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Date: 6/15/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Britt, Thomas		1858 NY

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death: 1936 MD

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
Lighthouse Service (SC)	1886	1922
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00059384 89

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: REQ SENT 7/10/25 - RL

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SCREENING NOTES

☑ Reviewed and Nothing Removed RL ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

HAW

May 7, 1926.

Mrs. Thomas Britt,
No. 5 Ashley Place,
Charleston, S.C.

Dear Madam:-

In compliance with your request the following record of service in the Lighthouse Service, of your late husband, Thomas Britt, is furnished you, same having been taken from the records of this office:

"Record.

Born, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1858.

In 1875 was teamster in Light House Engineer Service.

In 1878 was Laborer in building Fort Ripley Lt. Station.

From Sept. 2, 1882 was seaman on WISTARIA until Feby. 20, 1886.

Entered on duty Feb. 20, 1886 as Asst. Keeper, Parris Island Light Station."

and served continuously in the 6th Lighthouse District to the date of his death - August 15, 1922.

Respectfully,

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mrs. Brett, No. 3 Ashley Place
with a record of her husbands
service - the number of years &c.
She called to see me at my
house on May 6th
HB.

the Department March 14 and Apr. -, 1922.

H.L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

Charleston, S.C., August 16, 19 22.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is reported the death ~~transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, Thomas Britt — Position, Keeper

Legal residence, South Carolina — Station, Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C.

Salary, $840 base per annum.

Died August 15, 1922.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

This employee has ------ taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

Leave in excess of the accrued rate amounted to 70 days, 17 hours, 30 minutes. During the calendar year this employe was obliged to take leave amounting to 89 da.11 hr.30 min. Leave with pay covering the full period was authorized by the Department March 14 and April 5,1922.

H.L.Beck,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

SIXTH DISTRICT
306
Fort Sumter Light
(Depot, Vessel, or Station)
Voucher
Personnel
Property
Proposals
Depot

May 30th 1922

Supt. of Light houses,
6th Dist.,
Charleston S. C.

Sir:-

I respectfully report my return to duty at Station, on May 30th 1922, 12:30 P.M.:
From sick leave of ninety days (90)

Respectfully
Thomas Britt
Keeper

Absent 89 days 11h. 30 m.
Chgd.
June 1, 1922
Ewk.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Keeper Fort Sumter Light Station.
Charleston, S.C.

May 25, 1922.

Please report by letter at once to this office the date of your return to duty from your recent leave.

The Department has approved the recommendation of this office that you be allowed an extension of leave amounting to thirty days at the expiration of your present leave and that the additional leave of thirty days granted to you be

H.L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Your present leave will therefore expire at the close of April 15, 1922, and the additional leave of thirty days will begin on April 17; this last leave will expire at the close of May 16, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Leave Calendar Year 1922.

Feb. 4 - May 20, 1922, 99 days, Inclusive
of Sundays & Holidays
Dept. Authority
Mar. 14 & Apr. 5, 1922.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Keeper Fort Sumter Light Station.
3 Council Street,
Charleston, S.C.

April 8, 1922.

The Department has approved the recommendation of this office that you be allowed an extension of leave amounting to thirty days at the expiration of your present leave and that all leave granted to you be exclusive of Sundays.

Your present leave will therefore expire at the close of April 15, 1922, and the additional leave of thirty days will begin on April 17; this last leave will expire at the close of May 20, 1922.

H.L.Beck,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Leave Calendar Year 1922.

Feb. 4 - May 20, 1922, 90 days, exclusive of Sundays & holidays.

Dept. Authority
Mar. 14 & Apr. 5, 1922.

2922, the Department has authorized the granting of 30 days additional leave with pay to Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, from April 17, 1922, it being understood that the additional leave with pay is exclusive of Sundays.

By direction of the Secretary:

Clifford Hawley
Chief of Appointment Division.

Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
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Inform Mr. Britt H&D

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Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

APR 5 1922

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to both Supt.

Informed Apl 8, 1922 Emk

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This extension to the Britt Vacation leave will expire June 20, 1922. Emk

4. Should additional leave of 30 days be granted at the expiration of the leave heretofore granted as stated in paragraph 3 above, this further extension of leave will expire either at the close of May 10, 1922, or at the close of May 20, 1922, depending upon whether or not Sundays are included.

5. In view of Mr. Britt's long service and excellent record in the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that he be granted all the leave which it is possible to allow him. It is considered that this is an especially meritorious case and that every consideration should be shown him.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Thomas Britt, leave. March 24, 1922.

Reference: Bureau endorsement of March 15, on copy of Department letter of March 14, 1922.

1. Complying with above reference it is stated that the Medical Officer of the Public Health Service, Charleston, has advised this office that Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, will not be able to return to duty at the expiration of the additional leave of 30 days granted by the Department.

2. It is therefore recommended that additional leave of 30 days be granted Mr. Britt, and that the additional leave heretofore granted and any leave to be granted, be computed exclusive of Sundays.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

March 14, 1922.

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By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Edw. J. Gardner
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

MAR 15 1922

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to... 6th Supt.

Should Britt be unable to return to duty at the expiration of this additional leave, you are requested to submit further recommendation in his case for the Bureau's consideration, in ample time to allow of action prior to the expiration of such additional leave.

J. S. CONWAY.
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Miss King:
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J. S. [illegible]
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

March 7, 1922.

Subject: Thomas Britt, Keeper, Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C.
Extension of leave of absence with pay recommended.

1. Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C., has been in the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Charleston, S.C., under treatment since the afternoon of February 3, 1922. Mr. Britt was discharged from the hospital on March 4th. His certificate of discharge is enclosed herewith and it will be noted thereon that he is not yet fit to perform his duties and will not be able to perform his duties for an indefinite period. Mr. Britt was granted 30 days leave of absence beginning February 4, 1922, February 3rd was not inculded in his leave for the reason that he was on duty part of that day. Excluding Sundays and holidays, the 30 days leave granted will expire at the close of March 11, 1922. As Mr. Britt will not be able to return to duty on March 12th, an extension of leave is recommended.

