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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
Brabham, Abner, E.		1897 MS

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: 1941 Mexico

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 (LA)
From: 1936 To: 1937

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

(Agency & Location)
From: To:

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Abner E. Brabham (Name) ——— Tex. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	DIST.	STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	—	1380	Prob.	L.H.	8	Sabine Pass L.S. La.	9-1-37
	Disc. (Exp) Close 10-10-37 (absence)						

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ABNER E. BRABHAM

ABNER E. BRABHAM

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TENTH U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
AUG 17 1937
RECD. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 17 1937
(City) (Date)

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 25 8 28 AM '37

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational Appointment — **Legal residence,** Texas

Name, Abner Ernest Brabham — Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 1, 1937 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - - — Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered: James W. Sitton, FR; Adam Labove, FR; Adolph J. Dupuy, C; Currie D. Crawford, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin S. Thompson $1320 p.a. Services terminated, June 17, 1937

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: April 9, 1897

Remarks:

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission,~~ AUG 23 1937, 19....

E.H.Jennings,
Secretary, 10th Civil Service District.

E. S. Landrieu
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Probational

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

For Approval, SEE OVER

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 23 8 49 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 21, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

1. With reference to nomination on Form 73, dated August 17, 1937, for the probational appointment of Abner Ernest Brabham as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, it is requested that the Bureau wire this office authority to place Mr. Brabham on duty immediately.

2. Sabine Pass Light Station is an important radiobeacon station, with a complement of four keepers, and there are now two vacancies which have existed for some time pending action on charges which were preferred against the keeper and the first assistant keeper, and because of delay in receiving replies from eligibles. There is now a laborer on duty, but the keeper advises that the laborer stated that he would quit in a few days.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent

Appears Bu has not yet rec'd the nom. referred to. Suggest wire 8th that he may assign to duty if emergency requires, reporting effec. date & circumstances. HM 8/23

OK WRH 8/23

Done 8/23

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

hlm/see LIGHTHOUSES

NIGHT LETTER

WASHINGTON D C AUGUST 23 1973

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

RELET AUGUST TWENTY ONE NOMINATION ABNER E BRABHAM NOT RECEIVED BUT MAY BE ASSIGNED DUTY IF EMERGENCY REQUIRES AND AGREEABLE DISTRICT MANAGER IF DONE REPORT EFFECTIVE DATE PROMPTLY DISMISSAL WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED JOHN E HARRIS TO BE CONTINUED PRESENT STATUS SEE CONFIRMATION

KING

CONFIRMATION

Information as to the action taken in the case of Stokes and Harris has been received informally from the Department. Formal notice will be forwarded upon receipt in the Bureau, at which time a letter of caution will be addressed to Mr. Harris.

hlm

cc PH

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WJB:LEC
Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 26 8 56 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

AIR MAIL

August 24, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La.

1. With reference to the nomination for the promotion of Alex H. Brooks from the position of Second Assistant to that of First Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, the Bureau was this day wired as follows:

"Understand nomination Brabham seventeenth delayed in transmission mailed yesterday Stop Recommend cancellation request authority place Brabham on duty second assistant instead third assistant Will forward Brabham nomination when authorized place him on duty as second assisbant".

2. The nomination of Abner E. Brabham for the position of Second Assistant Keeper is this day being forwarded through the District Manager.

3. Inasmuch as the position of Second Assistant Keeper is not yet vacant, it has been decided to place Brabham on duty now as a laborer pending action on nomination of Alex H. Brooks for promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper, effective September 1, 1937, at which time Brabham will be placed on duty as Second Assistant Keeper.

4. It is requested that action on these nominations be expedited and this office advised by telegraph.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

hlm/see LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON D C AUGUST 24 1937

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

BRABHAMS ASSIGNMENT DUTY AUTHORIZED SUBMIT NOMINATION THROUGH DISTRICT MANAGER SHOWING EFFECTIVE DATE AND REASONS FOR ACTION TAKEN.

KING

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CONFIRMATION

RADIOGRAM

RECEIVED AT
DEPT. OF COMMERCE
BRANCH
Tel. DI.2200 Br- 588-648

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Mackay Radio
THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial Cables | All America Cables
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LIGHTHOUSE COMMR=

8/24/37 Rec'd 8th Pmd

UNDERSTAND NOMINATION BRABHAM SEVENTEENTH DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION MAILED YESTERDAY STOP RECOMMEND CANCELLATION REQUEST AUTHORITY PLACE BRABHAM ON DUTY SECOND ASSISTANT INSTEAD THIRD ASSISTANT WILL FORWARD BRABHAM NOMINATION WHEN AUTHORIZED PLACE HIM ON DUTY AS SECOND ASSISTANT=

:LANPHIER.

AUG 24 12 11 PM '37

TO SEND A MESSAGE TELEPHONE NATIONAL 6600 OR ANY POSTAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE.
FOR MESSENGER TELEPHONE POSTAL TELEGRAPH OR RING POSTAL CALL BOX.

Form 73
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SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), August 24 (Date), 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational Appointment

Name, Abner Ernest Brabham

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, September 1, 1937

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Former range, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered: James W. Sitton, PR; Adam Labove, PR; Adolph J. Dupuy, C; Currie D. Crawford, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Alex H. Brooks (LT.#188) to be $1380 p.a. Services terminated, August 31, 1937

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: April 9, 1897

Remarks:

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

AUG 24 1937, 19

E. H. Jennings,
Secretary, 10th Civil Service District.

E. S. Laughlin
Superintendent of Lighthouses

PROBATIONAL.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 26 1937

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Copy

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-30

Not To Be Accepted As Authority For Investigation Operations Unless Accompanied By Official Credentials

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1937.

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,

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 Thirteen Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, H. A. DELONG

m B Acting Chief, Division of Personnel.

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Alex H. Brooks.

Legal residence: Texas.

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

PROMOTION ALEX H BROOKS AND APPOINTMENT ABNER E BRABHAM APPROVED

KING

CONFIRMATION

Brooks - First Assistant

Brabham - Second Assistant

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 19

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 19 1937

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

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Department or Establishment U.S. Lighthouse Service, Eighth District, (Sabine Pass Light Station, La.) Date 8-18-1937

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Brabham (Surname) Abner (Given name) Ernest (Middle name)
2. Present address 2810 (Number) 15th (Street) Port Arthur (City) Texas (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Texas 2 Dist. (State and Congressional District) Jefferson (County) Port Arthur (City or town)
4. Where born Mississippi (State or foreign country) Persia (City or town) When born 4-9-1897 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored
√						√	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One Daughter Age Eleven.
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
C.C. Camp	889 McComb Miss	Laborer	$30.00	5	10	1936	10	12	1936

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
no	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

no

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

no

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiery
	√				√		

Enlisted 9-4-1918 Discharged 12-19-1918
Rank Private Rank
Organization 34 Co. Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Rank Rank
Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Stanolind Oil Co. 26 Broadway N.Y.	Oiler and Fireman	Two years.

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	(1) 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mrs. D. W. Newman.

Relationship Sister Post office address Port Arthur Texas.

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

Alice E. Bradshaw.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1938 10—1930

Grad. Kpr(2a) Sabine Pass.
Sept. 1, 1937
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WJB.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES SEP 22 8 50 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

9/27/37 Wrote 8th Dist

September 20,1937.

Pers.
Am I correct in statement on letter? At any rate Dept may consider such qualifications among eligibles certified & select one having the qualifications desired if any such certified

ASH

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Abner E. Brabham, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass L. S., La.

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E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

...ers than

boating

ASH 9/22

Of boating experience was pre-requisite for this appointment, should not have been selected. Possibility of transfer to station not requiring boating experience in exchange for qualified asst. now in Choice?

Concur, If he is otherwise well qualified. Safety first is terrible, however.

HBmg/mf

So advise Dept. & as soon as Dist Mgrs will certify on request eligibles qualified in boating or mechanical experience as needed

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 22 8 50 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

9/27/37 Wrote Sabine Pass

September 20,1937.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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Sabine Pass L. S., La.

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2. It is requested that the Bureau advise whether or not the services of Brabham should be dispensed with during the probationary period, or whether he should be given a chance to learn how to operate the station launch. He has only been on duty since September 1st. It will be necessary to direct the Keeper to instruct Mr. Brabham in boatmanship and in the operation of the launch engine and not to place him in charge of the launch until he has acquired the necessary experience.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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WJB 9/22

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WJB 9/22

Concur. If he is otherwise well qualified, Inadvisable to get rid of him as Inexperienced. Dist Mgrs do certify on request eligibles qualified in boating or mechanical experience as

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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E. S. Lamplier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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9/22

Concur, If he is otherwise well qualified. Hardly time yet to determine, however.

HHmg/mf

So advise Supt. as to tell him as I understand Dist. Mgrs will certify on request eligibles qualified in boating or mechanical experience as need

September 27, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Reference is made to your letter of September 20 regarding the inability of Abner E. Brabham, second assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who entered on duty effective September 1, to handle and operate small boats:

If ability to handle a boat was required for this Station, it appears that Mr. Brabham should not have been selected. However, if he is otherwise well qualified for the Service, it appears that he should be retained if he shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper but in the event he is not suited for his present station, consideration should be given to his transfer to another station where boating is not required, if such a change is practicable.

