reported upon.

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Form 69

LIGHT
MAR 1 1917
HOUSES

EFFICIENCY REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. March 1, 1917

In case of John S. Birch Title Master, Overfalls L.V. 69

serving in 3rd District, during the period from March 1, 1916, to February 28, 1917

1. Aptitude for the Service: Excellent

2. Technical knowledge: Good

3. Attention to duty: Excellent

4. Efficiency in the performance of duty—
   - *a.* Handling men: Excellent
   - *b.* Executive ability: Excellent
   - *c.* Promptness and rapidity: Excellent
   - *d.* Punctuality: Excellent
   - *e.* Handling vessel: Good
   - *f.* Navigation, including piloting: Good
   - *g.* In engine-room and fireroom: ------

5. General conduct: Excellent

6. General bearing and appearance: Excellent

7. Correctness and neatness of uniform: Good

8. General health: Excellent

9. Physical capacity to perform duty: Excellent

10. Has he shown aptitude for duty of special character; and if so, for what duty? In care and upkeep of vessel

11. Has this employee's efficiency or reputation been impaired by the use of stimulants or drugs? No

12. Is he negligent as to financial obligations? No

13. Has any reprimand or punishment been inflicted upon this employee during the period of this report? No

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14. Do you consider him competent and otherwise properly fitted to be entrusted with more responsible duties?

Yes.

15. Record of licenses (give grades, waters, tonnage, and dates of issuance):

Master, U. S. Lighthouse Service Steam Vessels, Atlantic Coast and tributaries between Cape Charles, Va., and Sandy Hook, N.J., also Pilot on Delaware River and Bay on same class of vessels.* August 12, 1911.

Lighthouse Service, Commanding.

16. General remarks by the Inspector when this report is prepared by him, or when it is reviewed and forwarded by him after it has been filled out by the master of a tender.

An excellent man in capacity employed.

*Instructions have been issued to Birch to renew his license at once.

The COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

J. T. Yates

INSTRUCTIONS.

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LIGHT
APR 28 1917
HOUSES

April 27, 1917.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation as master in the Light-house Service has been temporarily increased from $1200 to $1248 per annum for the period beginning April 1, 1917, and terminating at the close of June 30, 1917. No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this temporary increase and it will not therefore be necessary for you to execute new oath of office.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

MAY 1 1917

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 18 1917
HOUSES

July 17, 1917.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Master~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Twelve Hundred and Sixty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective July 1, 1917.

(By increase in compensation from $1200 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).

Legal Residence: Virginia.

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3 Insp.

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C, January 9, 1924.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce inviting attention to Department approval of longevity pay to the officers on vessels in the Fourth District in April, 1922. It is considered that the above keeper is entitled to longevity pay beginning April 1, 1922, in view of the provisions of longevity rules approved by the Department on March 5, 1923. It is accordingly recommended that a notice of change in salary be issued to Mr. Birch.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.
1924 JAN 5 AM 8 50

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SUBJECT - J. S. Birch - Keeper
Longevity pay

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

4 January 1924

Hydro.
Engr. Corps
Insp Engrs
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Opn Clk
Dep. Clerk

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D C

1 In view of the provisions of Bureau Circular #369 - Subject.- "Longevity", dated March 12 1923, which has just reached this office, the case of Mr John S Birch is respectfully submitted for a decision.

2 Mr. Birch entered on duty March 20 1894, as Mate of Fenwick Island Shoal Lightvessel, and served continuously on vessels until January 11 1920, on which date he was transferred and appointed (e.o.d) Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Lightstation, New Jersey.

longevity not in effect on vessels at this time

3 In its letter of December 9 1919, to the Commissioner, the Department declined to allow longevity pay to Mr. Birch in the following terms "*** as it is the understanding of this Department that longevity pay will be granted only after an employee has served continuously for five years as a lighthouse Keeper and Mr. Birch's service to date has been on vessels exclusively".

4 Under this ruling Mr Birch has received no longevity pay altho under the provisions of Circular Letter #369 he "is entitled".

5 I desire to pay longevity allowance to Mr Birch for all of his term of service as Keeper if permissible, and if not then for such a period as is approved, with the understanding that allotments of funds will be required for any payments from the appropriations for "Salaries of Keepers" for years prior to 1924.

T. Accounts

B. B. DORRY

Superintendent of Lighthouses

In page 2, ff 3 of Bu longevity Reg. appears entitled to longevity for Apr 1922 So rec'd Sept R 7/5

Rec'd OK W.P.T.

This is date when longevity system applied to deskes and time then his vessel service could not be credited to him WPH 1/5

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LGJ-EK

January 11, 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Referring to your letter of January 4, 1924, with reference to granting John S. Birch, keeper, longevity:

2. The Bureau has recommended to the Department that notice of change in salary be issued to Mr. Birch, covering longevity pay since April 1, 1922. It is requested that Department notice of change in salary dated January 5, 1923, be returned for amendment.

E. C. GILLETTE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
File No.

1924 JAN 25 AM 11 40

GCW - JFB

File No. 328
Bu. file ------

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

23 January 1924

SUBJECT: Longevity pay -
John S. Birch.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1 I have received amended "Notice of Change in Salary" of John S. Birch, Keeper, which, in effect grants him longevity pay of $5.00 per month from January 16th, 1923 or thereabouts.

2 Bureau letter of January 11, 1924, directing return of this "Notice" for amendment fixes April 1, 1922, as the date from which longevity pay would be approved by Bureau.

3 I now request authority to pay longevity from April 1, 1922, to the date on which the present "Notice" referred to in first paragraph above becomes operative.

S. B. DOBBIN

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUBJECT: 4th Supts. letter of Jan. 28, 1924, longevity pay John S. Birch.

The inclosed notice merely shows that Birch became entitled to longer longevity pay on which time his pay was 780 April 1 22

LGJ Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C. January 30, 1924.
Inclosure.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa., with statement that the inclosed notice of change in salary was issued by the Department to cove longevity pay in this case from April 1, 1922, as stated thereon. This notice, although dated January 10, 1924, does not raise his present rate of pay $5 per mo in view of the fact that amended notice of change in salary dated January 5, 1923 changed his rate of pay from $840 to $780 per annum, including $60 longevity pay, effective January 15, 1923, or date of entrance on duty, which was February 1, 19 Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. 484 *Sheet No.* 4 (b) - 43

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Birch (Surname) John (Given name) S. (Initial)

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

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper 1560
8. Present administrative allocation $1200-$1560
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620 per mo.
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240 " "
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1380 " "

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

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

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost none

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From Don't know m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer — Winter — (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day —;
number of days per { week / month / year } — (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty —

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime — (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months —

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? No (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many? —

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

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19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Follows printed instructions under general supervision.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? D.E. Munn, Supt, Sheet No. 4(a)-1.

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

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	— (Kind)

Other education (describe): —

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
Master - Seaman.

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
10	Lighting and extinguishing light, repairs and adjustments and incidental attendance.
6	Care of tower and grounds. Cleaning, painting and repairing.
4	Getting mail and supplies.
78	Standing by at station for all other purposes. There is an electric light in tall tower.

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

John S. Birch
(Signature of Employee)

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

Concur in description, which is very similar for all Keepers.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment Jany. 11, 1920.

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

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — G. Carleton Sunnell, (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked —. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260. to $1560. p.a.

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — B.B. DOANE, (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ——. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260, to $1560

SEP 25 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1925

John S. Birch

Keeper, 4th Dist

Disability retirement

eff. 6-1-33 @ $1060.45

after nearly 40 yrs. 4 HS-

Age 63.

Rec'd OK & to Dept

Rec

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Form 9

GCW ~~JFB~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Date May 2d, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Fourth District

Philada, Pa.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 31, 1933, on the basis of service shown hereon.