2. Mr. Britt entered the Lighthouse Service in 1882 and has served 40 years continuously in the Lighthouse Service and has taken very little leave of absence during his long service. He was 64 years of age on February 22, 1922. It will be noted that on his discharge certificate from the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital that his age is given as 63 years. This is due to the fact that he was 63 years of age when he entered the hospital. Mr. Britt lacks less than a year of having reached the retirement age and has served 10 years longer than the period required under the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

3. Mr. Britt's wife is also sick in Charleston at present. His only son, W. A. Britt, formerly seaman on the U. S. Lighthouse Tender Snowdrop, was drowned August 2, 1911 while in the performance of his duty on said vessel. The parents of W. A. Britt, deceased, received no benefit from the U.S. Compensation Act as it was held by the Department "that the duties of the decedent were in no way connected with a manufacturing establishment or with any of the other branches of the government service enumerated in section 1 of the compensation act." Mr. Britt's son was drowned August 2, 1911, less than one year before the U.S. Compensation Act was amended to include U. S. Lighthouse employees engaged in hazardous employment July 27, 1912, and unless the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act is amended at an early date to provide retirement on account of disability, Lightkeeper Britt, with an excellent record of 40 years service, may have to be placed on leave without pay or separated from the service.

4. This case is considered expecially meritorious and to limit the leave of absence to 30 days would work a hardship on this employee, and I have to recommend that the Department be urged to exercise its authority to the limit in granting leave in this instance. It is suggested that consideration be given to granting Mr. Britt leave of absence with pay as keeper of a

station in accordance with paragraph 487, subparagraph 1 of the Regulations, i.e. to grant leave of absence with pay, not to exceed 96 days during the calendar year.

5. It has not been necessary to employ a substitute keeper at Fort Sumter Light Station during Mr. Britt's absence as the duties have been performed by the additional keeper now authorized this district, and it is intended that the additional keeper remain at Fort Sumter Light Station for whatever period leave with pay is granted Mr. Britt even if leave of absence it is intended to grant other keepers has to be reduced.

1 Incl.
Discharge Certif.

H. D. BECK
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.

Port of Charleston, S. C.

March 4, 1922

This is to certify, That Thomas Britt late of the Ft Sumter Light Station, has been this day discharged from Hospital. He has been under treatment February 3, 1922 to date days, and his present physical condition is Improved but not fit for duty nor will he be fit for an indefinite period of time.

Certified service on last vessel

DESCRIPTION.

Nativity, N.Y.
Age, 63
Complexion, Fair. Eyes, Blue.
Height, 5ft. 8 in. Hair, Grey.

/s/ Franklin F. Sams,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

EMK Office, February 4, 1932, 8:32 p.m.

Mr.Bringloe, Kpr.Charleston Light Station, telephoned the office that he passed Fort Sumter this morning and that Mr.Britt was away from the station, having gone to the hospital, that he (Bringloe) would leave Mr.Burn at the station on their way back to Morris Island.

He was told that Mr.Hinges has been sent to Fort Sumter earlier in the day.

He asked that the office be informed of his willingness to see that someone would be in charge of Fort Sumter Light if necessary. He said he would go on to his own station in view of the fact that Mr.Hinges had been sent.

B-LETT, THOMAS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Appointment Division
Washington

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES CHARLESTON, S.C.
FEB 27 1922
1st. Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
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Personnel
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February 23, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the Department's records are incomplete regarding certain employees as indicated in the inclosed statement.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Elw J. Gardner
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
February 24, 1922.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C., for report called for as per accompanying list. It is desired that care be exercised in future to see that the necessary reports concerning personnel are furnished promptly in order that Department records may be kept to date. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

EMK

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., February 27,1922.

Returned to the Bureau of Lighthouses, with statement that Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C., entered on duty July 6,1921, under Notice of Change in Salary, from $780 to $840 per annum, dated July 6,1921.

H.L.Beck,

Superintendent of Lighthouses,.

PRESS SUMMARY. Released for use on July 16, 1921.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

CULPEPER COUNTY,
VIRGINIA.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT - AGRICULTURE - FOURTEENTH CENSUS; 1920

The Director of the Census announces, subject to correction, the following preliminary figures from the Census of Agriculture for Culpeper County, Virginia.

FARMS AND FARM ACREAGE	Jan. 1, 1920	Apr. 15, 1910	Increase or decrease, per cent
Farms	1,719	1,615	+6.4
Operated by -			
White farmers	1,204	1,135	+6.1
Colored farmers	515	480	+7.3
Operated by -			
Owners and managers	1,521	1,446	+5.2
Tenants	198	169	+17.1
Land in farms -			
Total, acres	209,549	217,937	-3.8
Improved, acres	147,839	154,750	-4.5

FARM VALUES	
Value of land and buildings;	
January 1, 1920	$11,733,722
April 15, 1910	$ 7,533,429
Increase, 1910-20 -	
Amount	$ 4,200,293
Per cent	55.8

DOMESTIC ANIMALS	January 1, 1920	April 15, 1910*
Farms reporting domestic animals	1,622	1,537
Animals reported:		
Horses	4,611	4,855
Mules	891	781
Cattle	16,272	15,678
Sheep	3,544	13,809
Swine	12,116	9,484

PRINCIPAL CROPS		Acres Harvested	Quantity Harvested
Corn	1919	23,406	623,363 bu.
	1909	25,359	533,009 bu.
Wheat	1919	17,308	195,170 bu.
	1909	11,856	128,209 bu.
Hay	1919	15,942	16,440 tons
	1909	13,690	10,920 tons
Apples	1919	Trees 34,300	32,125 bu.
	1909	84,908	62,306 bu.

* The figures for domestic animals in 1910 are not very closely comparable with those for 1920, since the present census was taken in January, before the breeding season had begun, while the 1910 census was taken in April, or about the middle of the breeding season, and included many spring calves, colts, etc.

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NOTE.

Similar statements for other counties will be issued as soon as the figures are available.

Copy

Statement showing changes in the personnel of the Lighthouse Service for which no report of date of effect or last day of service, oath of office, or personnel question sheet has been received.

REPORT OF DATE OF EFFECT

Name	Position	Nature of change	Date	District
Britt, Thomas	Keeper	Promotion	July 6,1921	6

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY OF LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S.C.
JUL 12 1921
Chief Clerk
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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F. Thomas Britt,

July 6, 1921.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective July 6, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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HOUSES

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Charleston, S. C.

November 14, 1918.

Mr. Thomas Britt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 564 per annum to $ 780 per annum effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hawkins
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Entered on S/R Card.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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January 3, 1916.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Keeper Fort Sumter Range,
Moultrieville, S. C.