In connection with requesting a certification of eligibles, it is understood that the Superintendent can furnish the District Civil Service Manager with information as to the requirements for a specific position. For example, it could be stated that a keeper with boating or mechanical experience was needed, and that certification would be made accordingly. It is suggested that this matter be taken up with the District Civil Service Manager in future similar cases.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 26, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

10-23-37 Wrot 8th

Abner E. Brabham - Separation during probationary period

1. With reference to ~~separate letter~~ enclosed of this date, it is recommended that the probationary services of Abner E. Brabham, Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, be discontinued without prejudice effective at the close of October 10 because of his voluntary surrender of the position.

Rec. to Dept for discontinuance but not without prejudice
Apparently the Supt considers Kpr. Harrison somewhat at fault in the matter of Brabham's desertion of duty at the station. But that does not appear to justify failure to give prior notice HLM 10/21

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 23, 1937.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, together with a copy of a letter dated October 11 from the principal keeper at the station with regard to Mr. Brabham's absence without authority; also the Superintendent's telegram of October 11 to Brabham and the latter's reply of October 12.

Mr. Brabham entered on duty as keeper effective September 1, 1937, and as he left the station on October 10 and failed to return to duty and therefore is absent without authority, it is recommended that his services be discontinued, but not without prejudice, during probation, effective at the close of October 10.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

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Enc.

LIGHTHOUSES
Oct 21 11 32 AM '37

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 20, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Approved
10/21/37

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A. E. Brabham, 2nd Asst. Keeper, yesterday requested permission to go to Port Arthur for a short visit. He left station at 10:00 A.M. I told him to be back not later than 4 P.M. I sent boat over at 4 P.M. for him and he was not at wharf or in Sabine. He did not call up.

I went to Sabine this morning at 7:30 A.M. and Brabham was on wharf. I told him I was going to visit Port Arthur Canal Lights in my car as two of them were burning steady. I told him I would be back in an hour and a half and he could either wait at wharf or ride up with me. He then said that he was going back to town. I then told him that was a matter entirely up to him. I then told him that he would have to explain to the office why he did not return to the station. He then said I want you to know that I am not studying anything about that office or this job or you either. He then turned and walked off and I got in my car and went to the Port Arthur Canal Lights and when I returned about 1 hour and a half later Brabham was not at boat or in Sabine. I then returned to station and have not heard anything else from him. He looked like a man that had been under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

(COPY)

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(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

New Orleans La October 11 1937

Abner E. Brabham
2810 15th Street
Port Arthur Texas

Keeper reports you left station ten oclock October tenth and have not returned Advise

E S LANPHIER
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 20 11 8 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 18, 1937

Brooks was appointed Kpr in 1936, but has about 9 yrs. prior service as fireman, oiler, etc on Lthouses. HAm

Dupt does not comment on alleged conduct of Brooks, IAK, OAK 10/20

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham - Probationary service

10-27-37 Wrote 8 a

1. Referring to the inclosed copy of Bureau letter of September 27, 1937, relative to Abner E. Brabham, probationary appointee as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., there is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter of October 1st from this office to J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, instructing him in regard to the attitude which should be taken towards the probationary appointee.

2. There is inclosed copy of letter of October 11, 1937, received from the Keeper, reporting that Mr. Brabham had left the station at 10:00 A.M., October 10; that he had met Brabham at 7:30 A.M. on the 11th at the wharf at Sabine, and that Brabham had quit the job. There is also inclosed a letter of the same date from Keeper Harrison in which he places the blame on A. H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper at that station.

3. A telegram was sent by this office to Mr. Brabham at his home address in Port Arthur, Texas, copy inclosed, and there is also inclosed a copy of Brabham's reply, in which he states that he does not care to work under Keeper Harrison, etc.

See file of Stokes re this - also caution to Harrison in this regard and request that Supt submit further report after 6 mo. Appears now that Supt considers Harrison responsible for unsatisfactory condition. HAm 10/21

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Not yet 6 mos but Supt seems satisfied that Harrison not acceptable as Keeper. Ok Supt & Submit rec apt asst 10/21

(COPY)

Port Arthur, Tex.
Oct. 12, 1937

Supt. Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

(Signed) Abner E. Brabham
2810 - 15th Street

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 20 11 33 AM 1937

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 1, 1937

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Replying to your letter of September 16, 1937, submitting a report on Second Assistant Keeper, A. E. Brabham, you are directed not to permit Mr. Brabham to be in charge of the operation of the launch until you are satisfied that he is competent to perform that duty. If Mr. Brabham is otherwise qualified and shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper, he should be retained, but, in the event he is not suited for the position to which he has been appointed, you will render your report on Form 17, inclosed herewith.

2. You will advise Mr. Brabham that it will be necessary for him to become conversant with the operation of the launch and be fully able to do so. It is suggested that you should instruct Mr. Brabham, if he is otherwise qualified, in the operation of the launch and the engine therein. He should be advised as to how a landing should be made into the wind or against the current, and given information as to the general steering and handling of the launch and the operation of the engine. Further report will be awaited from you.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
LIGHTHOUSES
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

September 27, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Reference is made to your letter of September 20 regarding the inability of Abner E. Brabham, second assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who entered on duty effective September 1, to handle and operate small boats:

If ability to handle a boat was required for this Station, it appears that Mr. Brabham should not have been selected. However, if he is otherwise well qualified for the Service, it appears that he should be retained if he shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper but in the event he is not suited for his present station, consideration should be given to his transfer to another station where boating is not required, if such a change is practicable.

In connection with requesting a certification of eligibles, it is understood that the Superintendent can furnish the District Civil Service Manager with information as to the requirements for a specific position. For example, it could be stated that a keeper with boating or mechanical experience was needed, and that certification would be made accordingly. It is suggested that this matter be taken up with the District Civil Service Manager in future similar cases.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

HLM-EK

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SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 18, 1937

Brabham

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. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

10/20-37

Personnel

Suggest accept Brabham's resig. with prejudice.

Conditions at this station are evidently unsatisfactory. Suggest follow up Kprs letter by asking Supt why charges should not be preferred against Brabham on basis of Kpr's letter and asking him to do so unless of course in which case Bureau to be advised in detail. This will develop more fully Harrison's shortcomings if they are as Supt suspects and might lead to transfer of both men which would probably be good for the service.

Supt's further report as to Harrison could also be now requested. Believe we need not wait 6 mos in view of this difficulty.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 20 11 33 AM '37

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 18, 1937

Brabham

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham - Probationary service

1. Referring to the inclosed copy of Bureau letter of September 27, 1937, relative to Abner E. Brabham, probationary appointee as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., there is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter of October 1st from this office to J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, instructing him in regard to the attitude which should be taken towards the probationary appointee.

2. There is inclosed copy of letter of October 11, 1937, received from the Keeper, reporting that Mr. Brabham had left the station at 10:00 A.M., October 10; that he had met Brabham at 7:30 A.M. on the 11th at the wharf at Sabine, and that Brabham had quit the job. There is also inclosed a letter of the same date from Keeper Harrison in which he places the blame on A. H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper at that station.

3. A telegram was sent by this office to Mr. Brabham at his home address in Port Arthur, Texas, copy inclosed, and there is also inclosed a copy of Brabham's reply, in which he states that he does not care to work under Keeper Harrison, etc.

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E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

There is a condition existing on this station that I think should be brought to the attention of the Supt.

This condition has been existing for some time. I thought that it would wear itself out without having to bother the office with it, but since it has not, and as it effects the Service I think something should be done about it.

The trouble is the 1st Asst. Keeper is a trouble maker. He sows the seed of discontent in every new man that comes to this station with his dissatisfied talk about being so much work at this station and such a bad job and such a bad place, and about having to stay on station all of the time, and about how things are run.

He tells them how much time that everybody used to have off and didn't have any work to do. He tells them what a bum guy the Keeper is and that I, the Keeper, don't have any right to do so and so, and things should be done such a way as he has planned out, and he wishes that he could get a transfer that he would never come back here again. He knocks the Service and its equipment at every opportunity. It seems that any work that he is called on to do that he does it unwillingly. It seems that he would like very much to have me replaced, and if he can cause trouble between me and the other keepers and get as manydisgusted and cause them to quit as he can that the Supt. will decide that there is something bad wrong with me and that way he will get me replaced and keep himself clear of trouble at the same time.

He has did this talking to every substitute that has been on the station and I believe that he has had a great effect on 2nd Asst. Keeper Brabham although Brabham would have never been capable of handling station launch in my opinion.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have only been living according to rules and I expect to do this as long as I am in charge. I have been working only three to four hours per day outside of standing watch. I am endeavoring to keep all lights and equipment going in good condition and am trying to get station and everything connected with it in good condition. Keeper's job at this station is no picnic at its best and to have someone working against you makes it much worse.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

October 23, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.:

Reference is made to your letter of October 18 regarding Assistant Keeper Abner E. Brabham's absence without authority and recommending his discontinuance without prejudice. The Bureau has submitted your letter to the Department for approval but with recommendation that his discontinuance be with prejudice in view of his desertion of post of duty.

With regard to your other letter of October 18 enclosing letter from Principal Keeper John E. Harrison reporting that First Assistant Keeper Alex H. Brooks is a trouble maker and that he has made a great deal of complaint about working conditions at the station and indicating that he is dissatisfied and desirous of being transferred elsewhere, it is noted that no specific recommendation is made as to any action with regard to Brooks. It appears to the Bureau that if the keeper's report in the matter is true that possibly charges should be preferred against Assistant Keeper Brooks and you are requested to do so, unless you see objection to this procedure, in which case you are requested to advise the Bureau in detail as to your objections, recommending such action as you consider appropriate.

