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Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Blais, Joseph, E.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District		
From: 1913	To: 1915	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR'S
3d DIST.
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1915
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

January 9, 1915.

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Quartermaster, C.D.of L.I.S.,

Joseph E. Blais, R.F.D. #37, S. Norwalk, Conn.
Probational appointment Fireman Stmr. Pickering.

1. Referring to your notice of acceptance of the probational appointment to the position of marine fireman at a salary of $768.00 per annum as eligible for service at Fort H.G.Wright, N.Y., Stmr. Pickering, you are requested to report at this office at your own expense for assignment to duty.

2. This is not to be understood as a permanent appointment.

J. W. McKie
Captain, Q.M.Corps.

WHM.

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COPY

Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,

Rowayton, Conn.

Jan.15,1915

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District,

Sir:

I am tendering my resignation. I have got an appointment in the Quarter Master Service as Marine firing.

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Yours truly,

(Signed) Joseph E.Blais

Assistant Keeper

William T.Locke, Keeper.

Blais, Joseph E

FWO/WJL

January 16,1915.

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(through the Keeper)
Greens Ledge Light Station,
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Referring to your letter of January 15th 1915 tendering your resignation as assistant keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station.

You are informed that same has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with the recommendation that same be accepted at the close of January 31st 1915.

In this connection you are informed that it is impracticable to fill the position of assistant keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station by temporary appointment or otherwise, pending your determination as to whether or not your employment in the Quartermaster's Service is agreeable to you.

According to Civil Service rules a person who resigns and leaves the Service in good standing is eligible for reinstatement within one year from the date his resignation takes effect. The matter of reinstatement, however, is not a right of an applicant but is a matter of administrative discretion.

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JHG

Greens Ledge

Form 93

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Jan. 18,1915 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Joseph E. Blais Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Massachusetts Station, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $480.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 31,1915.

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

Remarks:

ASPINWALL

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YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Lee Blais, Joseph E.

JHG

Blais, Joseph E

Form 93

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See about leave before paying

ASPINWALL

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WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

Greens Ledge

Jany 22. 1915

Dept. accepts resignation of Joseph C.
Blais as asst-K'pr Greens Ledge Lt.
effective close of Jany. 31, 1915

See Blais, J. C

LIGHT
JAN 231915
HOUSES

Blais

January 22, 1915.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of January 31, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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C

YATES

Resignation

Jany 22, 1915

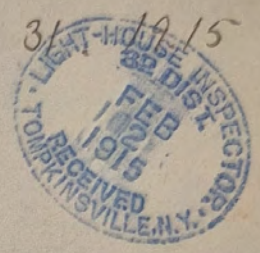
Dept. accepts resignation of F. Joseph E. Blais as asst Kpr. Greens Ledge Lt. effective close of Jany. 31, 1915

Sec. Blais, J. C

Blair Joseph E.

Greens Ledge light station, Jan 31st 1915

Rowayton, Conn



Inspector

3.rd District

Tompkinsville, N.y.

Mr Joseph E. Blair ended his servicer here to day as assistant keeper.

Locke. Keeper

New London Ct.

Mar. 11 1915



Light House Dept

Please sir would you kindly advise me if I would have to make out another set of papers to be reinstated to the service I was assistant keeper on Greensedge Light Sta and left to enter the Quarter Master Service boats to fire on them and it is a tough proposition as this boat is a very hard steaming boat so kindly advise Joseph E. Blais

New London Ct. Steamer Pickering

Government Landing.

Blais, Joseph E.

JHG

March 11,1915

Joseph E. Blais,

Steamer Pickering, Government Landing,

New London, Conn.

Referring to your letter of March 11,1915 requesting information in regard to your reinstatement in the position of assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

You are informed that you are eligible for reinstatement in the Service, without taking another examination, for a period of one year from the date of your separation from the Service, which was January 31,1915.

A record has been made of your name and address and due consideration will be given to the matter of your employment whenever there are any vacancies.

YATES

Inspector

Re-instatement

JHG

March 11,1915

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Steamer Pickering, Government Landing,

New London, Conn.

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YATES

Inspector

JHG

April 30,1914

William T. Locke, Keeper,

Greene Ledge Lt.Stn.,

Rowayton, Conn.