Enclosed herewith is your appointment increasing your salary from January 1, 1916.

Also enclosed is Oath of Office which you will execute before a Notary Public having a seal and return to this office as early as practicable.

H. L. BECK.

Inspector.

Entered on duty Jan. 1, 1916.
Oath taken Jan. 11, 1916.
Left " Jan. 12, 1916.

APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT DEC 29 1915 HOUSES

December 24, 1915.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $560 per annum.)

Entered on duty Jany. 1, 1916.
Oath taken Jany 11, 1916.
" fwd. Jany. 12, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: South Carolina.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixth DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Charleston, S. C., (City.) December 20, (Date.) 1915.

Action recommended, Appointment.

Name, Thomas Britt.

Position, Keeper. Legal residence, South Carolina.

Location, Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C. Salary, $564.00, per annum.

Effective January 1, 1916. Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Same. Former salary, $560.00, per annum.

Location, Same.

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

Previous incumbent, himself.

Reason, See remarks. Services terminated, December 31, 1915.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: In accordance with schedule of pay Bureau circular No. 142, 1915 and Bureau letter December 17, 1915.. Nominee is deserving increase of salary authorized.

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

H. L. BECK.
Inspector, 6th L.H.District.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

11—2314

December 21, 1915.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Keeper Fort Sumter Light Station,
Moultrieville, S. C.

The Department has approved a new schedule of pay of lighthouse keepers which was prepared by the Bureau of Lighthouses.

This new pay schedule will be effective January 1, 1916, and it will increase the pay of your position from $560.00, per annum to $564.00, per annum.

H. L. BECK.

Inspector.

Fort Sumter Light-Stations
Moultneville S.C
March 24th, 1914

Light-House Inspector,
6th Dist; Charleston, S.C

Sir;

I, herein respectfully make Application for the position as Watchman, at the new Light House Depot, which is to be Established in Charleston, S.C

I have 32 years, continuous Service in the Light-House Department; 3 years, as Seamen on the Tender Wisteria & 29 years, as Light-Keeper.

Hoping this will receive your Kind Consideration,

Yours Respectfully
Thomas Britt,
Keeper.

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ment of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

Caution.

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November 20, 1908.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Keeper Fort Sumter Light-Station
(Main Channel Range Front) S. C.,
Through the Inspector of
The Sixth Light-House District,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

1. The Board regrets to learn from the report of the inspection of Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C., made on September 13, 1908, that the grounds and dwelling showed lack of attention and cleanliness.

2. The Board will take no further action at the present time than caution you for this neglect of duty, and trusts that the next inspection report will show better results.

3. The fact that you have been cautioned will be noted on the records of this Office and on those of the Inspector's office as a part of your official history.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S .N.,
Naval Secretary.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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18 Dec., 1906.

The Inspector, Sixth L. H. District,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 8 Dec.'06, the Board incloses herewith Department letter of 15 Dec.,'06, in duplicate, appointing Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter S.C., Light-Station, to date from 1 Jan'y,'07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, with pay at the rate of $560 a year, in the place of

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

Respectfully,

E Johnson

Chief Clerk.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

5432.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

December 15, 1906.

Mr. Thomas Britt, of South Carolina, is hereby appointed Keeper of the Port Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective beginning January 1, 1907, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

(By change from Keeper of the Port Sumter Light-Station and Cumming Point Range Lights, South Carolina, at $720 per annum.)

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(Signed) Lawrence O. Murray,
Assistant Secretary. G.W.L.

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

File No. 4526.

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22 Nov., 1906.

The Inspector, Sixth L. H. District,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 13 Nov., '06, recommending a reduction in the pay of Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter, S. C., Light-Station, after the Cumming Point Range lights have been moved and asking authority to employ a man to attend to these Range lights, the Board asks to be informed as to the date on which you desire these changes to take effect.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

The Inspector, Sixth L. H. District,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 13 Nov., '06, recommending a reduction in the pay of Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter, S. C., Light-Station, after the Cumming Point Range lights have been moved and asking authority to employ a man to attend to these Range lights, the Board asks to be informed as to the date on which you desire these changes to take effect.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE No. 5432

Washington, 22 Nov. '02.

1 enclosure.

Commander C. G. Bowman, U. S. N.,

Inspector 6th Light-House District,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 30 Oct. '02, the Board encloses herewith Department letter of 19 Nov. '02, addressed to Mr. Thomas Britt, increasing his pay as Keeper of the Fort Sumter, S. C., Light-Station, from $560. to $720. a year, to take effect from 1 July, '02, and to continue so long as the Cumming Point Range Lights, S. C. remain under his care.

Respectfully,

C. T. Hutchins

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, November 19, 1902.

Division of Appointments
J.A.D.

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Mr. Thomas Britt,
Care of the Chairman
of the Light-House Board.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation of the Light-House Board, your compensation as Keeper of the Fort Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, is hereby increased from five hundred and sixty dollars ($560.00) to seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720.00) per year, to take effect from July 1, 1902, and to continue so long as the Cumming Point Range Lights, South Carolina, remain under your care.

Respectfully,
(Sgd.) H. A. Tayler,
Acting Secretary.

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD, Received Nov.20,1902, 5432.

Received Office Light House Inspector Sixth District, Charleston S.C., Nov. 24, 1902.

(FORM No. 138.)

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Office of the U. S. Light-House Board,

One Inclosure.

Washington, D. C., 12 December 1889.

Lieut Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock U. S. N.,

Inspector 6th L.-H. District,

Charleston, S.C.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith is transmitted a letter from the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Thomas Britt, appointing him Keeper of the Light-Station at Fort Sumter, South Carolina in place of the acting appointment held by him, which please have delivered as addressed.

Respectfully,

Geo Collum

Commander, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

(Ed. 8-27-'88—300.)

(Form No. 140.)

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE U. S. LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, D. C., 18 October 1889.

Captain John C. Mallery U. S. A.,

Engineer 6th Light-House District,

Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

The Board has to inform you that, by letter of 16 October the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Mr. Thomas Britt transferred, promoted and

Acting Keeper of Fort Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, at a salary of $ 560 per annum, in place of Kenneth Maher, removed.

Respectfully yours,

James Alden
Commander U. S. N.
Naval Secretary.