With regard to Principal Keeper Harrison, the Bureau's endorsement of September 13 on the Department's letter in his case requested that he be carefully observed and a report submitted at the end of six months. In the event his management of the station has not shown improvement and you are convinced that further trial in his present position is not desirable, you are requested to submit proper report and recommendation.

For the Commissioner:

C. A. PARK,
Deputy Commissioner.

HLM:LK

November 1, 1937.

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have been absent from duty without authority since October 10, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 4 of Civil Service Rule VII, has discontinued, with prejudice, your services as keeper at $1380 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of October 10, 1937.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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NOV 10 1937

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 22 1937
9 10 AM
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

TO 8th

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

November 19, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses: New Orleans, La.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION Abner E. Brabham, keeper

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service Form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit Form SS-66 in duplicate, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard Form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service Form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit enclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified Form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

Please complete the attached form 2806 and return to Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

C. J. Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk
~~[illegible]~~

LEC
Incl.

District 8th Date Nov. 23, 1937

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:
Form 2806 in the case of Abner E. Brabham, Keeper, has been completed and is herewith returned.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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To Dept 12/15/37

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COMMISSIONERS
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE A:BM
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

April 13, 1938

noted He was dismissed 10/10/37
R/4/21

Noted. Presume C.S. has this info. other wise pay will be advised Apl 4/21

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce

4/26 Mo to Dept.

Sir:

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Admits: As Alvin E. Brabham, arrested Police Department, Port Arthur, Texas, May 15, 1934, charge drunk.

As the records show that Mr. Brabham is employed as Third Asst. Keeper, Commerce, Sabine Pass, Texas, this information is furnished your Office for appropriate action.

By direction of the Commission:

April 21, 1938.

Very respectfully,

Copy transmitted to the Bureau of Lighthouses for its information.

By direction of the Secretary:

L. A. MOYER
Chief Examiner

Form 331
November 1937

Chief, Division of Personnel.

April 26, 1938.

Secretary of Commerce:

In reference to Department indorsement of April 21 on Civil Service Commission letter of April 13, advising that the fingerprints of Abner E. Brabham, a former keeper in this Service, reveal that he had been arrested on two occasions:

The Department is advised that Abner E. Brabham was dismissed from this Service at the close of October 10, 1937, and it is assumed that the Civil Service Commission has been duly advised by the Department.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Gross
Chief, Personnel Division.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 27 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

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April 21, 1938.

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By direction of the Secretary:

EDW. J. GARDNER

APR 21 1938

L. A. MOYER
Chief Examiner

Form 3311
November 1937
Chief, Division of Personnel.

No. _____

Brabham (SURNAME) Abner (FIRST NAME) Ernest (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR
Apr.	9	1897
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RETIREMENT AGE		

DATE	DESIGNATION	OFFICE

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11-14-36	Service history certified correct.			/s/ J.H.	Powell, Asst. Chf. C.P.Div.		War Dept. Nov. 5, 1937
No deductions in LHS. Under LHS retirement law.				Service hist. certified correct:	Marion A. Hinkle For the Chief, Div. of Per. DEC 17 1937		

RETIREMENT RECORD CARD—CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FORM 2806—FEB., 1931 10—183 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

No.

Brabham (SURNAME) Abner (FIRST NAME) Ernest (SECOND NAME)

DATE OF BIRTH			LEGAL VOTING RESIDENCE		
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SEX M RACE W

RETIREMENT AGE

MILITARY SERVICE ____ YES X NO ____

MILITARY PENSION OR WAR RISK COMPENSATION ____ YES ____ NO ____

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	Enrolled	Member		$30 pm	5-14-36	Civilian Conservation Corps.			
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SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS ____

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November 1, 1937.

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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

NOV 10 1937

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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OCT 25 1937
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 18, 1937.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NOV 1 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham - Separation during probationary period
enclosed

1. With reference to/ letters of this date, it is recommended that the probationary services of Abner E. Brabham, Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, be discontinued without prejudice (1) effective at the close of October 10 because of his voluntary surrender of the position.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Note the two recommendations

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 23, 1937.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, together with a copy of a letter dated October 11 from the principal keeper at the station with regard to Mr. Brabham's absence without authority; also the Superintendent's telegram of October 11 to Brabham and the latter's reply of October 12.

Mr. Brabham entered on duty as keeper effective September 1, 1937, and as he left the station on October 10 and failed to return to duty and therefore is absent without authority, it is recommended that his services be discontinued, but not without prejudice (2), during probation, effective at the close of October 10.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.

HLM:LK
Enc.

Action O. K.

Acting Asst. Sec'y

OCT 29 1937

LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 20 11 33 AM '37

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Port Arthur, Tex.
Oct. 12, 1937

Supt. Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

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2810 - 15th Street

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A. E. Brabham, 2nd Asst. Keeper, yesterday requested permission to go to Port Arthur for a short visit. He left station at 10:00 A.M. I told him to be back not later than 4 P.M. I sent boat over at 4 P.M. for him and he was not at wharf or in Sabine. He did not call up.

I went to Sabine this morning at 7:30 A.M. and Brabham was on wharf. I told him I was going to visit Port Arthur Canal Lights in my car as two of them were burning steady. I told him I would be back in an hour and a half and he could either wait at wharf or ride up with me. He then said that he was going back to town. I then told him that was a matter entirely up to him. I then told him that he would have to explain to the office why he did not return to the station. He then said I want you to know that I am not studying anything about that office or this job or you either. He then turned and walked off and I got in my car and went to the Port Arthur Canal Lights and when I returned about 1 hour and a half later Brabham was not at boat or in Sabine. I then returned to station and have not heard anything else from him. He looked like a man that had been under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

New Orleans La October 11 1937

Abner E. Brabham
2810 15th Street
Port Arthur Texas

Keeper reports you left station ten oclock October tenth and have not returned Advise

E S LANPHIER
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

REQUEST FOR SERVICE RECORD

Department of Commerce

(Department or Establishment)

October 5, 1937
(Date)

SERVICE RECORD AND RETIREMENT DIVISION
U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that the complete official service record and retirement deductions by fiscal years be furnished for the following-named employee:

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Mrs., or Miss~~) Brabham (Surname) Abner (First name) Earnest (Middle name)
(Give name or names under which service was rendered)

2. Date of birth 4/9/97 Date appointed to this office 9/1/37

3. Service claimed as follows:

DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
C.C.C.	SP 9 McComb, Miss.	Laborer	$30 per	5	10	36	10	12	36
		240 to 1 H.	11/1/37						

4. Military and Naval Record. If any, check (✓) to indicate branch and other information, also give dates of enlistment and discharge. Under organization give company, regiment, and branch of service, i. e., infantry, artillery, marines, vessel, etc.:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	Pensioner	Veterans Bureau beneficiary

World War ☐ War with Spain ☐ Other ☐

MILITARY RECORD

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF ENLISTMENT OR COMMISSION	DATE OF HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Very respectfully,

OCT 5 1937

WM. J. GARDNER.

Chief, Division of Personnel
(Title of appointing officer)

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Form 2865—March 1933

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933 16—417

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President 3/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

AUG 19 1937

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 18 1937
DIVISION OF
NEW ORLEANS

Department or Establishment U.S. Lighthouse Service, Eighth District, (Sabine Pass Light Station, La.) Date 8/18/1937

1. Name in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Brabham. (Surname) Abner. (Given name) Emmett. (Middle name)
2. Present address 2810. (Number) 15th. (Street) Port Arthur, (City) Texas. (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Texas 2nd, (State and Congressional District) Jefferson. (County) Port Arthur, (City or town)
4. Where born Mississippi (State or foreign country) Peoria (City or town) When born 4-9-1897 (Month Day Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
√ Male	Female	Single	Married	√ Divorced	Widowed	√ White	Colored	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One Daughter. Age Eleven
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
C.C. Camp	809 McComb Miss	Laborer	$30.00	5	10	1936	10	12	1936

Form 2808 requested
OCT 5 1937

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
NO	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

NO
(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

NO
(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√				√		

Enlisted 9-4-1918 Discharged 12-19-1918	Enlisted Discharged
Rank Private Rank	Rank Rank
Organization 34th Co Organization	Organization Organization

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[OVER]

10—1930

13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
St. Oil Co. 26 Broadway N.Y.	Oiler and Fireman	two years

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	(1) 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mrs. H. W. Newman.

Relationship Sister Post office address Port Arthur Texas.

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

Abner E. Brabham.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1930

Standard Form No. 8
(Approved by the President, May 22, 1925)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 18 1937
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
1937 SEP 17
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CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse Dist.
New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or Office)

I, Abner E. Brabham, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

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.

Abner E. Brabham
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept, A. D. 1937

at Sabine Texas, Texas
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

C M Stile
Notary Public

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

My Commission expires June 1, 1939.

Position to which appointed: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2nd Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. - $1380 p.a.

Date of entrance on duty: September 1, 1937.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1689

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Form A-30

Not To Be Accepted As Authority For Investigation Operations Unless Accompanied By Official Credentials

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1937.

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,

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 Thirteen Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief, Division of Personnel.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
OCT 1937
SHEET NO. 538
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SEP -7 1937

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Alex H. Brooks.

Legal residence: Texas.