(Sgd) John S. Birch
(Name)

Keeper, Tinicum Island Range Rear Lightstation.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Philada, Pa. *Date* May 5, 1933.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1060.45 per annum, effective at the close of May 31, 1933.

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

(Certificate of medical examination by U.S. Public Health Surgeon attached)

G. W. HITCHENS
Acting *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*,

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name John S. Birch Date of birth March 21, 1870

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
Mate of Lightvessel	Mar.	20	1894	Feby.	10	1905	
Master of Lightvessel	Feby.	11	1905	Apr.	18	1907	
Mate of Tender	Apr.	19	1907	Dec.	14	1907	
Master of Lightvessel	Dec.	15	1907	Jan.	10	1920	
Keeper of Lighthouse	Dec.	11	1920	May	31	1933	
Total service							39 yrs. 2 Mos. 11 days.

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

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

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

If so, state the compensation received: ------

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	June	1	1928	June	30	1928	$1320.	$ 110.00
do	July	1	1928	June	30	1929	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1929	June	30	1930	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1930	July	2	1930	1380.	7.67
do	July	3	1930	June	30	1931	1440.	1432.00
do	July	1	1931	June	30	1932	1440.	1440.00
do	July	1	1932	May	31	1933	1440.	1320.00

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7069.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1413.93

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1413.93 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1060.45

(Not exceeding 30)

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

Philadelphia, Pa., 4-26-1933
(Date)

NAME OF CLAIMANT John S. Birch DESIGNATION. Lighthouse Keeper

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:

Iridectomies in both eyes.

Height 72 Weight 180 pounds. Complexion Ruddy

Color of eyes Blue Color of hair Grey

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Heart trouble; poor hearing and poor vision. Had Glaucoma and was operated on 9 years ago. Frequent urination; (has to get up twice at night).

Here describe fully nature of disability: Vision:- Left eye, completely blind. Right eye, 20/200 corrected to 20/70. Hearing impaired. Heart shows evidence of chronic myocarditis with a suggestion of heart block.

Claimant describes the duties of his position as follows: "Lighthouse Keeper."

Is disability to perform such duty of a permanent character? Yes

Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S.Public Health Service Relief Station,
225 Chestnut Street, Phila,Pa.
(Place of examination)

(Signed) H. McG. Robertson,
(H.McG.Robertson)
(Examining Surgeon)

Medical Director,U.S.P.H.S., In Charge.
(Title and branch of medical service)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1934 11—10543

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1933 MAY -24- PM 2:37

May 19, 1933.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 4, 1925, entitled "An Act to Provide for Retirement for Disability in the Lighthouse Service," you are, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, hereby retired from that service (Fourth District), effective beginning June 1, 1933, with retired pay at the rate of $1060.45 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

MAY 26 1933

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LIGHTHOUSES

1933 MAY 24- PM 2:37

May 19, 1933.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for more than 39 years.

The Department hereby extends to you its thanks for faithful service rendered over so many years, and entertains the hope that you may long enjoy the rest which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER
Secretary of Commerce.

4th

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MAY 26 1933

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO

FILE NO.

1933 MAY - 31 - AM 9:00

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 17, 1933.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station,
Discontinuance of position.

1. Pursuant to the terms of Form 80 #516 of this date, recommending the discontinuance of the services of a Keeper at Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, when present Keeper, Mr. John H. Birch, retires on disability as heretofore recommended, it is now further recommended that the position of Keeper of Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station be discontinued and also be declared vacant as of June 30, 1933.

2. It is understood that the impounding of the present Keeper's salary from date of retirement to June 30, 1933, will be required in this case.

Yes apH 5/31

G. W. HITCHENS,
Acting Superintendent,
4th Lighthouse District.

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Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington June 3, 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce recommending the discontinuance of the position of Keeper, range $1260-1620, at Tinicum Island Range Rear Lightstation effective at the close of June 30, 1933, for the reason that the station will be electrified and the position will be no longer needed.

apH 5/31

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

GCW/CM

1933 MAY - 31 - AM 9:03

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

May 29, 1933.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Dwelling.

1. I recommend that when J. S. Birch, Keeper of Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, retires on June 1, 1933, he be permitted to remain in the dwelling at a rental of $20.00 per month, deducted from his retired pay, so long as material repairs to dwelling are not required and his tenancy is approved.

2. This reservation is located in the outskirts of the Village of Paulsboro, near the water front, frequented by many undesirables. To close the dwelling would be to invite vandalism, and to offer it for rental would be to risk the possible use of the property for illegal purposes.

3. No portion of the plot should be sold, and the frame dwelling, while stable enough on its foundation so long as undisturbed, would not stand moving to a new location without danger of collapse. Its sale for removal is not, therefore, recommended.

4. I deem it a distinct advantage to the Service to have on the reservation persons of known integrity, who will be interested in the proper functioning of the light and in the preservation of the property of the Lighthouse Service.

5. Mr. Birch has a wife, two grown sons, and an adult daughter at the station to care for the property and protect the interests of the Service as regards the reservation and the light, which will be under the direct care of the Keeper of the Front Light.

G. W. HITCHENS,
Acting Superintendent,
4th Lighthouse District.

May 31, 1933.

SUBJECT: 4th Superintendent's letter of May 29 re Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Dwelling.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa., with advice that the arrangement proposed in paragraph 1 is not practicable, for the reason that it would have the effect of continuing a retired employee on active duty, which in a case of this kind is not practicable under the law. In lieu of the proposed arrangement it is suggested that one of the sons of the keeper be employed as an unappointed custodian at $240 per annum, with a deduction of the same amount on account of the use of the dwelling. If you do not consider this arrangement practicable, you are authorized to lease it for $20 per month.

2. As to your statement in paragraph 3 to the effect that no portion of the plot should be sold, your reasons for this are requested, as the Bureau considers it desirable to dispose permanently of all surplus buildings whenever that is possible.

For the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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RG:EMF

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 30, 1915

Light House Inspector
3rd District

I herewith endorse a letter received today.

All the information I can give you concerning this Ernest Joseph is that his Post Office address is Harbson, Sussex Co. Delaware

Birch

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

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Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

December 17, 1912.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Master~~ in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of ~~Twelve Hundred~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1913.

(By promotion from $90 per month.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice:

Legal Residence:

11—1393

John S Birch

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

JHG.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Increase in compensation.

Name, John S. Birch Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Master Salary, $1200. per annum

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

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

Former position, Master Former salary, $90. per month

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, himself Services terminated, Dec.31,1912

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels"
In accordance with new schedule of complements and rates of pay for the officers and crew of light vessels in the Lighthouse Service, which was approved by the Department under date of Aug.6,1912
This employee is deserving of promotion recommended, by reason of his efficiency.

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL
SERRICK

Joseph T. Yates,

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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

11—2314

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

JAH
Pers.

Supt.,
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 16, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to the transfer of Captain John S. Birch to the position of keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey, will you please furnish this office with a copy of his Service Record Card?

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
SS Tompkinsville, N.Y. December 20th, 1919.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses , 4th District, Philadelphia, Pa. enclosing copy of Service Record Card of John S. Birch, Master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69.

J. T. YATES

FILE COPY

JHG

John S. Birch, Master,
Overfalls Light Vessel No.69,
Lewes, Delaware.

Dec.18,1919

SUBJECT: Transfer to 4th District.

1. Referring to your transfer to the 4th Lighthouse District. You are informed that Alfred Johansen, Master of Five Fathom Bank Light Vessel No.79, has been appointed to the position of Master of Overfalls L.V.69, and has to-day been directed to relieve you at the close of December 31,1919. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Johansen on that date the vessel and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefore in triplicate on Form 53a, 53b and 53c, one copy of each of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn L.V.69 over to Mr.Johansen.