(Ed. 2-19-'89—300.)

Form No. 142.

MOTION OR TRANSFER OF ACTING KEEPER.

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Enclosure

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Office U. S. Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., 18 October, 1889.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is transmitted a letter from the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Thomas Britt, transferring promoting and appointing him Acting Keeper of Fort Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, subject to examination, in the place of Kenneth Maher, removed, which please have delivered as addressed.

Immediately upon the receipt of this notice, please direct the new Acting Keeper to report in person at the Light-station, that he may be installed, and he should enter at once upon his duties, by giving to the retiring Keeper a detailed receipt in duplicate, (as per form enclosed,) for all the public property at the station for which the Keeper may have been responsible. One copy of this receipt is to be retained by the Acting Keeper, and the other copy should be given to you by the retiring Keeper, to enable you to judge of the correctness of the return of property thus stated to be at the Light-station. This Certificate will be your warrant for paying to the retiring Keeper any balance of salary that may be due; and until such certificate is presented or special authority is received from this Office, all balances of salary due the retiring Keeper will be withheld.

The Board requests you, when you next visit that station, to satisfy yourself whether Mr. T. Britt is suited for the position. If you find that he is, certify the fact to the Board on Form No. 71, that he may receive a full appointment as Keeper. If you find that he is unfit, certify that fact on the same Form, also, to the Board, that a fit person may be appointed in his place.

Very respectfully,

Commander, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

Lieut. Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock, U. S. N.,
Inspector 6th L.-H. District,
Charleston, S.C.

[Ed. 8-25-'84—300.]

Appt dated Oct 16/89

Form No. 138.

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Enclosure

Office of the U. S. Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1886.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is transmitted a letter from the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Thomas Britt appointing him Assistant Keeper of the Light-House at Paris Island, S. C., in place of the acting appointment held by him, which please have delivered as addressed.

Very respectfully,

Date of Appt.
May 21/84

Henry B. Seeking
Commander, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

Capt. B. P. Lamberton, U. S. N.,
Inspector 6 L.-H. District.
H. Charleston, S. C.

(Ed. 9-3-'85—200.)

Form No. 140.

Office of the U. S. Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C., March 8th, 1886.

Sir:

The Board has to inform you that, by letter of March 5th the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Mr Thomas Britt Acting Assistant Keeper of Paris Island Range Light Station, South Carolina at a salary of $ 400 — per annum, in place of William Johnson, deceased.

Very respectfully,

A. G. Mackay.
Major of Engineers
Engineer Secretary.

To Captain James F. Gregory, U. S. A.,
Light-House Engineer, 6th District,
Baltimore Md.

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(Ed. 9-3-'85—300.)

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Thomas Britt, Keeper, Ft. S[illegible]

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Pt Served as Seaman Aboard Buoy Tender Wisteria
from September 1st 1882. to February 20th 1886.
when Pt was appointed Asst. Keeper in the Light-
House Service.

Thomas Britt,
Keeper,

May 11, 1911.

Thomas Britt

Lighthouses (6th Dist.)

$560. p.a.

Feby. 20, 1886

Keeper 53

Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C.

Prior to Classification

Classified Competitive

No

No

None No

charge. Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his

government property in his care. Be able to handle pulling boat.

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90		180
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$560. p. a.
Keeper
Fort Sumter & Ft. Stevens, S.C.
Prior to Classification
Policy 20, 1886
Classified Competitive
No.
No
None

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(Read this form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light House Inspt. 6th. Dist.
2. Where employed Ft. Sumter, S. C.
3. Name Thomas Britt
4. Where born N. Y.
5. Age 51
6. Position Keeper Fort Sumter Lt. Station, S.C.
7. Compensation $560. p.a. 8. When appointed (a) Feby. 20, 1886-
9. How appointed (b) Prior to Classification
10. Appointed from — State S. C. / Congressional District 1st. / County Charleston
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No-
13. Other Government service None
14. Duties (describe fully) Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his charge. Responsible for the care and management of buildings and of all government property under his care.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 9/10 / Quality of work (e) Excellent Good / Interest manifested in work (f) Yes
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes
17. Remarks (g) There is a fog signal apparatus at this station. No assistant.
Warned Nov. 20, 1908 - Grounds and dwelling showed lack of attention and cleanliness.

June 7, 1909 -

Commander, J. H. Hetherington, U. S. N. Retired,
Head of Bureau or Office.

11—3005

...RY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR:

...acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 152, ...ne 24, 1907, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully ...derstand its purport.

Thomas Britt.
(Name.)

Keeper.
(Position.)

Fort-Sumter Lt. Station.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

...e, _____

11—2661

From office of U. S. LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR

6th District, July 2, 1907.

Charleston, S.C.

Circular-To employees-
Sir:

Fill in the answers to the following questions and return same immediately to this Office with check receipts.

When answering question 1 if you have a middle name furnish it. Example: if your name is George Johnson Jones, give full name, do not write it G.J.Jones or George J.Jones.

1. Name Thomas. Britt.
2. State if single, married, widower, or divorced Married
3. Birthplace-give State or country Brooklyn N. Y.
4. Number years in service 25. Years
5. Age at last birthday 49. Years
6. Color White
7. If war veteran state which war _____