CARDED

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 31 1937
LIGHTHOUSES DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., August 26, 1937
(City) (Date)

AUG 26 8 41 AM

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational Appointment — **Legal residence,** Texas

Name, Abner ~~Ernest~~ Brabham — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

No papers

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 1, 1937 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - — Former range, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd — Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper — Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered: James W. Sitton, FR; Adam Labove, FR; Adolph J. Dupuy, C; Currie D. Crawford, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Alex H. Brooks ($1380 p.a.) (LT.#188) — to be Services terminated, August 31, 1937

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: April 9, 1897

Remarks:

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, AUG 24 1937, 19---

E.H. Jennings,
Secretary, 10th Civil Service District.

E. S. Kaufhold
Superintendent of Lighthouses

PROBATIONAL.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 26 1937

15 yrs 8-26-37

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O.K.
Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

NOV 22 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

November 19, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses:

New Orleans, La.

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION Abner E. Brabham, keeper

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet in duplicate.
(3) Furnish oath of office.
(4) Furnish civil service Form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit Form SS-66 in duplicate, showing last day served by temporary appointee.
(6) Furnish standard Form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service Form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit enclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Furnish one copy certified Form 2806.
(10) Miscellaneous.

Please complete the attached form 2806 and return to Bureau.

For the Commissioner:

C.J.Ludwig, Jr.
Chief Clerk,
Chief of Personnel Division.

LEC
Incl.

District 8th Date Nov.23,1937

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Form 2806 in the case of Abner E. Brabham, Keeper, has been completed and is herewith returned.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Encl.

NOV 12 1937

November 1, 1937.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,
2510 - 15th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of the fact that you have been absent from duty without authority since October 10, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII, has discontinued, with prejudice, your services as keeper at $1380 per annum in the Lighthouse Service, effective at the close of October 10, 1937.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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LEC
Incl.

November 12, 1937

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,
2810 - 15th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Sir:

1. Inclosed herewith is Department letter of November 1, 1937, advising that, in view of the fact that you have been absent from duty without authority since October 10, etc. etc., your services have been discontinued, with prejudice, effective at the close of October 10, 1937. Check for your services October 1 to October 10, inclusive, will be forwarded to you at the above address.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OCT 25 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 23, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.:

Reference is made to your letter of October 18 regarding Assistant Keeper Abner E. Brabham's absence without authority and recommending his discontinuance without prejudice. The Bureau has submitted your letter to the Department for approval but with recommendation that his discontinuance be with prejudice in view of his desertion of post of duty.

With regard to your other letter of October 18 enclosing letter from Principal Keeper John E. Harrison reporting that First Assistant Keeper Alex H. Brooks is a trouble maker and that he has made a great deal of complaint about working conditions at the station and indicating that he is dissatisfied and desirous of being transferred elsewhere, it is noted that no specific recommendation is made as to any action with regard to Brooks. It appears to the Bureau that if the keeper's report in the matter is true that possibly charges should be preferred against Assistant Keeper Brooks and you are requested to do so, unless you see objection to this procedure, in which case you are requested to advise the Bureau in detail as to your objections, recommending such action as you consider appropriate.

With regard to Principal Keeper Harrison, the Bureau's endorsement of September 13 on the Department's letter in his case requested that he be carefully observed and a report submitted at the end of six months. In the event his management of the station has not shown improvement and you are convinced that further trial in his present position is not desirable, you are requested to submit proper report and recommendation.

For the Commissioner:

C. A. PARK,
Deputy Commissioner.

HLM:LK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

ESL:LEC
Incls.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

October 18, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham - Probationary service

1. Referring to the inclosed copy of Bureau letter of September 27, 1937, relative to Abner E. Brabham, probationary appointee as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La., there is inclosed herewith a copy of a letter of October 1st from this office to J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, instructing him in regard to the attitude which should be taken towards the probationary appointee.

2. There is inclosed copy of letter of October 11, 1937, received from the Keeper, reporting that Mr. Brabham had left the station at 10:00 A.M., October 10; that he had met Brabham at 7:30 A.M. on the 11th at the wharf at Sabine, and that Brabham had quit the job. There is also inclosed a letter of the same date from Keeper Harrison in which he places the blame on A. H. Brooks, First Assistant Keeper at that station.

3. A telegram was sent by this office to Mr. Brabham at his home address in Port Arthur, Texas, copy inclosed, and there is also inclosed a copy of Brabham's reply, in which he states that he does not care to work under Keeper Harrison, etc.

4. It will be noted that, in paragraph 23 of the report of this office of June 26 on the trouble at Sabine Pass Light Station, recommendation was made that Keeper J. E. Harrison be demoted and transferred at the first opportunity to the position of First Assistant Keeper at another station, and that the recommendation was made because Mr. Harrison had shown no aptitude for the position of Keeper, and lack of tact and judgment in directing the work of the assistants, etc.

5. A separate report has been forwarded this date covering the separation of Mr. Brabham from duty, and it is recommended that this separation be without prejudice. Steps will be taken to fill the vacancy.

Very dear

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 1, 1937

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

Sir:

1. Replying to your letter of September 16, 1937, submitting a report on Second Assistant Keeper, A. E. Brabham, you are directed not to permit Mr. Brabham to be in charge of the operation of the launch until you are satisfied that he is competent to perform that duty. If Mr. Brabham is otherwise qualified and shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper, he should be retained, but, in the event he is not suited for the position to which he has been appointed, you will render your report on Form 17, inclosed herewith.

2. You will advise Mr. Brabham that it will be necessary for him to become conversant with the operation of the launch and be fully able to do so. It is suggested that you should instruct Mr. Brabham, if he is otherwise qualified, in the operation of the launch and the engine therein. He should be advised as to how a landing should be made into the wind or against the current, and given information as to the general steering and handling of the launch and the operation of the engine. Further report will be awaited from you.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A. E. Brabham, 2nd Asst. Keeper, yesterday requested permission to go to Port Arthur for a short visit. He left station at 10:00 A.M. I told him to be back not later than 4 P.M. I sent boat over at 4 P.M. for him and he was not at wharf or in Sabine. He did not call up.

I went to Sabine this morning at 7:30 A.M. and Brabham was on wharf. I told him I was going to visit Port Arthur Canal Lights in my car as two of them were burning steady. I told him I would be back in an hour and a half and he could either wait at wharf or ride up with me. He then said that he was going back to town. I then told him that was a matter entirely up to him. I then told him that he would have to explain to the office why he did not return to the station. He then said I want you to know that I am not studying anything about that office or this job or you either. He then turned and walked off and I got in my car and went to the Port Arthur Canal Lights and when I returned about 1 hour and a half later Brabham was not at boat or in Sabine. I then returned to station and have not heard anything else from him. He looked like a man that had been under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

There is a condition existing on this station that I think should be brought to the attention of the Supt.

This condition has been existing for some time. I thought that it would wear itself out without having to bother the office with it, but since it has not, and as it effects the Service I think something should be done about it.

The trouble is the 1st Asst. Keeper is a trouble maker. He sows the seed of discontent in every new man that comes to this station with his dissatisfied talk about being so much work at this station and such a bad job and such a bad place, and about having to stay on station all of the time, and about how things are run.

He tells them how much time that everybody used to have off and didn't have any work to do. He tells them what a bum guy the Keeper is and that I, the Keeper, don't have any right to do so and so, and things should be done such a way as he has planned out, and he wishes that he could get a transfer that he would never come back here again. He knocks the Service and its equipment at every opportunity. It seems that any work that he is called on to do that he does it unwillingly. It seems that he would like very much to have me replaced, and if he can cause trouble between me and the other keepers and get as manydisgusted and cause them to quit as he can that the Supt. will decide that there is something bad wrong with me and that way he will get me replaced and keep himself clear of trouble at the same time.

He has did this talking to every substitute that has been on the station and I believe that he has had a great effect on 2nd Asst. Keeper Brabham although Brabham would have never been capable of handling station launch in my opinion.

In conclusion I wish to say that I have only been living according to rules and I expect to do this as long as I am in charge. I have been working only three to four hours per day outside of standing watch. I am endeavoring to keep all lights and equipment going in good condition and am trying to get station and everything connected with it in good condition. Keeper's job at this station is no picnic at its best and to have someone working against you makes it much worse.

Respectfully,
(Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

Supt. Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

New Orleans La October 11 1937

Abner E. Brabham
2810 15th Street
Port Arthur Texas

Keeper reports you left station ten oclock October tenth and have not returned Advise

E S LANPHIER
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Port Arthur, Tex.
Oct. 12, 1937

Supt. Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I am sorry to report that I was unable to work under Keeper Mr. Harrison at Sabine Pass Light Station. I have your telegram of Oct. the 11th. Mr. Harrison carried me across at 10:00 A.M. He said he would meet me at 4:00 P.M. It was 4:10 P.M. when I came back to Sabine Pass due to the fact minor car trouble. He had already gone and left me at least his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, the substitute he has there at present. I was there at 7:00 A.M. the 11th when he came over with the school children. He stated to me he was going to the Port Arthur Canal Light and he wouldent need me. I ask him why it was he couldent wait on a party ten minutes, He said I would have some explaining to do at the office. He then mailed you a telegram stating I had not returned. He had refused to carry me across I ask the Coast Guard to carry me across to get my clothes which they did. It seems to me he wants to make a family affair out of the Lighthouse, probably he can get another brother.

I appreciate the position and many thanks to you for having me placed there but I don't care to work under Keeper Mr. Harrison.

He left curtains down Sept. the 19th on tower light when he came off watch. He put them up about 4:30 P.M. If that had been me you would have received letter or telegram.