J. T. YATES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
CGHQ-9964 (Rev. 5-50)

REPORT OF DEATH

OF PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE CARRIED AS MISSING

To: Chief, Office of Finance and Supply

DATE 11 March 1954

NAME	SERVICE NO.	GRADE OR RATING
HIRCH, John S.	None (PHS)	Keeper Retired
DATE OF RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF DEATH	ESTABLISHED DATE OF DEATH	
9 March 1954	26 February 1954	

Information concerning death of the above-listed person has been received reporting established date of death as herein set forth.

R. J. BORROMEY, CAPTAIN, USCG
Chief, Special Services Division

~~Chief, Military Morale Division~~

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Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Envelope

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PS
5 March 1954
P6-2

Postmaster
Sailor's Snug Harbor
Staten Island, New York

BIRCH, John S. (FLHS) Keeper, Retired
Sailor's Snug Harbor
Staten Island, New York

Dear Sir:

A check mailed to John S. Birch, Keeper, Former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, has been returned to Coast Guard Headquarters marked "Deceased". Inasmuch as official proof of his death has not been received, it will be greatly appreciated if you will assist this office by forwarding a verification of the date and place of death, as well as the name, relationship, and address of his legal next of kin.

A pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Envelope

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PS
18 March 1954
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Miss Elizabeth Birch
c/o Y.M.C.A.
1421 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Birch:

Information has been received at Coast Guard Headquarters of the death of your father, John S. Birch, Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired, on 26 February 1954. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

It is requested that a certified copy of the certificate of death be forwarded for our records.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your father final retired pay. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continued payment of any part thereof to surviving dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of the final pay are herewith enclosed.

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

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with the claim for retired pay due on date of death.

When the enclosed forms have been completed, return them to Coast Guard Headquarters in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

Encl:
(1) Form No. 1055
(2) Waiver
(3) Envelope

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

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PS
18 March 1954
P6-2
SN 120-738

Mrs. Leda L. Driver
235 - 3rd Avenue
Two Harbors, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Driver:

Information has been received at Coast Guard Headquarters of the death of your husband, Herbert Roy Driver, Chief Boatswain's Mate (P), United States Coast Guard, Retired, on 13 March 1954. Please accept my sincere sympathy.

It is requested that a certified copy of the certificate of death and a certified copy of the public record of marriage be forwarded to Commandant (PS) so that our records may be complete.

At the time of death there was due the estate of your husband final retired pay. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continued payment of any part thereof to surviving dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of the final pay are herewith enclosed.

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

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with the claim for retired pay due on date of death.

Veterans Administration Forms Nos. 530 and 534 are enclosed for making application for the burial allowance and for filing claim for compensation or pension.

When the enclosed forms have been completed, return them to Coast Guard Headquarters in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

Encl:
(1) Form No. 1055
(2) Form No. 530
(3) Form No. 534
(4) Pamphlet No. OASI 35
(5) Waiver
(6) Envelope

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

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STANDARD FORM 50 (8 PART)
UNITED STATES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1946

FORM APPROVED.
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 50-R064.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

1. NAME (MR.—MISS—MRS.—FIRST—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. JOURNAL OR ACTION NO.	4. DATE
Birch, John S. (Mr.)	3-21-1870	30	10-11-48

This is to notify you of the following action affecting your employment:

5. NATURE OF ACTION (USE STANDARD TERMINOLOGY)	6. EFFECTIVE DATE	7. CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY
AMENDMENT Retirement (Disability)	Close 5-31-33	

FROM		TO
Keeper	8. POSITION TITLE	
$1440 per annum) Plus $240 pa Qtrs	9. SERVICE, GRADE, SALARY	
U. S. Coast Guard	10. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGNATIONS	
New York, N.Y. Tinicum Island Range Rear Lt.Sta.	11. HEADQUARTERS	
[X] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL	12. FIELD OR DEPT'L	[ ] FIELD [ ] DEPARTMENTAL

13. REMARKS

In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $1060.45 to $1240.45, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Total Service: 39 years, 2 months, 11 days

Computation: ($1653.93 x 30.0000 ÷ 40) = $1240.45

H. L. Morgan

H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

14. SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION

15. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE								16. POSITION CLASSIFICATION ACTION			
NONE	5 PT.	10 POINT			WWII	WWI	OTHER	NEW	VICE	I. A.	REAL.
		DISAB.	WIFE	WIDOW							
X											

17. SEX	18. RACE	19. APPROPRIATION	20. SUBJECT TO C.S. RETIREMENT ACT (YES—NO)	21. DATE OF OATH (ACCESSIONS ONLY)	22. LEGAL RESIDENCE
M		FROM: TO: Sal., Kprs. of Lhs, CG	XXX LH 3-2-25		Va.

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4. PERSONNEL FOLDER COPY

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File

21 October 1948
FA-PA 75

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference your file Misc-2875391.

Inclosed is a letter of Mr. John S. Birch, a retired member of the former Lighthouse Service, in which he claims the difference due in retired pay based on gross salary, which includes the amount deducted as a charge for occupancy of Government quarters, over that paid him based on net salary, for the period June 1, 1933 to June 30, 1947. In this connection, reference is made to the Comptroller General's decision of October 23, 1947 (B-70029).

Also inclosed is Standard Form 50 (9 Part) describing this retirement. This form shows correct computation of retired pay to be $1240.45 per annum, whereas, for the period June 1, 1933 to June 30, 1947, Mr. Birch was paid at the rate of $1060.45 per annum - an underpayment of $180.00 per year, or $15.00 per month.

Computation of the amount due and appropriations chargeable are as follow:

13-63414	- Retired Pay, Lighthouse Service, 1933	$ 15.00
13-64414	" " " " 1934	180.00
13-65414	" " " " 1935	180.00
13-66414	" " " " 1936	180.00
13-70905	" " " " 1937	180.00
2081255	" " " " 1938	180.00
2091255	" " " " 1939	180.00
2001255	- Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, 1940	180.00
2011255	" " " " " " " 1941	180.00
2021255	" " " " " " " 1942	180.00
2031255	" " " " " " " 1943	180.00
2041255	" " " " " " " 1944	180.00
2051255	" " " " " " " 1945	180.00
2061255	" " " " " " " 1946	180.00
2071255	" " " " " " " 1947	180.00
	TOTAL	$2,535.00

For tax withholding purposes, the records of this office show that Mr. Birch claims 3 exemptions.

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

FA-PA 75
21 October 1948

Mr. Birch's mailing address is Sailors Snug Harbor, Staten Island, New York, and his claim is forwarded for settlement. No part of this claim has been or will be paid by this office.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

22 OCT 1948

A. F. MARKEY
Lieutenant, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Incls:
1. Claimant's letter dtd 1/7/48
2. Standard Form 50 (9 Part)

CC: Claimant

Budget Division, Sta. 6-3

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

File received - MAR 18 1940

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

Bureau No. 1[illegible]4 Sheet No. 4 (b) - 48

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Birch (Surname) John (Given name) S. (Initial)

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

6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper 1560
8. Present administrative allocation ~~$1200-$1680~~
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620 Fed.
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240 " "
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1380 " "

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

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

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost none

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From Continuous m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer — Winter — (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day —;
number of days per { week / month / year } — (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty —

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime — (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months —

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? no (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many? —

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

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Retired 5/31/33

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Follows printed instructions under general supervision.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? D.B. DORR, Supt, Sheet No. 4(a)-1.

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

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	— (Kind)

Other education (describe): —

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
Master - Boatman.

10—1856

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
10	Lighting and extinguishing light, repairs and adjustments and incidental attendance.
8	Care of tower and grounds. Cleaning, painting and repairing.
4	Getting mail and supplies.
78	Standing by at station for all other purposes. There is an electric light in tall tower.