The probationary period of employment of Joseph E.Blais, assistant keeper at Greens Ledge Light Station, will expire on June 5,1914. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

YATES

Green Ledge Lt. Station.

Rowayton Conn.

June 18 1914

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 20 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Light House Inspector Third District.

The following is a list of Station's to which I would except transfer to as Keeper

- Bullock Point.
- Block Island North
- Block Island South East.
- Black ~~Stone~~ Rocks
- Bristol Ferry
- Bridge Port Harbor.
- Connimicut.
- Coxsackie. Cedar Island.
- Dutch Island.
- ~~Essex Reef.~~
- Eatons Neck.
- Esopus Meadows.
- ~~Fuller Rock~~
- Four Mile Point.
- Hog Island Shoal.
- Horton Point
- Hudson City
- Long Beach Bar
- Montauk Point.
- Morgan Point.
- North Dumpling.
- North Hook Beacon
- Plum Beach.
- Prudence Island.
- Pomham Rock
- Point Judith
- Plum Island
- Roundout
- Strafford Point.
- Saugatuck.
- South West Ledge.
- Sabine Point.
- ~~Sassafras Point.~~
- Sands Point.
- Stonington Outer Breakwat
- Saybrook Lynde Point.
- Stepping Stones
- Shinnicock Bay.
- Stuyvesant

Resigned July 31-1915

Blair

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Green Ledge Lt. Station

✓ Stony Point Upper
✓ Wickford Harbor.
✓ Warwick
✓ Watch Hill.
✓ West Point.

I would except transfer to Stinnecock-
Bay or North Hook Becon as assistant keeper.

Joseph E Blais.

Locke.

Blair Joseph E.

Greens Ledge light station, May 4. 1914.
Rowayton, Conn.



Inspector:-
3rd District
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to the probationary period of Joseph E. Blair assistant Keeper I wish to state that his services have been satisfactory and in my opinion is a suitable man to received a permanent appointment.

Socke.

Green Ledge Lt. Station.
Rowayton Conn.
June 18 1914



Light House Inspector. Third District.

The following is a list of Stations to which I would except transfer to as Keeper.

Bullock Point.
Block Island North
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Black ~~Stone~~ Rock
Bristol Ferry.
Bridge Port Harbor.
Connimicut.
Coxsackie. I. Cedar Island.
Dutch Island.
~~Essex Reef~~.
Eatons Neck.
Esopus Meadow.
~~Fuller Rock~~.
Four Mile Point
Hog Island Shoal.
Horton Point.
Hudson City.
Long Beach Bar.
Montauk Point.
Morgan Point.
North Dumpling.
North Hook Becon
Plum Beach.
Prudence Island.
Pomham Rock.
Point Judith.
Plum Island.
Roundout.
Strafford Point.
Sabine Point.
Saugerties.
South West Ledge.
~~Saint Point~~
~~Sassafras Point~~.
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Saybrook Lynde Point.
Sands Point.
Stepping Stones.
Shinnecock Bay
Stuyvasant.

Stony Point Upper
Wickford Harbor
Warwick
Watch Hill
West Point.

I would except transfer to Shinnicock Bay.
or North Hook Becon as assistant keeper

Blair.

Locke.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT GENERAL DEPOT. Number 75

Letter from YATES.

Date July 13 1914

Subject Joseph E. BLAIS POSITION AS KEEPER

Original filed under

Joseph REDINGTON

Unit ..... Number 75.

7/13/14

Blais, Jos. E.

Form 73 JHC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1913, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Joseph E.Blais — Legal residence, Mass.

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 6,1913 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.2, Other eligibles considered:
Peter Bruninghaus - F.R.
Earl S.Merry - A

Previous incumbent, John Knott — Services terminated, Dec.5,1913

Reason, Resignation

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,3 to 8,10 & 11 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No.2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

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

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

Filer

JHC

Nov.17,1913

Secretary, 2nd C.S.District,

Customhouse, New York,N.Y.

Referring to nomination dated Nov.15 for appointment of Joseph E.Blais to the position of Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta. The name of Peter Bruninghaus has been removed from the register for failure to reply to letter in connection with this position. Millard Caler has been charged with a consideration in connection with same.

Referring to nomination of Earl G.Merry dated Nov. 15 for appointment to the position of Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta. Morris Maine has been charged with a consideration in connection with same.