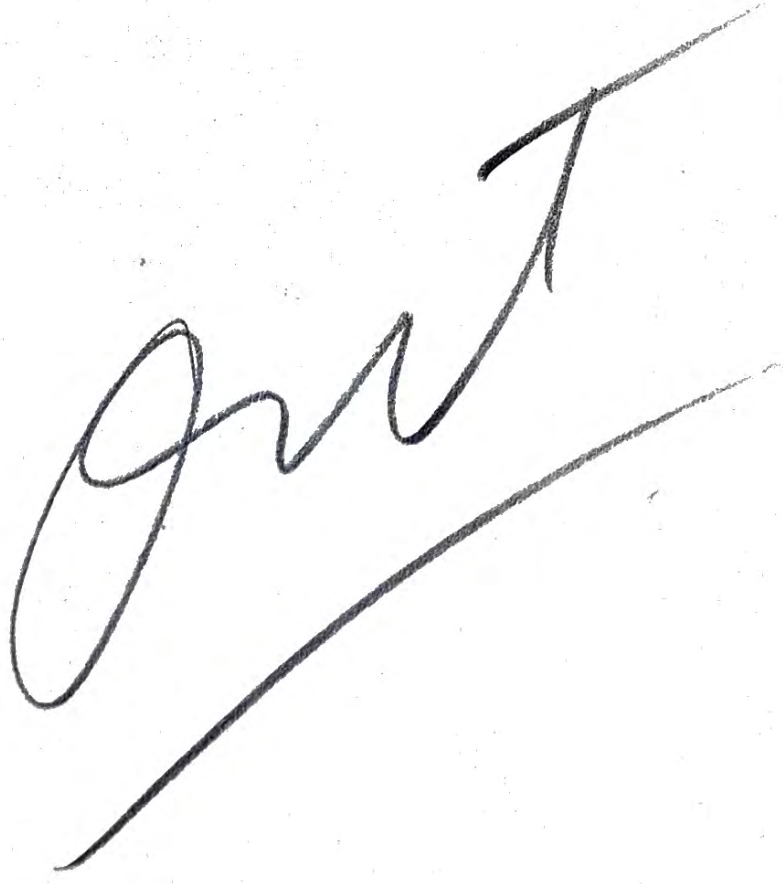
Respectfully,
Hugh Rodman, Lt.Comdr., U.S.N., Inspector.

Thomas Britt,
Keeper, Fort-Sumter Light Station, S.C
Born, February 22nd, 1858

No. 205
Ed. 1-9-13—400,000

BRITT, THOMAS

BRITT, THOMAS



ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Commendation.
4th Quarter, 1912-13.

July 24, 1913.

Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper

Fort Sumter Light Station.

You are hereby commended for the excellent condition in which the station under your charge has been kept during quarter ending June 30, 1913, as noted on occasion of last inspection.

KING

Inspector.

Office of Inspector, 6th District,
Charleston, S. C., July 24, 1913.

Forwarded the Commissioner of Lighthouses as information.

King
Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Office of Inspector, 6th District
Charleston, S.C., Dec. 6, 1913.

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Commendation.
1st Quarter, 1913-14.

Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper Fort Sumter Light Station, Moultrieville S.C.

You are hereby commended for the excellent condition of your station and its appurtenances on the occasion of Inspection during the period July 1 to October 31, 1913.

KING,
Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
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EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Inspector, 6th Dist. 2. Where employed Fort Sumter, S.C.
3. Name Thomas Britt 4. Where born New York.
5. Age 51 6. Position Kpr. Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C.
7. Compensation $560.00 p.a. 8. When appointed (*a*) February 20, 1886. See remarks
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.
10. Appointed from — State South Carolina. Congressional District 1st County Charleston.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his charge, responsible for the care and management of his light and of all government property under his care.
Oath February 19, 1886.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 9/10 Quality of work (*e*) Good. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Yes.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) There is a fog-signal apparatus at this station. No assistant. Warned November 20, 1908. Grounds and dwelling showed lack of attention and cleanliness.

J. N. Hutchinson
Comdr., U.S.N., Retd, Inspr. 6th L.H. District.
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 2, 1909.

11—3005

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 11, 1911.

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

1. Name Thomas Britt 2. Age 53 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouses (6th Dist.) 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $560. p.a. 6. Where employed Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C.

7. When appointed (*a*) Feby. 20, 1886 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his charge. Responsible for the care and management of the light and all government property in his care. Be able to handle pulling boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	180
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		2	
Total		8 10	690
Average percentage			86 25

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

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

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Salary is a fair equivalent for service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (*e*) Tends fog signal, No assistant.

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

H. Reid
Comd'r U.S.N., Light House Inspr. 6th. District.

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

Chief of Bureau or Office.

Office Inspector, 6th Lighthouse District,
Charleston, South Carolina,
August 25, 1914.

Commendation,
3rd period, 1914.

Thomas Britt, Keeper Ft. Sumter Lt. Sta.,
Charleston, S. C.

This letter of commendation is written you in recognition of the excellent condition of your station on the occasion of the last inspection thereof.

sgd H. D. King,

Inspector, 6th L. H. District.

Also for information of
First & Second Assistant and Assistant.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 28 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., (City.) December 20, (Date.) 191 5.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment.

Name, **Thomas Britt.** Legal residence, **South Carolina.**

Position, **Keeper.** Salary, **$564.00, per annum.**

Location, **Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C.** Appropriation, **Sal.Kprs.of Lighthouses.**

Effective **January 1, 1916.** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Same. Former salary, **$560.00, per annum.**

Location, **Same.**

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

Previous incumbent, himself. Services terminated, **December 31, 1915.**

Reason, **See remarks.**

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: In accordance with schedule of pay Bureau circular No.142,1915 and Bureau letter December 17, 1915.. Nominee is deserving increase of salary authorized.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District

H. L. BECK,
Inspector, 6th L.H.District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
DEC 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 29 1915

December 24, 1915.

Mr. Thomas Britt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $560 per annum.)

DD Jan 1, 1916 9K

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: South Carolina.

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DEC 29 1915

LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Stores.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.
March 7, 1922.

3/10/22 2nd ad sheet.

See Sheet No. 2.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Subject: Thomas Britt, Keeper, Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C.
Extension of leave of absence with pay recommended.

1. Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C., has been in the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Charleston, S.C., under treatment since the afternoon of February 3, 1922. Mr. Britt was discharged from the hospital on March 4th. His certificate of discharge is enclosed herewith and it will be noted thereon that he is not yet fit to perform his duties and will not be able to perform his duties for an indefinite period. Mr. Britt was granted 30 days leave of absence beginning February 4, 1922. February 3rd was not inculded in his leave for the reason that he was on duty part of that day. Excluding Sundays and holidays, the 30 days leave granted will expire at the close of March 11, 1922. As Mr. Britt will not be able to return to duty on March 12th, an extension of leave is recommended.