I would be glad to hear from you concerning this as this is a letter tending my resination.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Abner E. Brabham
2810 - 15th Street

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 13, 1937

October 18, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham - Separation during probationary period

1. With reference to separate letter of this date, it is recommended that the probationary services of Abner E. Brabham, Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, be discontinued without prejudice effective at the close of October 10 because of his voluntary surrender of the position.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

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New Orleans, La.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
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Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OCT 13 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Oct. 11, 1937

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New Orleans, La.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) J. E. Harrison

Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OCT 13 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Port Arthur Tex.
Oct 12. 1937

Supt. Light House.
Neworleans La.

Sir

I am sorry to report that I was unable to work under Keeper Mr. Harrison at Sabine pass Light station I have your telegram of Oct the 11th Mr Harrison Carried me across at 10^00 am" he said he would meet me at 4^00 PM it was 4^00 PM when I Come back to sabine Pass due to the fact Mr Harrison

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

rintendent of Lighthouses

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Lighthouses Washington
Service)

a October 11 1937

a oclock October YESTERDAY

LIGHTHOUSES

l Telegraph

This is a full rate Telegram, Cablegram unless otherwise indicated in the check or in the address.

NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
DC	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

Dept. of Treasury

Our trouble he had already gone and left me at least his brother-in-law mr Smith the substitute he has there at present I was there at 7 AM the 11th when he came down with the School Children he stated to me he was going to the Port Arthur Canal light and he wouldent need me I ask him why it was he couldent wait on a party ten minutes he said I would have some planning to do

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

...rintendent of Lighthouses

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...Lighthouses Washington
...Service)

...a October 11 1937

...n oclock October YESTERDAY

...LIGHTHOUSES

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placed there but I
dont Care to workunder
Keeper Mr Harrison
he left Curtains down
Sept the 19th on lower
light when he done
off watch he put them
up about 4 30 pm if that
had been me you would
have received letter and
telegram & would be
glad to hear from you
Concerning this as this
is a letter tending my
resination Respectfully
Abner E. Brabham,
2810-15th Street

(SIGNED) LANPHIER

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rintendent of Lighthouses

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LIGHTHOUSES

al Telegraph

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form 16

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

RXN05 11 GOVT=TDAR SABINE TEX 11 816A

New Orleans La October 11 1937

Abner E Brabham
2810 15th Street
Port Arthur Texas

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES=

OCT 11 1937 OCT 11 AM 9

Keeper reports you left station ten oclock October tenth and have not returned Advise

SECOND ASST [illegible] YESTERDAY HAS NOT RETURNED=

HARRISON..

E S LANPHIER
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

up. I went to Sabine this morning at 7:30 a.m. and Brabham was on watch I told him I was going to visit Port Arthur Canal Lights in my car after which there were, turning steady I told him I would be back in an hour and a half and he could either wait ashore or ride up with me. He then said that he was going back to town I then told

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Form 16

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SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES=

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 11 1937
1937 OCT 11 AM 9
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

SECOND ASSISTANT BRABHAM LEFT STATION TEN OCLOCK YESTERDAY HAS NOT RETURNED=

HARRISON..

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

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COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 12 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 11., 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

A. E. Brathan 2nd asst. Kpr. Yesterday requested permission to go to Port Arthur for a short visit. He left Station at 10 am I told him to be back not later than 4 Pm. I sent boat over at 4 Pm for him and he was not at wharf or in Sabine. He did not call up I went to Sabine this morning at 7.30 a m and Brathan was on wharf I told him I was going to visit both arthur Canal Lights in My car as two of them were burning steady I told him I would be back in an hour and a half and he could either wait at wharf or ride up with Me. He then said that he was going back to town I then told

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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him that was a matter entirely up to him I then told him that he would have to explain to the Office why he did not return to the Station he then said I want you to know that I am not studying anything about that office or this job or you either he then turned and walked off and I got in my car and went to the Port Arthur Canal Lights and when I returned about 1 hour and a half later Bradford was not at home or my Cabin I then returned to Station and have not heard anything else from him. he looked like a man that had been under the influence of liquor.

Respectfully
J. C. Harrison
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 30 1937

October 1, 1937

September 27, 1937.

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas

...uses, New Orleans, La.

Reference is made to your letter of September 20 regarding the inability of Abner E. Brabham, second assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who entered on duty effective September 1, to handle and operate small boats:

1. Replying to your letter of September 16, 1937, submitting a report on Second Assistant Keeper, A. E. Brabham, you are directed not to permit Mr. Brabham to be in charge of the operation of the launch until you are satisfied that he is competent to perform that duty. If Mr. Brabham is otherwise qualified and shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper, he should be retained, but, in the event he is not suited for the position to which he has been appointed, you will render your report on Form 17, inclosed herewith.

2. You will advise Mr. Brabham that it will be necessary for him to become conversant with the operation of the launch and be fully able to do so. It is suggested that you should instruct Mr. Brabham, if he is otherwise qualified, in the operation of the launch and the engine therein. He should be advised as to how a landing should be made into the wind or against the current, and given information as to the general steering and handling of the launch and the operation of the engine. Further report will be awaited from you.

For the Commissioner:

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

HLM-EK

Administrative Assistant

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 30 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1937.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Reference is made to your letter of September 20 regarding the inability of Abner E. Brabham, second assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, who entered on duty effective September 1, to handle and operate small boats:

If ability to handle a boat was required for this Station, it appears that Mr. Brabham should not have been selected. However, if he is otherwise well qualified for the Service, it appears that he should be retained if he shows promise of developing into a satisfactory keeper but in the event he is not suited for his present station, consideration should be given to his transfer to another station where boating is not required, if such a change is practicable.

In connection with requesting a certification of eligibles, it is understood that the Superintendent can furnish the District Civil Service Manager with information as to the requirements for a specific position. For example, it could be stated that a keeper with boating or mechanical experience was needed, and that certification would be made accordingly. It is suggested that this matter be taken up with the District Civil Service Manager in future similar cases.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant

HLM-EK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

September 20,1937.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Abner E. Brabham, 2nd Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass L. S., La.

1. A report has been received from J. E. Harrison, Keeper of Sabine Pass Light Station, La., stating that Abner E. Brabham, 2nd Assistant Keeper, who was recently selected from a Civil Service Register and given probationary appointment, known nothing about handling and operating small boats, and he (the Keeper) is reluctant to trust Brabham alone with the station launch to get mail and supplies. His services in all other respects have been satisfactory.

2. It is requested that the Bureau advise whether or not the services of Brabham should be dispensed with during the probationary period, or whether he should be given a chance to learn how to operate the station launch. He has only been on duty since September 1st. It will be necessary to direct the Keeper to instruct Mr. Brabham in boatmanship and in the operation of the launch engine and not to place him in charge of the launch until he has acquired the necessary experience.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 18 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 16, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

I request to report that 2nd asst. Keeper Brabham does not know any thing about handling or operating small boats. I thought that it was advisable to let the office know this as I am afraid to trust him alone with the Station launch on his day to get mail and supplies his service in other respects has been satisfactory, so far.

Resp

J. E. Hunter
Keeper

DID NOT COMPLETE PROBATIONAL PERIOD OF SERVICE?
SERVICES DISCONTINUED WITH PREJUDICE

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

October 1, 1937

J. E. Harrison, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of Abner E. Brabham as Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Lighthouse:

2. Inclosed you will find a form on which report is to be made by you in connection with the probationary services of Mr. Brabham. If his services have been satisfactory in every respect, the report should be mailed to this office on February 23, 1938. In this case all you need to do is sign the form where indicated in pencil, and return both forms to this office. Be careful to keep them clean.

3. If at any time it should appear that he is not capable of performing his duties, or does not perform them properly, you will submit the report immediately without waiting for the date stated above. In this case you will insert the word "not" in the blank space before the words "been satisfactory" in the second paragraph, and the word "not" in the blank space before the word "considered" in the following line, stating the reasons under remarks, and return both forms.

4. You will see that Mr. Brabham takes the necessary steps to secure the regulation uniforms (blue cloth suit and cap, and white seaman uniform for working) as soon after the receipt of this letter as it is possible to do so, and you will report if he does not do so.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ard Form No. 17
the President, March 26, 1926
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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

COMMERCE
(Department)

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 31, 1937.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) (she) is considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Abner E. Brabham

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1380 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Lighthouse Keepers

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty September 1, 1937

Remarks:

(Signature of immediate superior) Keeper

Submitted:

(Head of bureau or office)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1931 10—1732

Form 206 File No. 8

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RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt. 8th District,

Place, New Orleans, La.

Date, October 1, 1937

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Port Arthur, Texas

Sir:

Please examine Abner E. Brabham

nativity, American; age, 40; height, ____ feet, ____ inches;

weight, 168 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Grey

distinguishing marks, ____

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

[signature]

~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Superintendent of Lighthouses

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) Abner E. Brabhom

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) (Signature of witness:) (Signed) J. E. Harrison
Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place, Port Arthur, Texas

Superintendent

To Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~, Date, Oct. 4th, 1937

Sir: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of Abner E. Brabham, and find him physically {~~disqualified~~ / qualified*} in accordance with rules approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, respecting the treatment by the Public Health Service of light keepers and assistant light keepers of the Lighthouse Service pursuant to the Act of Congress approved August 28, 1916.

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

(Signed) Harry R. East

A.A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following.

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Port Arthur, Texas

DATE, Oct. 4th, 1937

Name of applicant, Abner E. Brabham

Eyes: Color, Blue Gray; exophthalmus, None

chronic inflammation, None; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, None; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, Does not wear glasses

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, Does not wear glasses

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No. Color vision normal

If color-blind, state which color he confuses None. Normal

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Colored plates

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

Hearing: (When testing hearing, the eyes and the opposite ear must be closed.)