Confirming telephone communication of to-day, it is noted in a letter recently received from Mr.Merry that his middle initial is "G" instead of "S", and it is therefore requested that you alter the eligible list and his nomination to so read.

YATES

Inspector

Civil Service Secty 2d.

Filed

JHG

Nov.18,1913

Secretary, 2nd C.S.District,

Customhouse, New York,N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated Nov.17, re nomination for appointment of Joseph E.Blais to the position of Assistant Keeper of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., in which it is stated that the name of Peter Bruninghaus has been removed from the register for failure to reply to letter.

You are informed that Bruninghaus has since replied declining to accept this position and requesting that his name be restored to the eligible register. His name has therefore been to-day restored to the register.

YATES

Inspector

JEG

Nov.17,1913

Joseph E. Blais,

1751 South Main Street,

Fall River, Mass.

Referring to your letter of Nov.10,1913 stating that you were willing to accept the position of Assistant Keeper of Creams Ledge Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

You are informed that you have been nominated for appointment to this position, and are therefore directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about December 5,1913.

YATES

Inspector

Civil Service Eligible List-retain

JHC

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Inspector

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 24, 1913.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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C

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John Knott.
Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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JHC

Dec.1,1913

Joseph E. Blais,

1751 S Main St.,

Fall River, Mass.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of Nov.24, 1913 appointing you to the position of Assistant Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

In accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty as Assistant Keeper at Greens Ledge Lt. Station,Conn., on December 6,1913. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

The Keeper's name and address is William T. Locke, Rowayton, Conn.

YATES

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.
Nov. Dec.1,1913

Copy referred to Keepers of Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.,for his information.

Report to this office promptly by mail last day of service of Knott and date of entrance on duty of Blaise.

YATES



PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Joseph Elliott Blair

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (***This should agree with signature to your oath of office.***) ~~Joseph E. Blair. 31st South Main St. Fall River, Mass.~~

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

Fall River	Massachusetts	Bristol	~~Third Dist.~~ 15th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Fall River, Massachusetts

6. When were you born? September (Month.) 7th (Day.) 1885 (Year.)

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

Mr William Blais (Name.) — # 1761 South Main St. (Number and street.)

City Fall River (City or town.) — Massachusetts. (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No	—	—	—	—

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

Fredrick Serv Exam Sept 5, 1913

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

No physical disabilitiun

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
None	—	—	—	—	—

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

No.

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

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

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

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

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

Name under which service was rendered None

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

To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE:

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

Joseph E. Blais
(Name.)

Assistant Keeper
(Position.)

Light House Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Jan. 30, 1914.

11—3914

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. FEB 2 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

mechanical

None before

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

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

Myself

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. ....., 19

Witness: original signature

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Joseph Elleudo Blais

P. O. Address: Fall River Mass
City or town.

1757 So Main St
Number and street.

Mass
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 16, 1913

(Signature) .....

11—1434

(Official title) .....

your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

I have been a fireman on the marine stationary for last two years and general repair on same engine

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

I have attended public schools and received 7th grade education

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

mechanical

none before

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In case signature is by mark.

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(Signature) .....

11—1434

(Official title) .....

PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L N Service — Bureau or Service.
Grand Ledge Mich — Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)
Dist 3 — District.

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

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 24, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. Dec 12/13

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Dec 6/13

7. What is his salary? 480 per an.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries L H Keepers

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

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 14 1896

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Qualified Dep. Exam Dept 8/13

12. Is the employee required to give bond? Yes

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

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Date: _____, 19

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Joseph E. Blais

INACTIVE

Joseph E. Blais

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Massachusetts

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst. Kpr., Treas's Ledg. Ld. Comm.	$480.	L. H.	Dec. 6, 1913.
Resigned clerk Jan 31. 1915			
		INACTIVE	

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Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHT NOV 20 1913 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Nov. 15, 1913, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NOV 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK NOV 24 1913

Name, Joseph E. Blais — Legal residence, Mass.

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Greens Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 6, 1913 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS NOV 24 1913

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.2, Other eligibles considered:
Peter Bruninghaus - F.R.
Earl S. Merry - A

Previous incumbent, John Knott — Services terminated, Dec. 5, 1913

Reason, Resignation

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1, 3 to 8, 10 & 11 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No. 2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

RM Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. NOV 19 1913, 191

G W Parker
Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

Yates

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 21 1913

S Conway
Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 24, 1913.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

CARDED

REPORTED AON NOV 24 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY;

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C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John Knott.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1913 U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT DEC17 1913 HOUSES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK DEC 24 1913

I, Joseph E. Blais

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.