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

John S. Beach
(Signature of Employee)

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

Concur in description, which is very similar for all Keepers.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment Jany. 11, 1920.

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

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — C. Carleton Tonsell (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked —. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260. to $1560. p.a.

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — D.B. DOWNEY, (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked —. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1260 to $1560

SEP 25 1928, 1928 (Date) — H B BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1933.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 4, 1925, entitled "An Act to Provide for Retirement for Disability in the Lighthouse Service," you are, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, hereby retired from that service (Fourth District), effective beginning June 1, 1933, with retired pay at the rate of $1060.45 per annum.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER, MAY 24 1933

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
MAY 20 1933
SHEET NO. 4276
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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May 19, 1933.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

The Department is today advising you, in a separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service after serving in that organization for more than 39 years.

The Department hereby extends to you its thanks for faithful service rendered over so many years, and entertains the hope that you may long enjoy the rest which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL C. ROPER MAY 24 1933

Secretary of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

Name John S. Birch Date of birth March 21, 1870

Designation Keeper

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

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

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
Mate of Lightvessel	Mar.	20	1894	Feby.	10	1905	
Master of Lightvessel	Feby.	11	1905	Apr.	18	1907	
Mate of Tender	Apr.	19	1907	Dec.	14	1907	
Master of Lightvessel	Dec.	15	1907	Jan.	10	1920	
Keeper of Lightvessel	Dec.	11	1920	May	31	1933	
Total service							39 yrs. 2 Mos. 11 days.

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

No

Amended to include qtrs. as result Comp. Gen. Dec. B-70029 dated 10-23-47

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Pay	June	1	1928	May	31	1933	5 yrs.	total	7069.67
Quarters	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	240.00	1200.00
									8269.67

Total compensation for last five years of active service $8269.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1653.93

Annual rate of retired pay ($1653.93 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1240.45
(Not exceeding 30)

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Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance ... number of claim? No

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

If so, state the compensation received: No

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

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

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Keeper	June	1	1926	June	30	1926	$1320.	$ 110.00
do	July	1	1926	June	30	1929	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1929	June	30	1930	1380.	1380.00
do	July	1	1930	July	2	1930	1380.	7.67
do	July	3	1930	June	30	1931	1440.	1433.00
do	July	1	1931	June	30	1932	1440.	1440.00
do	July	1	1932	May	31	1933	1440.	1320.00
								7062.67
								1413.93

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7062.67

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1413.93

Annual rate of retired pay (¾ 1413.93 ... × years 30 ... ÷ 40) $1060.45
(Not exceeding 40)

Form 9
GCW-JFB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 11 1933 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 5 1933 PHILA.

1933 MAY - 6 - AM 9:28

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 18 1933 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Date May 2d, 1933.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Fourth District

Philada, Pa.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective May 31, 1933, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Disability After 15 yrs service (approx. 39 yrs service)

John S. Birch
(Name)

Keeper, Tinicum Island Range Rear Lightstation.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Philada, Pa. *Date* May 5. 1933.

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $1060.45 per annum, effective at the close of May 31, 1933.

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

(Certificate of medical examination by U.S. Public Health Surgeon attached)

Acting *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* MAY -9 1933

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

C P Harman
Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

5/17/33

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Mr. Birch should be retired and not reexamined in view of the fact that he is permanently disabled — says Dr Adams

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Chief Clerk

Form 9a

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION, DISABILITY RETIREMENT

(Act of March 4, 1925)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 28 1933
PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa. 4-26-1933.
(Date)

NAME OF CLAIMANT John S. Birch DESIGNATION. Lighthouse Keeper.

Here give a complete personal description, together with permanent marks and scars other than those described below in physical examination:
Iridectomies in both eyes.

Height 72 inches. Weight 180 pounds. Complexion Ruddy.
Color of eyes Blue. Color of hair Grey.

Claimant makes the following statement in regard to the origin, nature, and extent of the alleged disability: Heart trouble; poor hearing and poor vision. Had glaucoma and was operated on 9 years ago. Frequent urination; (has to get up twice at night).

Here describe fully nature of disability: Vision:- Left eye, completely blind. Right eye, 20/200 corrected to 20/70. Hearing impaired. Heart shows evidence of chronic myocarditis with a suggestion of heart block.

Claimant describes the duties of his position as follows: "Lighthouse Keeper."

Bond March 21, 1870

Is disability to perform such duty of a permanent character? Yes.
Is it indicated that applicant may recover from disability and be fit for restoration to active duty? No. Do you recommend reexamination with this in view? No.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon examination I find the above-named claimant to be disabled for useful and efficient service by reason of the disability above described, which is not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on his part.

The examining physician must be in the Federal Service

U.S.Public Health Service Relief Station,
225 Chestnut Street, Phila., Pa.
(Place of examination)

H.McG. Robertson
(H.McG.Robertson), (Examining Surgeon)
Medical Director, U.S.P.H.S., In Charge.
(Title and branch of medical service)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1930.

John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 9 1930 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

From:
1380

To:
1440

4th Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

M. John S. Birch,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320

To: $1380

CARDED

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1927.

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,

JAN 12 1927

CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPROVED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY 1/11/27

FILE 1093/1

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M. John S Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JOHN J. GITTENS,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
FEB 4 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper

Salary: $1200

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

4th

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CARDED

FEB 5 - 1925

CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Birch, John L. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU L.H. STATION 4th Dist.

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

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
720	240	960	XCR	404.25	1364.25	LHS	5	1140			

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approv 5-1140

GRADE RECOMMENDED 5

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM 5 1140 TO 5 1380

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 est.

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
1. Lighting and extinguishing light, repairs and adjustments and incidental attendance. - Average 2-1/2 hrs. per day	10.42
2. Care of tower and grounds, cleaning, painting and repairing - average 2 hrs. per day	8.33
3. Getting mail and supplies - average 1 hr. per day	4.17
4. Standing by at station for all other purposes - average 18-1/2 hrs.	77.08
	100 %

Has electric light in tall tower.
(Station has quarters for family. Supplies in vicinity).

...SSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...out in accordance with detailed
...ruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. .....

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Birch (Surname) John (Given name) S. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 4th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station
   (c) City or town Pamsboro State N.J.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Continuous; per week -
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day -; or per week -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From - m. to - m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year -
   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 $ 720. per annum; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 780. per "; bonus, $ 240. per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
Subsistence allowance of 45¢ per day - $164.25 p.a.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
   Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 est.
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
1. Lighting and extinguishing light, repairs and adjustments and incidental attendance. - Average 2-1/2 hrs. per day	10.42
2. Care of tower and grounds, cleaning, painting and repairing - average 2 hrs. per day	8.33
3. Getting mail and supplies - average 1 hr. per day	4.17
4. Standing by at station for all other purposes - average 18-1/2 hrs.	77.08
	100 %

Has electric light in tall tower.
(Station has quarters for family. Supplies in vicinity).

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

Own responsibility under printed regulations and general instructions by Superintendent.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

One Keeper at this station.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment Feb. 1, 1923.

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

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District.
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent 1 to 2 yrs. as Assistant Keeper.

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 $ 1020. to $ 1140.

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1200 per annum to $ 1260 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 9 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Birch, John J. In accordance with authority

of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-

adjusted to $ 10Se, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated AUG 1 1924 File No. 1095/21.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1923 FEB 15 AM 9 05
IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

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1923 FEB 15 PM 4 32
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 16 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

February 14, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington.
SUBJECT: Effective date of transfers, promotions, etc.
REFERENCE: Bureau end.of Feb.20/20 on copy of Dept.letter of Feb.12/20.