2. Mr. Britt entered the Lighthouse Service in 1882 and has served 40 years continuously in the Lighthouse Service and has taken very little leave of absence during his long service. He was 64 years of age on February 22, 1922. It will be noted that on his discharge certificate from the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital that his age is given as 65 years. This is due to the fact that he was 65 years of age when he entered the hospital. Mr. Britt lacks less than a year of having reached the retirement age and has served 10 years longer than the period required under the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

3. Mr. Britt's wife is also sick in Charleston at present. His only son, W. A. Britt, formerly seaman on the U. S. Lighthouse Tender Snowdrop, was drowned August 2, 1911 while in the performance of his duty on said vessel. The parents of W. A. Britt, deceased, received no benefit from the U.S. Compensation Act as it was held by the Department "that the duties of the decedent were in no way connected with a manufacturing establishment or with any of the other branches of the government service enumerated in section 1 of the compensation act." Mr. Britt's son was drowned August 2, 1911, less than one year before the U.S. Compensation Act was amended to include U. S. Lighthouse employees engaged in hazardous employment July 27, 1912, and unless the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act is amended at an early date to provide retirement on account of disability, Lightkeeper Britt, with an excellent record of 40 years service, may have to be placed on leave without pay or separated from the service.

4. This case is considered especially meritorious and to limit the leave of absence to 30 days would work a hardship on this employee, and I have to recommend that the Department be urged to exercise its authority to the limit in granting leave in this instance. It is suggested that consideration be given to granting Mr. Britt leave of absence with pay as keeper of a

Class 1 station in accordance with paragraph 487, subparagraph 1 of the Regulations, i.e. to grant leave of absence with pay, not to exceed 96 days during the calendar year.

5. It has not been necessary to employ a substitute keeper at Fort Sumter Light Station during Mr. Britt's absence as the duties have been performed by the additional keeper now authorized this district, and it is intended that the additional keeper remain at Fort Sumber Light Station for whatever period leave with pay is granted Mr. Britt even if leave of absence it is intended to grant other keepers has to be reduced.

(Signed) H.L.Beck.

1 Incl.
Discharge Certif.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Meritorious case. Rec. to Dept. for authy. to grant 30 days additional Leave with pay. If Dept. approves, then tell Supt. if Britt is unable to return to duty at expiration of add'l. Lv., to submit further rec. in the matter.

JEH
3/9/22.

JEH-EK
Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 10, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau considers this a meritorious case, and recommends that the Department authorize the granting to Britt of 30 days' leave with pay, in additional to that allowed by the Regulations.

HLB

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JEH
3/10/22.

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Treasury Department
U.S. Public Health Service.
Form 1918.

CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.

Port of Charleston, S. C.

March 4, 1922

This is to certify, That Thomas Britt late of the Ft Sumter Light Station, has been this day discharged from Hospital. He has been under treatment February 3, 1922 to date days, and his present physical condition is Improved but not fit for duty nor will he be fit for an indefinite period of time.

Certified service on last vessel

DESCRIPTION.

Nativity, N.Y.
Age, 63
Complexion, Fair. Eyes, Blue.
Hair, Grey.
Height, 5ft. 8 in.

/s/ Franklin F. Sams,

Acting Assistant Surgeon.

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1922 MAR 14 PM 3 52

March 14, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the circumstances set forth in the Sixth Superintendent's letter of March 7, 1922, forwarded by the Bureau's recommendation of March 10, 1922, the Department has authorized the granting of 30 days leave with pay in addition to that allowed by the Regulations, in the case of Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, South Carolina, $780 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Edw. J. Gardner
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

P-A

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Engr. Comm.
Mar. Engr.
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Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

MAR 15 1922

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 6th Supt.

Should Britt be unable to return to duty at the expiration of this additional leave, you are requested to submit further recommendation in his case for the Bureau's consideration, in ample time to allow of action prior to the expiration of such additional leave.

WCB

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 24, 1922.

4/1/22 and to 6th.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Thomas Britt, leave.

Reference: Bureau endorsement of March 15, on copy of Department letter of March 14, 1922.

1. Complying with above reference it is stated that the Medical Officer of the Public Health Service, Charleston, has advised this office that Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, will not be able to return to duty at the expiration of the additional leave of 30 days granted by the Department.

2. It is therefore recommended that additional leave of 30 days be granted Mr. Britt, and that the additional leave heretofore granted and any leave to be granted, be computed exclusive of Sundays.

3. If computed with Sundays included, the additional leave of 30 days granted by Department letter of March 14, 1922, will expire at the close of April 10, 1922; if exclusive of Sundays it will expire at the close of April 15, 1922.

4. Should additional leave of 30 days be granted at the expiration of the leave heretofore granted as stated in paragraph 3 above, this further extension of leave will expire either at the close of May 10, 1922, or at the close of May 20, 1922, depending upon whether or not Sundays are included.

5. In view of Mr. Britt's long service and excellent record in the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that he be granted all the leave which it is possible to allow him. It is considered that this is an especially meritorious case and that every consideration should be shown him.

H. L. Beck,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Mr. Hastings states that addl. leave with pay is exclusive of Sundays.

Rec. to Dept. further extension. If another extension is desired Dept should state when it is expected that employee will return to duty.

3/29/22.

Carter
Mar 31

Subject: 8th Supt's. letter, March 24, 1922, Thomas Britt, additiona leave.

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JEH-EK Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., April 1, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Department authorize the granting to Britt of thirty days' additional leave with pay from April 17, 1922, it being understood that additional leave with pay is exclusive of Sundays. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of March 7, submitted to the Department by Bureau indorsement of March 10, 1922.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Thomas Britt

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
S. C.

Thomas Britt

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Keeper, Fort Sumter etc., L. Sta., S.C.	$720	Light-House	Position from Treasury, 7/1/03
Keeper, Fort Sumter L. Sta., S.C.	$560	"	January 1, 1907.
" " " " " "	$564.	"	July 1. 1916
" Increases "	780	"	Nov. 1, 1918.
" " " "	840	"	July 6, 1921

Died Aug. 15, 1922.

INACTIVE

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B.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD. IN WRITING UPON THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER QUOTE THE FOLLOWING FILE NUMBER:

FILE NO. 5432

Washington, November 5, 1902.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to state that Cumming Point Range Lights, S.C., were established on 1 July, 1902, and were placed in charge of Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter, S.C., light-station. The Inspector of the 6th Light-House District recommends that the salary of Mr. Britt be increased from $560. to $720. a year, an increase of $160. a year for the care of the additional lights.

The Board approves the recommendation of the Inspector and asks that the designation of Mr. Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter, S.C., light-station, be changed so as to include Cumming Point Range Lights, S.C., and that his salary be increased to $720. a year, to date from 1 July, 1902, so long as these additional lights remain under his care.

Respectfully,

C. T. Hutchins,

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, November 19, 1902.