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 20 feet; left ear, 20 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs: Negative

Heart: Normal

Defects noted which, in the opinion of the medical examiner, will not materially interfere with the discharge of the duties of light keeper or assistant light keeper:

Scar Inguinal bilateral, old hermiotemy June, 1937. Laners dental pyorrhea alocolens. Varicose veins small lower limbs. Pesplanis bilateral, 1st Oyru

Reasons for certification of disqualification: NONE

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PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) Agner E. Brabhom

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

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Incl.

October 7, 1937

Abner E. Brabhon, Second Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is record of physical examination in your case, and which you must retain in connection with medical relief by the U. S. Public Health Service. A copy has been made for the files of this office.

2. You are requested to advise as to the correct spelling of your name. It has been read heretofore as Brabhgm, but your signature on the Record of Physical Examination appears to be Brabhgm. Please write name in box letters in order that there may be no mistake and that the records may be corrected.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Office of Superintendent, 8th Dist
P. O. Box 2480
New Orleans, La.
October 1, 1937

Abner E. Brabham, Second Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

Inclosed is a copy of Form 206, "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper," with application thereon for your examination by an officer of the U.S. Public Health Service.

You are informed that all light keepers and assistants light keepers are required to be examined by the Public Health Service before they become entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and stations of the Public Health Service. The examination is also required to determine the employee's physical fitness for the Lighthouse Service.

You are directed to have yourself examined by the most convenient Public Health Service official at first opportunity. Reply to this letter at once, stating when and where you will be examined, and submit request on the proper form for the necessary leave of absence from the station.

Before presenting the application to the doctor, it must be completed by filling in the information in regard to color of hair, color of eyes, and distinguishing marks. You must also sign it where designated "Signature of applicant" and have the Keeper witness your signature. All expense of travel in connection with the examination must be paid by you.

The following is a list showing locations of the Public Health Service Officers.

Apalachicola, Fla.	Call upon Collector of Customs for information.
Pensacola, Fla.	Public Health Service Office.
Mobile, Ala.	U.S. Marine Hospital.
Gulfport, Miss.	Public Health Service Office.
Port Arthur, Tex.	do do
Galveston, Tex.	do do
Port Aransas, Tex.	do do
New Orleans, La.	U.S. Marine Hospital (Office in Custom House)

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. You will see that the instructions contained herein are carried out, and that Mr. Brabham applies for leave, if necessary, for the purpose of taking physical examination.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT - 5 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass Tex.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 4, 1937

Supt. of Light Houses.
Neworleans La.

Sir.

In regards to your letter of Oct the 1st I will be examined today in Port Arthur Texas.

Respectfully

Abner E. Brabhom,
2nd Asst. Keeper

Forwarded
J. E. Harrison
Keeper

Form A–30

Not To Be Accepted As Authority For Investigation Operations Unless Accompanied By Official Credentials

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1937.

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,

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 Thirteen Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

W. A. DELONG

Acting Chief, Division of Personnel.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Alex H. Brooks.

Legal residence: Texas.

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dard Form No. 8
by the President, May 22, 1925)

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse Dist.
New Orleans, La.
(Bureau or Office)

I, Abner E. Brabham, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)
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.

(Sgd.) Abner E. Brabham
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Sept., A. D. 1937
at Sabine, Texas, _____
(City or place) (State)

[SEAL]

(Sgd.) E. M. Kile
Notary Public.

NOTE.—If the oath is taken before a Notary Public the date of expiration of his commission should be shown.

My commission expires June 1, 1939.

Position to which appointed Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2nd Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La. - $1380 p.a.

Date of entrance on duty September 1, 1937.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1689

WJB.

September 9.1937.

Abner E. Brabham, 2nd Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of Aug.31.1937. appointing you, subject to taking the oath of office, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $1380 p.a., for duty as 2nd Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La. The effective date of this appointment is September 1, 1937.

2. You will subscribe to the enclosed oath of office before a Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths and return the oath to this office without delay. No pay can begiven you until the oath of office is received properly executed.

(Signed) E. S.Lanphier,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. You will see that Mr. Brabham executes the oath of office without delay and you will forward it to this office.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 19 1937

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PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

...t or Establishment U.S. Lighthouse Service, Eighth District, (Sabine Pass Light Station, La.) Date 8-18-1937

1. ...e in full (Mr., ~~Miss, or Mrs.~~) Brabham, (Surname) Abner (Given name) Ernest, (Middle name)

2. ...resent address 2810, (Number) 15th (Street) Port Arthur, (City) Texas, (State)

3. Legal (voting) residence Texas 2nd, (State and Congressional District) Jefferson, (County) Port Arthur, (City or town)

4. Where born Mississippi, (State or foreign country) Peoria, (City or town) When born 4-9-1897 (Month Day Year)

5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien

6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)		
√ Male	Female	Single	Married	√ Divorced	Widowed	√ White	Colored	

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you one Daughter. Age Eleven.

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
C.C. Camps	189 Mt Comfort Miss	Laborer	$30.00	5	10	1936	10	12	1936

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
No	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

No
(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

No
(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√				√		

Enlisted 9-4-1918 Discharged 12-19-1918
Rank Private Rank
Organization 34th Co. Organization

Enlisted Discharged
Rank Rank
Organization Organization

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) None

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE
Atlas Co. 26 Broadway N.Y.	Oiler and Fireman	two years

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	(1) 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mrs. H W. Newman.

Relationship Sister Post office address Port Arthur Texas.

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

Abner E. Brabham,
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1930 10—1930

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AUG 17 1937

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, SEPT. 4, 1924

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

Ernest Ernest D Brabham
(Name)

Port Arthur Texas
(Post-office address)

Male
(Sex)

4-9-1897
(Date of birth)

What examination did you take? Asst Light House Keeper

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Commerce

In what City or Town are you to be employed? Sabine Pass Texas

Rolled print, right forefinger
(Print must be taken to identify person examined)



(Unless the examining physician can guarantee the identity of the person examined, the fingerprint must be furnished. Indelible or stamp pad should be used)

(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

75 inches. * 161 3/4 pounds. 156 3/4 pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

Items checked (√) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet)

1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right 20/20 Left 20/20 With glasses if worn: Right Does not wear glasses Left
(Near vision must be reported; use space provided on back of this form.)
Evidence of disease or injury: Right None Left None
Color vision Normal Method of testing color vision Ishihara plate
2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear—20/20 ft. Left ear—20/20 ft.
Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear None Left ear None
3. Nose Negative
4. Mouth 9 Edentulous with remaining 14 upper teeth carious and marked Pyorrhea alveolaris
5. Throat Tonsils removed not enlarged
6. Thyroid (especially in women) Negative
7. Heart Normal If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? Compensated
8. Lungs: Right Negative History of tuberculosis
Left Negative Has it been arrested for 1 year?
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right Old Herniotomy scar June 12-37 Is truss worn? Discarded
Left Old Herniotomy scar June 12-37 None
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)
10. Varicose veins Mild lower limbs Varicocele None
(If "Yes", state location and degree)
11. Flat foot Bad Bilateral Impairment of function None
(None, moderate, severe)
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above None
13. Scars of serious injury or disease None Herniotomy scar
14. Nervous system (give symptoms and history) Normal
15. Urinalysis (see over) Venereal disease No evidence
16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, allowance, retired pay, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? No If "Yes", describe disability and state whether present now None
17. In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving Arduous physical exertion.
(Arduous, moderate, or light)

Port Arthur Texas
(Place of examination)

Aug 16 1937
(Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

Harry A East A Asst Surgeon
(Name of examining physician)

USPHS MOS
(Title, and branch of Federal medical service)

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination

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The aim of the Executive order of Sept. 4, 1924, and of this examination thereunder is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accident claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

NOTES FOR EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

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9. INGUINAL RINGS.—Hernia; no hernia, but impulse on coughing; no hernia or impulse, but abnormally large rings. Any other hernia should be noted, and if present describe fully and state whether it is retained by well-fitting truss.

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14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. Urinalysis to be made and blood pressure to be taken when especially indicated, particularly in persons over 40 when arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record, if taken—Urinalysis—Sp. gr. 1027 Albumen Negative Sugar Negative

Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 120 Mm. Hg. diastolic P6

If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting [illegible] Immediately after exercise ---- Two minutes after exercise ----

REMARKS: ----

Danny D. Earl A Pekunen
(Name of examining physician)
Lt (S) U.S.N. M.C.
(Title, and branch of medical service)

*Near vision.
What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the paragraph below can be read by applicant: Test each eye separately.

Without glasses R. 22 in. to 8 in. With glasses, if used R. ---- in. to ---- in.
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Jaeger 1; Snellen .50; Dioptic 37 D.