For the information of the Bureau and the Department, the following changes recently took effect in this district:

BIRCH, JOHN S. Transferred and appointed keeper of Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey, at $720.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1923. Prior to the 1st of February he was keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey, at $780.00 per annum.

COLLINS, JOHN E. Transferred and appointed keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey, at $840.00 per annum (including longevity pay of $60.00 p. a.), effective February 1, 1923. Mr. Collins was keeper at Reedy Island Range Front Light Station and Appoquinimink River Range Lights, Delaware, at $960.00 per annum.

EULITZ, GUSTAVE. Promoted and appointed second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $720.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1922. Before this promotion he was additional keeper at large, Fourth Lighthouse District, at $660.00 per annum.

HICKMAN, DELPHIA. Promoted and appointed second assistant keeper of Fourteen Foot Bank Light Station, Delaware Bay, Delaware, at $780.00 per annum, effective February 11, 1923. He held the position of additional keeper at large, at $660.00 per annum.

MacLAUCHLAN, ROY P. Promoted and appointed second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $720.00 per annum, effective July 26, 1922. Before this promotion he was additional keeper at large, at $660.00 per annum.

This same employee was transferred, promoted, and appointed second assistant keeper at Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $780.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1922. He was, prior to this change, second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $720.00 per annum.

CARDED
G. B. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

2d Sheet - Effective Dates of Changes.

MITCHELL, ELMER O. Transferred, promoted, and appointed keeper of Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $1020.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1923. Mitchell was first assistant keeper of Fourteen Foot Bank Light Station, Delaware Bay, Del., at $840.00 per annum.

MITCHELL, FELIX H. Transferred and appointed keeper at Reedy Island Range Front Light Station and Appoquinimink River Range Lights, Delaware (a shore lighthouse), at $900.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1923. He was, prior to the change, keeper of Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $1020.00 per annum.

ROBBINS, WALTER S. Promoted and appointed first assistant keeper of Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $840.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1922. He resigned this position October 11, 1922. Prior to the promotion, he was second assistant keeper at the same lighthouse, at $780.00 per annum.

SHOCKLEY, JAMES G. Promoted and appointed keeper of Fourteen Foot Bank Light Station, Delaware Bay, Delaware, at $1020.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1922. He was first assistant keeper of the same lighthouse, at $840.00 per annum. previously reported

TOMLIEVITCH, MARTIN B. Promoted and appointed second assistant keeper of Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $780.00 per annum, effective February 1, 1922. He was additional keeper at large, at $660.00 per annum.

This same employee was promoted from second assistant keeper to first assistant, Miah Maull Shoal, at $840.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1922.

TIMMONS, FRANK E. Promoted and appointed first assistant keeper of Elbow of Cross Ledge Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey, at $780.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1922. He formerly held the position of second assistant keeper at this lighthouse, at $720.00 per annum.

WARRINGTON, EDWARD F. Transferred, promoted, and appointed second assistant keeper of Harbor of Refuge Light Station and Harbor of Refuge North End Light, Delaware, at $840.00 per annum, effective February 11, 1923. Prior to this promotion he was second assistant keeper of Fourteen Foot Bank Light Station, Delaware Bay, Delaware, at $780.00 per annum.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

Cl. 87 REPORT DATA ENTERED

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1923.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $760 per annum, effective January 16, 1923, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, 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,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION FILED JA 18 - 1923 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

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CARDED

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
1923 JAN 4 PM 4 01
1923 JAN 3 PM 3 30

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Penna., January 2 19 23.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 5 1923 APPOINTMENT

Action recommended, Transfer, reduction, and appointment.

Name, **John S. Birch.** Legal residence, **New Jersey.**

Position, **Keeper.** Salary, **$720.00 per annum.**

Location, **Tinicum Island Range Rear Light Station, New Jersey.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **January 16, 1923.** ~~to be entered on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper. Former salary, **$780.00 per annum.**

Location, **Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey.**

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

x x x

Previous incumbent, Oscar A. Conard. Services terminated, **on or about Jan. 15, 1923.**

Reason, **Nominated for transfer, promotion, and appointment to the position of keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, N. J., effective on or about Jan. 16, 1923.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. Birch has requested this transfer in writing, with the knowledge that it carries with it a reduction in pay. This recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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

1/5/23.

Secretary, Civil Service District. *Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1923.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK

1924 JAN 18 AM 11 00

LIGHTHOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JAN 12 1924 PHILADELPHIA.

January 11, 1924.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 18 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Referring to your letter of January 4, 1924, with reference to granting John S. Birch, keeper, longevity:

2. The Bureau has recommended to the Department that notice of change in salary be issued to Mr. Birch, covering longevity pay since April 1, 1922. It is requested that Department notice of change in salary dated January 5, 1923, be returned for amendment.

Hydro.
Engr. Corps.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Construc.
Chief Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

E. C. GILLETTE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthousess

GCW - JFB ENDORSEMENT

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Fourth District.
Philadelphia, Pa,
16 January 1924.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1 As directed above both the original and duplicate copies of Department notice in the case of John S. Birch, are returned herewith for amendment.

1/18/24

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 19 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
First Asst. Superintendent.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 17 1924

Inclosure

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for amendment of inclosed notice of change in salary.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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L. H has requested
return of change in
salary for amendment
off Feb 1/23.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1924.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective April 1, 1922, 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,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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JAN 12 1924
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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BY BY REPORT DATE
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

GCW -- JFB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

1924 JAN 5 AM 8 50

SUBJECT - J. S. Birch - Keeper
Longevity pay

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

4 January 1924

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D C

1924 JAN 10 AM 10 55

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 10 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

1 In view of the provisions of Bureau Circular #369 - Subject - "Longevity", dated March 12 1923, which has just reached this office, the case of Mr John S Birch is respectfully submitted for a decision.

2 Mr. Birch entered on duty March 20 1894, as Mate of Fenwick Island Shoal Lightvessel, and served continuously on vessels until January 11 1920, on which date he was transferred and appointed (e.o.d) Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Lightstation, New Jersey.

3 In its letter of December 9 1919, to the Commissioner, the Department declined to allow longevity pay to Mr. Birch in the following terms "*** as it is the understanding of this Department that longevity pay will be granted only after an employee has served continuously for five years as a lighthouse Keeper and Mr. Birch's service to date has been on vessels exclusively".

4 Under this ruling Mr Birch has received no longevity pay altho under the provisions of Circular Letter #369 he "is entitled".

5 I desire to pay longevity allowance to Mr Birch for all of his term of service as Keeper if permissible, and if not then for such a period as is approved, with the understanding that allotments of funds will be required for any payments from the appropriations for "Salaries of Keepers" for years prior to 1924.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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RG-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,D.C, January 9, 1924.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce inviting attention to Department approval of longevity pay to the officers on vessels in the Fourth District in April, 1922. It is considered that the above keeper is entitled to longevity pay beginning April 1, 1922, in view of the provisions of longevity rules approved by the Department on March 5, 1923. It is accordingly recommended that a notice of change in salary be issued to Mr. Birch.

APPROVED:

1/10/24

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

December 9, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the 4th Superintendent's nomination of the 29th ultimo, forwarded approved by the Bureau on the 2nd instant, for the transfer of John S. Birch from Master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69 at $1680 per annum to Keeper of Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jerdey at $840 per annum, the Department has to state that it has appointed Mr. Birch at $780 per annum as it is the understanding of the Department that longevity pay will be granted only after an employee has served continuously for five years as a Lighthouse Keeper and Mr. Birch's service to date has been on vessels exclusively.