Mr. Thomas Britt,

Care of the Chairman

of the Light-House Board.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation of the Light-House Board, your compensation as Keeper of the Fort Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, is hereby increased from five hundred and sixty dollars ($560.00) to seven hundred and twenty dollars ($720.00) per year, to take effect from July 1, 1902, and to continue so long as the Cumming Point Range Lights, South Carolina, remain under your care.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. A. Taylor.

Acting Secretary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor, by operation of law, July 1, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for in Part II of this form, relative to each appointee or employee, now in the service, who was serving in your Bureau June 30, 1903, and was transferred to the Department of Commerce and Labor July 1, 1903, pursuant to the acts of Congress approved February 14, 1903, and March 3, 1903, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Thomas Britt

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Thomas Britt

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

Moultrieville (City or town.) South Carolina (State or Territory.) Charleston (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Brooklyn New York

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 22nd (Day.) 1858 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the United States Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
William Pozard	Nephew	Post Office	Dept Bureau	Engineer

9. How long were you in the civil service of the United States Government prior to July 1, 1903?

17. Seventeen Years

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

Appointed before Position was Classified

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

None

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	None		

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government indicated in your answers to questions 9, 12, and 13.)

Sailor, on Board of U. S. Buoy Tender Wistaria for 3 years & 6 months

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

Public School

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

I have Considerable Experience in Submarine Diving

17. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (State name and date of each, as near as you recollect.)

None

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

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filed. May 27th, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Thomas Britt

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Moncksville
City or town.

Number and street.

S. C.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded JUL 13 1904, 190

(Signature) A C Hodgson

(Official title) Comd'r U. S. N. Light House Inspr. 6th. District.

PART II.

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

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the above questions was employed July 1, 1903.

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Ft. Sumter, S.C. (Place (city, town, or station).) Sixth (District.)

2. What position did he hold July 1, 1903? Keeper

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? ~~November 19, 1902~~ Dec. 10, 1899

4. How long had he served in the Bureau or Service in which he was employed July 1, 1903?

17 years, 4 months, 10 days

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $720. per annum

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903?

Salaries of Keepers

7. Was the position he held July 1, 1903, excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules?

Competitive

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Commg Pt Range Lights placed in his charge from July 1, 1902 and emplacation at keeper Ft. Sumter St. Station increased from 560 to 720. Appointed at Ft. Sumter Dec. 10, 1899

8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

9. If the appointee or employee was appointed through examination, state the kind of examination. If not so appointed, state how he entered the position. (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or, "By reinstatement;" or, "By transfer from ————," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Appointed before position was classified.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) A C Hodgson

(Official title) Cond'r U. S. L. Light House Inspr. 6th. District.

Date: JUL 13 1904, 190

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to state that it is proposed to move the Cumming Point Range Lights, Charleston Harbor, S.C., to the southward, and that it will be impossible for the keeper of the Fort Sumter, S.C., Light-Station, who now has charge of these lights, to continue to attend them. It is very difficult to do so in their present position, and the Inspector of the Sixth Light-House District states that the keeper has frequently asked to be relieved of them. It is also proposed to place the Cumming Point Range Lights in charge of a laborer, whose appointment has been asked in another letter of this date.

The Board therefore begs to ask that the designation of Mr. Thomas Britt of South Carolina, Keeper of the Fort Sumter, S.C., Light-Station, and of the Cumming Point Range Lights, S.C., be changed to that of Keeper of the Fort Sumter, S.C., Light-Station, and that his pay be changed from $720 to $560 a year, to date from 1 Jan'y '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
DEC 15 1906
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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$560 was salary before Cumming Point lights were placed in Britt's keeping. D.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED
DEC 14 1906
TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF [illegible] AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

5432.

December 15, 1906.

Mr. Thomas Britt, of South Carolina, is hereby appointed Keeper of the Fort Sumter Light-Station, South Carolina, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective beginning January 1, 1907, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

(By change from Keeper of the Fort Sumter Light-Station and Cummings Point Range Lights, South Carolina, at $720 per annum.)

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REPORTED
DEC 17 1906
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Assistant Secretary.

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U. S. COMMISSION.

The Light-House Board.

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State of South Carolina, } ss.
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON.

I, WM. H. DUNKIN, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, in and for said County, (said Court being a Court of Record) DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that

Thomas J. Keenan

whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument or affidavit, and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Magistrate ~~NOTARY PUBLIC~~ of the State of South Carolina, in and for the said County of Charleston, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And also duly authorized to take affidavits, to take proof and acknowledgment of all written instruments and deeds, and renunciations of Dower. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said instrument is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the Laws of the State of South Carolina.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 5th day of January 1907 Wm. H. Dunkin CLERK.

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Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date January 1, 1907.

B. Thurston
Chief Clerk.

[b] T. J. Keenan and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1907

[c] Name: Thos. J. Keenan Seal LS Affix official seal.

Official title: Magistrate

Sullivans Island S.C.

S.W.B.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Light House Keeper	Fort Sumter	New York	S.C.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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CARDED

H OF OFFICE

ESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Thomas Britt

affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United
inst all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance
me; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of
on; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I
n about to enter: **So help me God.**

Thomas, Britt,

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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affirmed and subscribed before me,

this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1907

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date January 1, 1907.

O B Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[a] Name: Theo J. Keenan

Seal (L S) Affix official seal.

Official title: Magistrate

Sullivans Island S.C.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Light House Keeper	Fort Sumter	New York	S.C

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In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 7 1909
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EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Inspector,6th Dist. 2. Where employed Fort Sumter, S.C.
3. Name Thomas Britt 4. Where born New York.
5. Age 51 6. Position Kpr. Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C.
7. Compensation $560.00 p.a. 8. When appointed (*a*) February 20, 1886. See Remarks.
9. How appointed (*b*) Prior to classification.
10. Appointed from — State South Carolina. Congressional District 1st County Charleston.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his charge, responsible for the care and management of his light and of all government property under his care.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (*d*) 9/10 Quality of work (*e*) Good. Interest manifested in work (*f*) Yes.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (*g*) There is a fog-signal apparatus at this station. No assistant. Warned November 20, 1908- Grounds and dwelling showed lack of attention and cleanliness.

O. R.

CANCELED

Oath, February 19, 1886.