Examined for position in—

Department ----

Bureau ----

Title of position ----

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears ----

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 17 1927

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, SEPT. 4, 1924

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

Mr. Earnest Brabham
(Name)
Port Arthur Texas
(Post-office address)
(Sex) 4-9-1897
(Date of birth)

What examination did you take? Asst Light House keeper

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Commerce

In what City or Town are you to be employed? Sabine Pass Texas

Rolled print, right forefinger
(Print must be taken to identify person examined)



(Unless the examining physician can guarantee the identity of the person examined, the fingerprint must be furnished. Indelible or stamp pad should be used)

(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

_____ inches. * _____ pounds. _____ pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet)

1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right 20/20 Left 20/20 With glasses if worn: Right 20/20 Left 20/20
(Near vision must be reported; use space provided on back of this form.)
Evidence of disease or injury: Right None Left None
Color vision Normal Method of testing color vision Colored yarns
2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear—20/20 ft. Left ear—20/20 ft.
Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear None Left ear None
3. Nose ✓
4. Mouth 9-Fourteeth missing / 4 upper teeth missing some fillings
5. Throat Tonsils removed, pharynx slightly congested
6. Thyroid (especially in women) ✓
7. Heart Normal
8. Lungs: Right ✓ Left ✓
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right Old hernia operation scar 1/2 in. Left Old hernia operation scar 1/2 in.
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)
10. Varicose veins Medium size (If "Yes", state location and degree) Varicocele None
11. Flat foot Slight Functional Impairment of function None (None, moderate, severe)
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above None
13. Scars of serious injury or disease None except bilateral hernia scars
14. Nervous system (give symptoms and history) Normal
15. Urinalysis (see over) ✓ Venereal disease No evidence
16. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, allowance, retired pay, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? No If "Yes", describe disability and state whether present now None

If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? Impairment
History of tuberculosis ✓ has it been arrested for 1 year? ✓
Is truss worn? Not indicated

17. In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving Arduous physical exertion.
(Arduous, moderate, or light)

Port Arthur Texas
(Place of examination)
Aug 26 1927
(Date of examination)

*The examining physician must be in the Federal service

Harry B. East P.A. Surgeon
(Name of examining physician)
U.S.P.H.S. & M.H.S.
(Title, and branch of Federal medical service)

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination

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Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 120 Mm. Hg. diastolic 76

If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting 72 Immediately after exercise ---- Two minutes after exercise ----

REMARKS: ----

Edward A Sturgeon
(Name of examining physician)
Lieut. M.C. U.S.A.
(Title, and branch of medical service)

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL
TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), August 24 (Date), 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational Appointment

Name, Abner Ernest Bradham

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, September 1, 1937

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

Proposed range, $1380-$1740

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

[1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

Former range, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered: James H. Sitton, PR; Adam Labove, PR; Adolph J. Dupuy, C; Currie D. Crawford, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Alex H. Brooks $1380 p.a. to be Services terminated, August 31, 1937

Reason, To be promoted

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: April 9, 1897

Remarks:

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

E. J. K

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSES

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

PROMOTION ALEX H BROOKS AND APPOINTMENT ABNER E BRABHAM APPROVED

KING

CONFIRMATION

Brooks - First Assistant

Brabham - Second Assistant

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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LIGHTHOUSES

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

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(SIGNED) LARPHIER

Supwrintendent of Lighthouses

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(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

New Orleans La August 24 1937

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

(VIA MACKAY RADIO)

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RELET AUGUST TWENTY ONE NOMINATION ABNER E BRABHAM NOT RECEIVED BUT MAY BE ASSIGNED DUTY IF EMERGENCY REQUIRED AND AGREEABLE DISTRICT MANAGER IF DONE REPORT EFFECTIVE DATE PROMPTLY DISMISSAL WILLIAM STOKES APPROVED JOHN E HARRIS TO BE CONTINUED PRESENT STATUS SEE CONFIRMATION=

KING.

THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

that would be any good dont want to take a job unless they know how long it will last. If the office will see fit to let me know how long a laborer will be furnished I can get some one lined up in the meantime.

Respt

J. E. Harrison

Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

August 21, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

1. With reference to nomination on Form 73, dated August 17, 1937, for the probational appointment of Abner Ernest Brabham as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, it is requested that the Bureau wire this office authority to place Mr. Brabham on duty immediately.

2. Sabine Pass Light Station is an important radiobeacon station, with a complement of four keepers, and there are now two vacancies which have existed for some time pending action on charges which were preferred against the keeper and the first assistant keeper, and because of delay in receiving replies from eligibles. There is now a laborer on duty, but the keeper advises that the laborer stated that he would quit in a few days.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 21 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mr. Brown
See me

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 15, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

It is believed that the laborer now on duty at this station is planning on quiting some time in the near future as he has an other job in view. It is hard to get a man who would be permanent unless I could tell sometime about how long the job would last as most men that would be any good dont want to take a job unless they know how long it will last. If the office will see fit to let me know how long a laborer will be furnished, I can get some one lined up in the meantime.

Respt.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 27 1937

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EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 26, 1937

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir

Mr. Abner E. Brabham. Reported for duty 5 am this date.

Respt.

J. E. Harrison
Keeper

EXCEPTION DRAWN 9-3-37
PAID AUG. 26-31

August 24, 1937

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,
2810 - 15th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Sir:

1. Pending receipt of your appointment as an assistant keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, you are advised that you will be employed as laborer, with pay at the rate of $90.00 per month, and you are requested to proceed at once to that station, reporting to Mr. J. E. Harrison, Keeper.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. E. Harrison, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

Mr. Brabham has been recommended for the position of Second Assistant Keeper, but he may not be employed in that position until authority is received from the Department for the promotion of Mr. Brooks to the position of First Assistant Keeper, therefore Mr. Brabham will be taken up as a laborer pending the receipt of this authority. Advise this office the date Mr. Brabham enters on duty. You will discontinue the services of the laborer, who you reported in your letter of August 19 intended to quit, as soon as Mr. Brabham reports for duty.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

P.S. When appointed, your pay will be $1320 per annum, and if you should receive the appointment as Second Assistant Keeper, when the present Second Assistant Keeper is promoted to First Assistant Keeper (which is expected), your pay will then be $1380 per annum.

...mc
...ncl.

AIR MAIL

August 24, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Sabine Pass Lighthouse, La.

1. With reference to the nomination for the promotion of Alex H. Brooks from the position of Second Assistant to that of First Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, the Bureau was this day wired as follows:

> "Understand nomination Brabham seventeenth delayed in transmission mailed yesterday Stop Recommend cancellation request authority place Brabham on duty second assistant instead third assistant Will forward Brabham nomination when authorized place him on duty as second assistant".

2. The nomination of Abner E. Brabham for the position of Second Assistant Keeper is this day being forwarded through the District Manager.

3. Inasmuch as the position of Second Assistant Keeper is not yet vacant, it has been decided to place Brabham on duty now as a laborer pending action on nomination of Alex H. Brooks for promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper, effective September 1, 1937, at which time Brabham will be placed on duty as Second Assistant Keeper.

4. It is requested that action on these nominations be expedited and this office advised by telegraph.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Incls.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
Tenth CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

Cert. No. 10
Register Asst.L.H.Kpr.
Average 86.00
AUG 17 1937

AUTHORITY FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

August 17, 1937

Mr. Abner Ernest Brabham,
2810 - 15th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

New Orleans, La.
(Place)
August 6, 1937
(Date)

Port Arthur, Texas

Sir:

1. Returned herewith is your Personal History Statement which you did not fill out correctly.

On Line 3 - "Legal (voting) Residence" - you should state:
Texas, 2nd Jefferson Port Arthur
On Line 4 - you should simply state: Mississippi, Peoria

You did not answer Questions 9, 10 and 11

Under military service - Organization - State the company in which you served.

2. In letter from this office of August 6th, it was stated that Every question must be answered, and this must be done in order to have the statement in acceptable form. Corrections have been made on the forms submitted by you and another set is inclosed and you are requested to please fill out all three copies, having them exactly alike, and return them to this office without delay. On one or two copies previously submitted, you omitted some of the things you had stated on other copies, so please be careful to see that all copies are exactly alike.

3. You have been nominated for the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, but you will await definite instructions from this office before proceeding to that station for duty.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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New Orleans, La.
(Place)

August 6, 1937
(Date)

DEAR SIR (~~or Madam~~)

Your name is being considered for appointment as the result of your eligibility on the register named above, subject to your meeting the physical requirements.

You are requested to report for a physical examination ~~on~~ As soon after the receipt of this letter as it is possible for you to ~~do~~ do so between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Federal Building, Port Arthur, Texas

This letter must be presented as authority for your physical examination.

Such examination is necessary before confirmation of appointment, even in a case where a medical certificate has been submitted with the application. **You are cautioned not to resign any position you hold, until your physical condition has been declared satisfactory by the district manager.**

Very respectfully,

E. H. JENNINGS
(District Manager)

By E. J. Kamplain.
(Nominating Officer or Local Board Member)
Superintendent of Lighthouses
327 Customhouse Bldg., N.O., La.
(Address)

Note to Medical Examiner.—This letter of authorization, with Form 2413, properly filled out, should be returned to the district manager except when the letter is signed by a nominating officer or local board member, in which case these forms should be sent to that officer or board. **Neither this letter nor the medical certificate should be returned to the applicant.**

Please forward Form 2413 in duplicate to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—554

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 17 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 6, 1937

Postmaster,
Port Arthur,
Texas

Dear Sir:

1. The bearer, Mr. Abner E. Brabham, is being considered for appointment to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, and it is requested that his fingerprint chart be made. Please forward chart direct to this office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Langlinais

Superintendent of Lighthouses

...ols.

August 6, 1937

Mr. Abner E. Brabham,
2810 - 15th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Sir:

1. You are advised that you are being considered for selection for the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, the pay of which is $1320 per annum, but before nomination in your case may be forwarded, it is necessary that you comply with the following:

It will be necessary for you to take a physical examination, and you will present the inclosed letter, addressed to you, to the doctor as your authority for requesting this examination.

A letter is inclosed addressed to the Postmaster at Port Arthur requesting that your fingerprint chart be made, and you will present this letter to him as your authority for requesting same.