By direction of the Acting Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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(Cross Reference)

February 27, 1920, the following named employee of Lighthouses

E. O.D. on the date indicated Jan 11, 20 by Transfer.

Name J. S Birch

See original letter in the file of John Colofen.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

JAN 13 1920 9 AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS JAN 14 1920

DEC 23 1919 LIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES PHILADELPHIA JAN 13 1920

I, John S. Birch,

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

CHIEF CLERK 1920 JAN 13 PM 2 32

John S Birch
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22nd day of December, A. D. 1919

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Raphael B. Register

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30-1923

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780 per annum	Finns Point Range Front Light Station, N. J.
Former Master	$1680 " "	Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69 (3d District.)

CARDED

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

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt., Fourth District

Philadelphia, Penna., January 12, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 11, 1920.
(Date)

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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(Signature of officer administering oath)

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1919.

Mr. John S. Birch,

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 Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from Master at $1680 per annum.)

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Christopher F. Donegan.

Legal Residence: Virginia.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 9 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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4th district

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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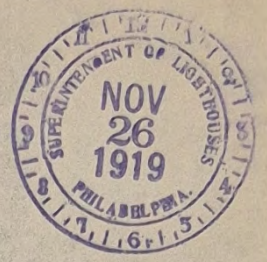
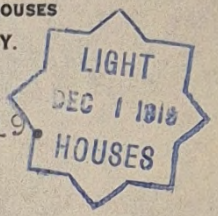
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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



November 24th, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Fourth District,
Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Fourth District of John S. Birch, Master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69.

1. Enclosed for your information is copy of letter received from the master of Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69 relative to his transfer to a light station.

2. Owing to his health, it is necessary for Captain Birch to seek some other occupation than that as master of a light vessel and he has requested to be transferred to a shore light station and has been promised by this office that he should have the first suitable vacancy but to date no such vacancy has occurred. Captain Birch is a man of excellent qualifications in all respects. His services have been entirely satisfactory and this office desires to do everything that will assist him in this matter. Therefore, if it is satisfactory to you to have him transferred to the light station referred to in the attached letter, this office would be pleased to have transfer made and would do everything possible to assist in same. Captain Birch has been employed in this Service ~~for~~ about 25 years.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent.

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LIGHT
DEC 1 1919
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Address all communications to
Lighthouse Superintendent
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Third District

Lewes, Del., Nov. 26, 1919.

Supt. of Lighthouses,

Fourth Dist.,

I am informed by Mr. Yates, Supt. of the Third District, that he has forwarded to you a letter concerning a transfer for me to the Fourth District.

I respectfully ask to be appointed keeper of Finns Point Light Station.

(SGD) Birch

Master, L. H. S.

LIGHT
DEC 1 1919
HOUSES

(COPY)

Lewes, Delaware,
November 22, 1919.

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Third District.

It has just been brought to my notice that there is a lighthouse in the Fourth District without a keeper, Finns Point Front.

The Superintendent of that District seems to be satisfied with your consent to give it to me.

If this does not in any way conflict with your arrangements will you please notify him, and give him such recommendations as you may think my past services may warrant. I have not made an application to him and will not do so until I hear from you, but, as I shall be on the station when this reaches you, if this change meets with your approval, will you please notify him that a few days will necessarily elapse before I can get in an application.

I want you to know that in this matter I am not trying to force the issue with you. I am perfectly willing to wait until such times as it may suit your convenience to make the change. It is on the advice of the doctor together with my physical condition that cause me to be very anxious to leave the sea.

(SGD) Birch

Master

Form 73
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DEC 1 1919 10 [illegible] AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt.,
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Fourth DISTRICT,

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 1919

Philadelphia, Penna., November 29, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Transfer, reduction and appointment.

Name, **John S. Birch.**

Legal residence, **Delaware.**

1919 DEC 3 PM 2 49

Position, **Keeper.**

Salary, ~~$840.00~~ 780 per annum (this rate includes longevity pay of $60.)

Location, **Finns Point Range Front Light Station, New Jersey.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **January 1, 1920.** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Master.

Former salary, **Not known. Now under the Superintendent of the Third L.H. District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.** 1680

Location, **Overfalls Light Vessel No. 69.**

APPOINTMENTS

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

x x x

1919 DEC 2 PM 3 18

(Temporary)

Previous incumbent, Christopher F. Donegan. Services terminated **on or about Dec.31,1919.**

Reason, **Services discontinued.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

108 12/2/19.

Remarks: Capt. Birch has requested this transfer in writing, with the knowledge that it carries with it a reduction in pay. Copies of his letters are enclosed herewith; also one from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y., approving the transfer. This recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule 1.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 2 - 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1919 DEC 2 PM 2 01

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 9 - 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1919.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Master in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1500 per annum to $ 1680 per annum, effective August 21, 1919.

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.

SEP 19 1919
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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED
FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 8/23/19 IN FILE 1125
SEP 19 1919
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1919.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Master in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380 per annum to $ 1500 per annum, effective May 17, 1919.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 5/29/19

IN FILE OF 1125

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 5 - 1919

JUN 4 - 1919

U. S. REFORM SERVICE ENTERED

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1919.

M r. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as Master in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1380. per annum to $ 1440. per annum, effective March 26, 1919, continuing not longer than the close of June 30, 1919.

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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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 3/31/19 IN FILE OF 646

APPOINTMENT DIVISION (ENTERED) APR 15 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED
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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

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

LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 3 1916

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Birch, John Skinner

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Master

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

See 4

6. Annual earnings:

1200

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 720

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute— Years:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
	xxx 26		9

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

Virginia

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: March

Year: 1870

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

E7

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: At L Delaware

County: Sussex

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

AC

21. Place of employment—

City: Lewes

State: Delaware

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 7 1917
CLERK AUG 6 1917
APPOINTMENTS AUG 8 1917

I, John S. Birch

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

John S Birch
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26th day of July, A. D. 1917

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Nathaniel B. Pegeaton

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires _____

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Master	$1260.p.a.	Overfalls Light Vessel No.69
Former [5] Master	1200.p.a.	Do.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), Aug 3, 1917 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1st, 1917. (Date)

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR

CANCELED

(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, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1917.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ---------- Master ----------
in the ---------- Lighthouse Service ----------
at a salary of ---------- Twelve Hundred and Sixty ---------- dollars per ~~annum~~,
effective July 1, 1917.

(By increase in compensation from $1200 per annum.)

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 7/10/17
IN FILE OF 646 7

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.
Vice: New position (by increase in compensation).
Legal Residence: Virginia.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 18 1917 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE 11—1909

JUL 18 1917

April 27, 1917.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation as master in the Lighthouse Service has been temporarily increased from $1200 to $1248 per annum for the period beginning April 1, 1917, and terminating at the close of June 30, 1917. No new appointment will be issued to you as a result of this temporary increase and it will not therefore be necessary for you to execute new oath of office.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. John S. Birch,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 4/25/17
IN FILE OF 0446

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 27 1917 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 15 1913
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, John S. Birch

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

John S. Birch
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 22nd day of December, A. D. 191 2

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Napoleon B. Reynolds

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Master	$1200 p.a.	Overfalls Light-Vessel No.69

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

Formerly, Master, Overfalls L.V.No.69, at $90 p.m.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Jany 14, 1913 (Date)

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

CARDED

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

December 17, 1912.

Mr. John S. Birch,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Twelve Hundred~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective January 1, 1913.

(By promotion from $90 per month.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED DEC 17 1912 ASSISTANT APPOINTING CLERK

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels.

Vice:

Legal Residence:

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.

OCT 14 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Increase in compensation.