Joseph E. Blais
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS DEC 24 1913

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 12th day of December, A. D. 191 3

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Dwight Keeler

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst. Keeper	$480 p.a.	Greens Ledge Lt. Sta., Conn.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Dec 16 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Dec 6, 1913 (Date)

CARDED

Yates
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Entd 12/23/13

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR. 32 DIST. DEC 4 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR. 32 DIST. DEC 13 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
March 6, 1913.
LIGHT DEC17 1913 HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK DEC
APPOINTMENTS DEC 18 1913

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

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

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

Joseph Elliot Blais.

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (*This should agree with signature to your oath of office.*) Joseph Elliot Blais 175 South Main St Fall River

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Fall River, Mass.		Bristol	15th

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

5. Where were you born? Fall River, Massachusetts

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
September	7th.	1885

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

Mr. William Blais. (Name.) | # 1751 South Main St. (Number and street.)

City Fall River (City or town.) | Massachusetts. (State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No	—	—	—	—

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

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

No physical disabilities

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
None	—	—	—	—	—

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

no.

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

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

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

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

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

Name under which service was rendered None

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

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

I have been a fireman both marine & stationary for last two years and general repair man on board engine

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

I attended public schools and resinded 7th grade education

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

mechanical

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

None before

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. December 4th, 1913

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Joseph Elliot Blais,

P. O. Address: Fall River Mass.,
City or town.

1751 South Main St.
Number and street.

Massachusetts.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Dec 16, 1913

(Signature) [illegible]

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(Official title) [illegible]

PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:
L.H. Service / Greens Ledge L.H. Sta. / Conn 8
Bureau or Service. / Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) / District.

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

3. State the date of appointment. Nov 24, 1913

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

5. State the date of the oath. Dec 12/13

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Dec 6/1913

7. What is his salary? 480 per a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of L.H. Keepers

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

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

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Local Civil Service Examination Dept 5/1913

12. Is the employee required to give bond? Yes

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.
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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.
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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) ——————

(Official title) ——————

Date: ——————, 19

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Form 93

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

LIGHT JAN 19 1915 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK JAN 22 1915

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Jan. 18, 1915, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS JAN 22 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

JAN 22 1915

Name, Joseph E. Blais Position, Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, Massachusetts Station, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Salary, $480.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of January 31,1915.

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

Remarks:

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 20 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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Green Ledge Lt. Sta.

Rowayton Conn.

Jan. 15, 1915



Inspector 3rd. Light House District.

Sir I am tendering my resignation I have got an appointment in the Quarter Master Service as Marine Fireing.

I am aware of 30 days being required but owing to delay in making arrangements and visiting same, I would like know if you would accept my resignation to take effect on or before February 1, 1915. And if I should dislike the Quarter Master Service through unforseen reasions, Could I retain option of being reinstated, If necessary I can get a substitute that the Keeper Mr. W.T. Locke will accept.

Yours truly

Joseph E. Blair.

Assistant Keeper.

William T. Locke Keeper.

January 22, 1915.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of Greens Ledge Light Station, Connecticut, at $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, effective at the close of January 31, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINT. DIV. RECEIVED JAN 22 1915 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

CASE REPORTED JAN 1915 U. S. COMMISSION.

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BLAIS, JOSEPH E.

BLAIS, JOSEPH E.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 20 1913 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.), Nov.15,1913 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
Through Sec'y, 2nd C.S.Dist.
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Joseph E.Blais — Legal residence, Mass.

Position, Assistant Keeper — Salary, $480 per annum

Location, Greens Ledge Lt.Sta., Conn. — Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 6,1913 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84.2, Other eligibles considered:
Peter Bruninghaus - F.R.
Earl S.Merry - A

Previous incumbent, John Knott — Services terminated, Dec.5,1913

Reason, Resignation

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,3 to 8,10 & 11 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. No.2 is not eligible for appointment to this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, NOV 19 1913, 191

YATES

Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. NOV 21 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

November 24, 1913.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

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

duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: John Knott.
Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

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LIGHT
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January 22, 1915.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY;

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Joseph E. Blais,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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C

JAN 23 1915