Three copies of Form 6, Personal History Statement are inclosed, and should be filled out by you in your own handwriting, each form to be an exact copy of the other. Every question must be answered, and if there is nothing to reply, simply write the word "no" after the question. On Line 1 "Name in Full", you must write out your full name as indicated, that is you must use no initials. Your family name should be written first, then your first name, then your middle name. Pencil notations have been made to assist you in the preparation of this form, but everything must be written in by you.

Form 124b, Declaration of Appointee, inclosed, must also be prepared by you in your own handwriting. Notations have also been made to assist you in the preparation of this form.

Do not fail to date and sign both of the above forms.

2. The doctor will return the report of your physical examination to this office, envelope for which is furnished, and the postmaster also will be requested to forward the fingerprint chart to this office. The other two forms must be prepared by you and returned to this office without delay.

Newyork, N.Y.
Aug 1 - 1937

Supt of Light Houses,

AUG - 4 1937

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Dear Sir.

In regards to your letter received I will be glad to accept the position at Sabine pass Light Station at the present time I am fireman on an Oil Tanker thats why I am in Newyork. however I expect to be in Port - Arthur between the 10th and 15th of aug please write me again concerning this position and mail to Port Arthur Texas. 2810-15th St. I am anxious to get stationed to a permanant position.

I am Divorced from my wife my Daughter is in Port Arthur however There wont be anyone but myself in Light House quarters as I could get quarters in the vicinety when I reach Port Arthur and hear from you Then I will

...HOUSES, 5th DIST.,

... July 28, 1937

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Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government

Date.....

(Post-office address) Port Arthur Texas, 2810-15th Street

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in Port Arthur Texas hoping to
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I reach Texas and that I may be the
lucky one to be placed

Respectfully

Abner E. Brabham,

2810-15th Street

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Transportation expenses from home to station will not be paid by the Government

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DIST.,

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New Orleans, La., July 28, 1937

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...ou are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst.Keeper at
...on, Sabine, Tex., located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
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Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst.Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family

(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture:

(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding ____ days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

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Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

E. J. Langlier
Superintendent of Lighthouses

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in fifteen days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes If yes, state how many two; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Hermon Fielder	Liberty, Miss.	Position Mail Carrier Department or office	1st cousin	Married
Luther Reynolds	Osyka, Miss.	Position Mail Carrier Department or office	2nd cousin	married

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

I am willing to accept

(Signature) Abner E. Brabham

Date ____

(Post-office address) Port Arthur Texas
2810-15th Street

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(TO THE DISTRICT MANAGER ON CERTIFICATION) CERTIFICATE No. 10

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Tenth U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MANAGER

New Orleans, La., July 28, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Eighth District
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following eligibles are certified to you, under civil service rules and regulations, to fill the position indicated below.

1 (Vacancies) Second Asst.Keeper, $1380 p.a. (Title of position and salary) Asst.L.H.Keeper (Register from which drawn)

July 28, 1937 (Date of request) Probational (Nature of appointment) (Temporary or probational)

*ACTION	SALARY OFFERED	NAME	PLACE OF REGISTRATION	RATING	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
FR	$1380 p.a.	Sitton, James W.	N.O.La	86	Box 380, Route 1 Port Arthur, Texas
A		Brabham, Abner E.	"	75	2810 - 15th Street Port Arthur, Texas
FR		Labove, Adam	"	75	Sabine, Texas
C		Dupuy, Adolph J.	"	72	Sabine, Texas
C		Crawford, Currie D.	"	70	647-1/2 Proctor St. Port Arthur, Texas

NOTE.—The officer to whom this certificate is issued will indicate on all three copies in the first column opposite each name the action taken by him, using the proper key term, as shown at the foot of certificate. One copy of this form is to be retained by the officer to whom issued, as a combined carbon copy of certificate and report thereon to the District Manager. Blank spaces may be used for any necessary remarks or explanations. For further instructions see other copy.

Secretary, Local Board of Civil Service Examiners New Orleans, La., Aug.17, 1937

~~THE DISTRICT MANAGER~~ U.S.Lighthouse Service

Respectfully returned, together with examination papers and prescribed forms, inviting attention to action taken on names certified, as shown in first column above.

Signature E.A.K

Official title Supt.of Light

*KEY TERMS:
A—Selected for appointment.
D—Declined, declination inclosed.
FR—Failed to respond to notice.
C—Considered but not selected.

Copy to Manager, 10th C.S.District
New Orleans, La.

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

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New Orleans, La., July 28, 1937

... You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
...tion, Sabine, Tex., located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst.Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family
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Respectfully,

E. S. Landrieu.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you?----------

If selected, I can report for duty in----------days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?----------

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?----------

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."---------- If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position----------		
		Department or office----------		
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(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)----------

Date----------

(Post-office address)----------

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,

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Application expected from home to station will not be paid by the Government

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
U.S. CUSTOM HOUSE, 423 CANAL STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Mr. Adam Labove
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

SENT TO:

James W. Sitton, Box 380, Route 1, Port Arthur
Abner E. Brabhom, 2810 - 15th St., Port Arthur
Adam Labove, Sabine, Texas

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DIST.,
New Orleans, La., July 25, 1927

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 3rd Asst.Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Tex., located on the east side of Sabine Pass, just across the river from Sabine, Texas
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $1320 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the 3rd Asst.Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters. Advise how many members in your family
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Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

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Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
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(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

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(Signature).....

Date.....

(Post-office address).....

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. It must then be forwarded promptly to the CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE which certified the appointee's name

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

U.S. Lighthouse Service, Eighth District
(Branch of service or department)

New Orleans, La.
(Name of city) (State)

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE

ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. Give your full name Abner (First name) Ernest (Middle name) Brabham (Last name)
2. (*a*) Place of birth Peoria Miss (*b*) Date of birth 4-9-1897 (Month, day, and year)
   (*c*) Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
   (*d*) To what race do you belong? White (Caucasian, Mongolian, Negroid, Indian, Malayan)
3. From what examination are you being appointed? Asst Light House Keeper (Title)
4. To what position are you being appointed? 3rd Asst Lamplighter By reinstatement? No (Yes or no)
5. Are you now married? No (Yes or no) 5. (*a*) Name of husband (or wife)?
6. If married, is your husband (or wife) now in, or on furlough from, *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval) or of the District of Columbia? (Yes or no)
7. If your husband (or wife) is so employed, or on furlough, give—
   (*a*) Service in which employed or from which furloughed
   (*b*) Name of position, and place of employment
   (*c*) Permanent or temporary employment?
8. If your reply to Question 5 is "Yes", answer the following:
   (*a*) Are you living with husband (or wife)? No (Yes or no) If not, give—
   (*b*) Manner of separation Divorced (Divorce, legal separation, etc)
   (*c*) Date of separation 5-15-1928
   (*d*) Address of husband (or wife)
9. Is any other member of your family, or relative (either blood or by marriage) in *any* part of the service of the United States (executive, judicial, legislative, military, or naval) or of the District of Columbia? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If so, fill in the following blanks stating, under "Relationship", whether the connection is by blood or marriage. (See sec. I of attached form.) If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name	Post-office address (Give street number, if any)	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
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10. Were any of the above-named persons appointed to the Government service after you made your application for this position? If so, give the name of each such person and state whether he is living in the same house with you

THE DEPARTMENT OFFICER BEFORE WHOM THIS CERTIFICATE IS MADE MUST SIGN THE STATEMENT ON THE REVERSE OF THIS SHEET

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11. What is your present address (give street and number, city, and State)? 2810 - 15th Street, Port Arthur Texas How long have you resided at this address? 2 years

12. Are you holding any position or office under the United States or under any State, county, or municipality? no

If so, state the place, position, and salary

13. (a) Have you served in any branch of the military or naval service of the United States at any time? Yes If so, state service Army

(b) If discharged, state under what conditions Honorable (Honorable, dishonorable, inaptitude, etc.)

14. Have you been retired from the (a) U. S. civil service? no (b) U. S. military or naval service? no

If so, state whether for age, length of service, or disability Amount of retirement pay?

15. Have you been discharged for cause or have you resigned any position under compulsion since filing your application for this position?

16. Have you ever been arrested or fined or convicted of any offense? no If so, give dates

If since filing your application for this position, give details in the space below, showing places and nature of offenses.

17. Have you ever been barred from U. S. civil-service examination?

18. Have you paid or offered or promised to pay any money or any other thing of value to any person, firm, or corporation for the use of influence to procure your appointment? no

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

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

Date 8-16-1937 Owen E. Brabham
(Signature of appointee)

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

NOTE.—If the answer to Question 6 is "Yes", or if the answer to Question 9 includes the names of two or more persons at the same address as this proposed appointee, and/or if not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted to the appropriate Civil Service office for approval before appointment may be considered further.

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

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

E. S. Rawlins
(Officer's signature)

This is to be signed by a field officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
(Official title)

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), August 17 (Date), 1937

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational Appointment

Name, Abner Ernest Brabham

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Effective, September 1, 1937

Legal residence, Texas

Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

Proposed range, $1320-$1680

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, - - - -

Location, - - - -

Former salary, - - - -

Former range, - - - -

Rank on eligible list, 2nd Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered:
James W. Sitton, PR; Adam Labove, PR; Adolph J. Dupuy, C; Currie D. Crawford, C.

Previous incumbent and his pay, Benjamin S. Thompson $1320 p.a. Services terminated, June 17, 1937

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of Birth: April 9, 1897

Remarks:

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

E. J. L.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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