Name, John S. Birch Ef 100. Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Master Salary, $1200. per annum

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

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

Former position, Master Former salary, $90. per month

Location, Overfalls Light Vessel No.69

Rank in list of eligibles, Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered,

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, himself Services terminated, Dec.31,1912

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Lighthouse Vessels"
In accordance with new schedule of complements and rates of pay for the officers and crew of light vessels in the Lighthouse Service, which was approved by the Department under date of Aug.6,1912
This employee is deserving of promotion recommended, by reason of his efficiency.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

DEC 12 1912

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

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G R Putnam

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

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EFFICIENCY REPORT

JAN 2 1912

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JAN 4 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

1. Name John S. Birch, 2. Age 41 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouses 4. Position Master, Overfalls Light-Vessel No.69, 3rd District, Del.

5. Compensation $90 P. M. 6. Where employed On Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, 3d District, Del.

7. When appointed (a) Mch 20, 1894 8. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification

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

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

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount None

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of vessel, supervises the keeping of light and fog signal, cleaning and painting vessel, and keeping vessel in efficient condition in all respects.

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14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them None

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15. Efficiency (d):

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

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

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Pay received right ✓

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (e) An excellent man in all respects; ✓

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

Joseph T. Yates
Superintendent

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

C. F. Pleasants
Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

H. T. Mayo
Commissioner
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Service
2. Where employed Overfalls L. V. #69, Del.
3. Name Birch, John S.
4. Where born Virginia
5. Age 39
6. Position Master
7. Compensation $90 p. m.
8. When appointed (*a*) about Mar. 20, 1894
9. How appointed (*b*) Before classification
10. Appointed from — State Virginia; Congressional District 1st; County Accomac
    Card states was originally appointed from Delaware, Sussex County, at Large.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No
13. Other Government service Seaman from Nov. 15, 1893, to date of appointment.
14. Duties (describe fully) Master of light-vessel.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 10/10; Quality of work (*e*) Excellent; Interest manifested in work (*f*) Excellent
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (*g*) This officer is thoroughly capable, resourceful and efficient, maintaining excellent discipline.

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CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

JUN 4 1909, 19

H. A. Bispham
Commander, U. S. Navy, *Head of Bureau or Office.*
Inspector

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

No. 8141

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, John S. Burch

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

John S. Burch

[b] Sworn — and subscribed before me, this 2d day of November, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Roman Jaumann

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Master	Overfalls Light Vessel No 69. Del	Virginia	Delaware

$90 per mo

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 4th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Phila Pa (Address.), Nov 3. 1908 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct. 1st 1908 (Date.)

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(Signed:) H. A. Bispham

~~Lieut~~ Commander, U. S. Navy,
Inspector.

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

CARDED

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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October 15, 1908.

Mr. John S. Birch, of Delaware, is hereby appointed

Master,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Ninety dollars per month,

this appointment to be effective beginning October 1, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

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

(By change from $1000 per annum.)

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Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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Office of the Inspector, Fourth L. H. Dist.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 5, 1908.
(Date)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 14 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED OCT 14 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) increase in pay
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. John S. Birch, 40 Exc of (3) Delaware.
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Master in the Light-House Service (Light-vessels)
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Del.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $1000 per annum to (7) Master in the Light-House Service (Light-vessels)
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) ~~Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Del.,~~ at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $90 per mo., effective beginning (10) October 1st. 1908. (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) himself.
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) ----- on (13) -----
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) ----- stands No. (15) ----in list of eligibles,
Class (16) This increase is recommended in accordance with the report of the, with an average of (17) per cent, and
Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved September 3, 1908.
was considered with (18) ----

(19) letters of declination of ----- herewith.

Respectfully,

An additional allotment will be necessary to cover this increase.

W. A. Bispham
Lieut. Commander, U. S. Navy, Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

October 13, 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

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

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, FOURTH DISTRICT. DEC 16 1907 RECEIVED.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED DEC 19 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, John S. Birch

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

John S. Birch

Light House Board, Entered upon duty. Date 15 Dec '07.

W. A. Gurley Ed Acty Chief Clerk. HB

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1907

APPOINTED SEPTEMBER 7TH 1905 NOTARY PUBLIC NEW CASTLE DEL. Affix official seal.

[c] Name: Roman Jamnany

Official title: Notary Public

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Master	Overfalls L.V. No. 69 - Del.	Virginia	Delaware. ✓

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

John A. Buck

Position: Master Light X

Vessel #69

Dated Dec. 16, 1907

1 Dec. '07. # 1100 yr.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

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

* * *

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

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

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

* * * * *

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

Approved, May 13, 1884.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

November 30, 1907.

Mr. John S. Birch, of Delaware, is hereby appointed

Master,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of One Thousand

dollars per annum, effective beginning December 1, 1907,

or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Samuel S. Baker.)

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

(By transfer and promotion from Mate in the Light-House Service, at $80 per month.)

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DEC 3 1907
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Clarence O. Murray
Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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29 Nov., '07.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the promotion and transfer of John S. Birch, of Del., $80 a month, from Mate to Master at $1000 a year, to date from 1 Dec., '07, in the place of Samuel S. Baker, recommended for transfer. 10/10 Excellent

to Keeper Del. Brw. L.S. Del

Mr. Birch is now Mate of the tender Zizania, and it is proposed to promote him and assign him to duty as Master of Overfalls Light-Vessel No. 69, Del.

11-29-07

Respectfully,

J. N. Helm

Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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

John S. Birch

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 19 April '07

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me,
this 19th day of April, A. D. 1907.

Chief Clerk.

[c] Name: Henry T. Pullmann
NOTARY PUBLIC,
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN'Y 21-1911.

Official title:

Affix official seal.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Mate	Tender ZIZANIA, 4th Light-House District.	Virginia	New Jersey

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED [illegible]

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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April 10, 1907.

Mr. John S. Birch, of New Jersey, is hereby appointed

Mate,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of Eighty

dollars per month, effective beginning April 10, 1907,

or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (Vice Altmar Anderson)

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

(By change from Master at $1000 per annum.)

CARDED

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Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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9 April, '07.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter of 3 April, '07, relative to the appointment of Mr. John S. Birch, of New Jersey, as mate in the Lighthouse Service, with pay at the rate of $80 a month, the Board has the honor to state that it is informed by the Inspector of the Fourth Lighthouse District that Mr. Birch has not yet entered on duty as mate, as his services are still required as master of Light Vessel No. 79, pending action of the Department.

Respectfully,

H-10-07

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

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

8141

April 3, 1907.

Gentlemen:

Referring again to the Board's recommendation of March 27 for the appointment of John S. Birch, of New Jersey, as mate at $80 per month, by change from master at $1000 per annum, effective beginning March 28, 1907, or entrance on duty, the Department now desires to be informed of the date on which Mr. Birch actually entered upon duty as mate, pending receipt of which information further action in this matter will be held in abeyance.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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Sunflower, which should have been reported to the Department at the time.

Respectfully,

Jno. L. Carey

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

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter of 29 March, '07, relative to its request of 27 March, '07, that the designation of Mr. John S. Birch be changed from that of Master to that of Mate in the Light-House Service, at $80 a month.

The Board begs to state that the tender Sunflower, completed and ready for service, was turned over to the use of the Inspector of the Fourth Light-House District.

In accordance with the recommendation of that Inspector, the complement of officers for the Sunflower has been transferred in part from the tender Zizania, and Mr. Altmar Andersen having been promoted from Second Mate at $55 a month to Mate at $80, on 26 March, '07, the Board authorized the Inspector to transfer him from the Zizania to the

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March 29, 1907.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the Board's request of the 27th instant that the designation of Mr. John S. Birch be changed from that of master, at $1,000 per annum, to that of mate, at $80 per month, in the Light-House Service, in order to assign him to duty on the Tender Zizania in place of Mr. Altmar Andersen, transferred, the Department invites attention to the fact that the position left vacant by Mr. Andersen's transfer is that of second mate, the pay attached to which is $55 per month.

Mr. Andersen was promoted to first mate at $80 per month effective beginning February 15, 1907, for duty on the Zizania, from which position it does not appear he has been transferred.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask that the designation and pay of Mr. John S. Birch, of New Jersey, be changed from that of Master, with pay at the rate of $1000 a year, to that of Mate in the Light-House Service, with pay at the rate of $80 a month, to date from 28 March, '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. This change, involving a small reduction of pay, is made at the request of Mr. Birch.

The Board proposes to assign Mr. Birch to duty on the tender Zizania, in the place of Mr. Altmar Anderson, transferred.

The position left vacant by Altmar Anderson is that of 2nd Mate $55 per

Respectfully,

Thos L Casey

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

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PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

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PART I.

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

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

Mr John Stevens C. Finch.

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? J. S. Finch

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

Lewis (City or town.) | Delaware (State or Territory.) | Sussex (County.) | Dist. of Delaware (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Chincoteague Del. Virginia

6. When were you born? March (Month.) 21 (Day.) 1870 (Year.)

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

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8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States Government? (If so, give below their names, relationship, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.) No.

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.

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

Ten years

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

Appointed before position was classified.

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

None

12. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American wars? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) No

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

13. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time, other than during the Civil and Spanish-American wars, indicate such service in the spaces below. Have not served.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

Seaman

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

Public School

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

None

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

None

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

Geo

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 6, 1904

(Signature) John S. Rich

Witness:

P. O. Address: Lewes
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Delaware
State or Territory.

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(Signature) S. P. Lovell
Commander, U. S. Navy,

(Official title) Inspector.

PART II.

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

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

Light House Service — Bureau or Service.
Lewes Steamboat Rt Ves #52 — Place (city, town, or station).
4th — District.

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

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Mar 20, 1894

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

Since Apr 1, 1894, with prior service as seaman Nov 15 93 to Mar 31 94

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $720 per annum

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

Expenses of Light Vessels.

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

Competitive

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

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

Appointed before position was classified

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

(Signature) A. P. Greenly

Commander, U. S. Navy,

(Official title) Inspector

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Department of Commerce and Labor.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 5 20 1902 1,500.

OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

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

John S Birch

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 17th day of March A. D. 1905

Samuel S Eldridge
Notary Public of N J
Commission Expires June 15 1907

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Master in the Light House Service	Five Fathom Bank Delaware #79	Virginia	Virginia

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

Light House Board,

Entered upon duty.

Date July 1, 1905.

W A Gwynn Jr
Actg Chief Clerk

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OATH OF OFFICE

OF

John A. Bunch

Position: Assistant Keeper

Light House Service

Dated 17 March, 1905

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

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

* * * * * * *

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

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

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

* * * * * * *

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

Approved, May 13, 1884.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—ABSOLUTE DATE.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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January 20, 1905.

Mr. John S. Birch, of Virginia, is hereby appointed

Master,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of One Thousand dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect February 1, 1905, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Mr. H. C. Pierson, resigned.

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

(By promotion from Mate in the Light-House Service, at $720 per annum.)

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18 Jan'y, '05.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. John S. Birch from the position of Mate to that of Master in the Light-House Service, to date from 1 Feb'y, '05, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, with pay at the rate of $1000 a year, in the place of Mr. H. C. Pierson, resigned.

Mr. Birch passed an examination for the position of Master of a Light-Vessel and his name is on the eligible list with a rating of 98 per cent.

The Board proposes to assign Mr. Birch to duty on Five Fathom Bank, N. J., Light-Vessel.

Respectfully,

C. C. Sebree

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

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Yours Orleans

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Owing to strong winds and choppy seas, I was unable to return to duty this day

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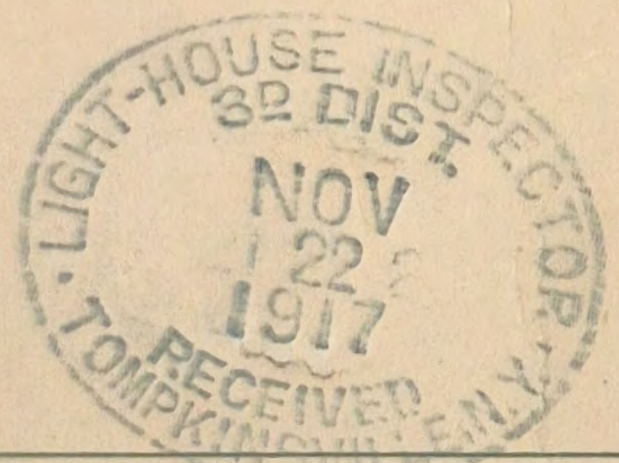
Master Orpell



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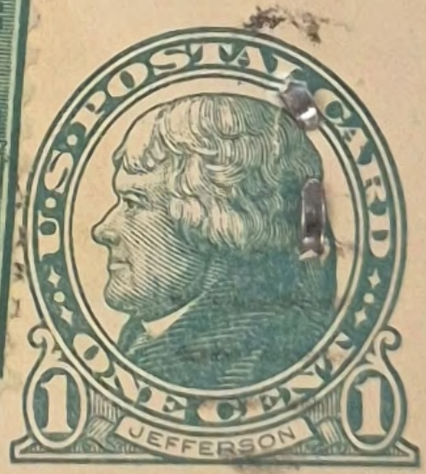

Light House Inspector
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington, 26 May, 1900.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask that the rate of pay of Mr. John S. Birch, Mate in the Light-House Service, now serving on board Light-Vessel No. 52, be increased, to date from 1 July, 1900, from $540. to $720. a year.

Respectfully,

Francis Ingr
Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

26 May, 1900.

Asks that the rate of pay of Mr. John S. Birch, Mate, be increased from $540. to $720. a year.

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Treasury Department,
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Respectfully referred to Assistant Secretary Taylor with the recommendation that the ~~appointment~~ promotion be made.

Chief Division of Appointments.

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

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

WASHINGTON, March 15, 1894

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Light-House Board has the honor to ask the appointment of Mr. John O. Birch as Mate of Light-Ship No. 52 - Fenwick Island Shoal - at a salary of $540. per annum, in the place of Mr. Thomas Hasting, transferred; the appointment to take effect 1st April, 1894.

A statement by Mr. Birch on Form 79 is enclosed.

Respectfully Yours,

R. D. Evans

Captain, U.S. Navy

Naval Secretary

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March 15, 1894

Asks appt of Mate for Ch. ship No. 52, to fill vacancy

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Form 79.

NOTE.—This form to be filled in and signed by the nominee, and is to accompany Form 78, except in cases where it has been previously furnished.

White Locust Light Vessel No. 45
November 22, 1893.

Please answer the following questions, and sign your name in *full*.

Where were you born? Chincoteague Island Va

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes.

What is your age? 23

Are you married? No

Were you ever in the U. S. Army or Navy—either regular or volunteer—or in the Marine Corps? If so, state the company, regiment, or vessel. No

In what capacity? —

Where, and how long did you serve? —

Were you honorably discharged? —

When and where? —

What qualifications do you possess for the position you desire? —

By whom are you recommended?

Andrew Jackson Keeper L B No 45

Where is your present *legal* residence? Giving Town, County, State, and number of Congressional District.

Chincoteague Accomac Co Va

What other Government appointments have you held, and why did you not continue therein?

One year, and ten months, as Cabin boy on U. S. Rev. Sloop "Report," stoped to go to school. Three seasons in North Beach Life Saving Stn. (Coast of Md.) stoped to go to sea, so as to be able to study Navigation

Have you any relatives in any branch of the Government service? *If so, state* WHO *they are, where and in what capacity they are employed, and what relation.*

None that I know of.

(SIGN NAME IN FULL.) John S. Birch

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STATEMENT

OF

John S. Bricks

Metompkin Island

Virginia.

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