J. H. Strelinger

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Comdr., U.S.N., Ret'd, Inspr. 6th L.H. District.
Head of Bureau or Office.

June 2, 1909.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

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Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

May 11, 1911.

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

1. Name Thomas Britt 2. Age 53 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouses (6th Dist.) 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $560. p.a. 6. Where employed Fort Sumter Light-Station, S. C.

7. When appointed (*a*) Feby. 20, 1886 8. How appointed (*b*) Prior to Classification

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No If so, state the amount

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Must be familiar with the workings of the apparatus in his charge. Responsible for the care and management of the light and all government property in his care. Be able to handle pulling boat.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No If so, state them

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	90	2	180
Quality of work	85	3	255
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	255
Attendance		2	
Total		8 10	690
Average percentage			86 25

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN 1 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

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

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Salary is a fair equivalent for service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (e) Tends fog signal, No assistant.

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

W. D. Threlfall
Comd'r. U. S. N. Light House Inspr. 6th. Dist.

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

[redacted]

[redacted] Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

T.S.C.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixth DISTRICT,

Charleston, S. C., (City.) December 20, (Date.) 191 5.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Appointment.

Name, Thomas Britt. Legal residence, South Carolina.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $564.00, per annum.

Location, Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C. Appropriation, Sal. Kprs. of Lighthouses.

Effective January 1, 1916. { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Same. Former salary, $560.00, per annum.

Location, Same.

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

Previous incumbent, himself. Services terminated, December 31, 1915.

Reason, See remarks. (Increase auth. D.L. 12/16/15)

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: In accordance with schedule of pay Bureau circular No.142,1915 and Bureau letter December 17, 1915.. Nominee is deserving increase of salary authorized.

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

N. L. Beck
Inspector, 6th L.H.District.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
DEC 23 1915

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

S. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 24, 1915.

Mr. Thomas Britt,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixty-four~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $560 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
Legal Residence: South Carolina.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED DEC 27 1915

CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 U. S. COMMISSION

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 14 1916

APPOINTMENTS JAN 18 1916 2,

CHIEF CLERK JAN 18 1916

I, Thomas Britt,

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

Thomas Britt
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 11th day of January, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) [illegible]

(Official title) Notary Public S.C.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper.	$564.00 p.a.	Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C.
Former [5] Same.	$560.00 p.a.	Same.

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Sixth DISTRICT

CARDED.

Charleston, S.C., (Address), January 12, 1916. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916. (Date)

[illegible]
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector, 6th L.H.District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT HOUSES
SEP 21 1916

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Britt, Thomas

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse Service, 6th District

4. Designation of position:

Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

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

Keeper Fort Sumter Light Station,

S. C.

6. Annual earnings:

$562.00

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 564.00

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 400.00

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
		30	4

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

New York

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: February

Year: 1858

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

8

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

NO

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 1 South Carolina

County: Charleston

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

BEO

21. Place of employment—

City: Charleston

State: South Carolina

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1918.

r. Thomas Britt,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $564 per annum to $720 per annum, pay to include longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hawkins.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LETTER DATED 10/7/18
IN FILE OF 109516

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 6, 1921.

F. Thomas Britt,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective July 6, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 7/1/21
IN FILE 6-40

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6th

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 8 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Cross reference.

February 23, 1922. The Department calls the Bureau of Lighthouses' attention to the fact that the Department's records are incomplete regarding certain employes as indicated ~~[illegible]~~ below:

Name	Position	Nature of Change	Date
Britt, Thomas Keeper		Promotion	July 6, 1921

No report of date of effect has been received.

See file 1137.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S.C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 7, 1922.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Subject: Thomas Britt, Keeper, Fort Sumter Light Station, S. C.
Extension of leave of absence with pay recommended.

1. Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C., has been in the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, Charleston, S.C., under treatment since the afternoon of February 3, 1922. Mr. Britt was discharged from the hospital on March 4th. His certificate of discharge is enclosed herewith and it will be noted thereon that he is not yet fit to perform his duties and will not be able to perform his duties for an indefinite period. Mr. Britt was granted 30 days leave of absence beginning February 4, 1922, February 3rd was not inculded in his leave for the reason that he was on duty part of that day. Excluding Sundays and holidays, the 30 days leave granted will expire at the close of March 11, 1922. As Mr. Britt will not be able to return to duty on March 12th, an extension of leave is recommended.

2. Mr. Britt entered the Lighthouse Service in 1882 and has served 40 years continuously in the Lighthouse Service and has taken very little leave of absence during his long service. He was 64 years of age on February 22, 1922. It will be noted that on his discharge certificate from the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital that his age is given as 63 years. This is due to the fact that he was 63 years of age when he entered the hospital. Mr. Britt lacks less than a year of having reached the retirement age and has served 10 years longer than the period required under the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

3. Mr. Britt's wife is also sick in Charleston at present. His only son, W. A. Britt, formerly seaman on the U. S. Lighthouse Tender Snowdrop, was drowned August 2, 1911 while in the performance of his duty on said vessel. The parents of W. A. Britt, deceased, received no benefit from the U.S. Compensation Act as it was held by the Department"that the duties of the decedent were in no way connected with a manufacturing establishment or with any of the other branches of the government service enumerated in section 1 of the compensation act." Mr. Britt's son was drowned August 2, 1911, less than one year before the U.S. Compensation Act was amended to include U. S. Lighthouse employees engaged in hazardous employment July 27, 1912, and unless the Lighthouse Service Retirement Act is amended at an early date to provide retirement on account of disability, Lightkeeper Britt, with an excellent record of 40 years service, may have to be placed on leave without pay or separated from the service.

4. This case is considered expecially meritorious and to limit the leave of absence to 30 days would work a hardship on this employee, and I have to recommend that the Department be urged to exercise its authority to the limit in granting leave in this instance. It is suggested that consideration be given to granting Mr. Britt leave of absence with pay as keeper of a

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Class 1 station in accordance with paragraph 487, subparagraph 1 of the Regulations, i.e. to grant leave of absence with pay, not to exceed 96 days during the calendar year.

5. It has not been necessary to employ a substitute keeper at Fort Sumter Light Station during Mr. Britt's absence as the duties have been performed by the additional keeper now authorized this district, and it is intended that the additional keeper remain at Fort Sumter Light Station for whatever period leave with pay is granted Mr. Britt even if leave of absence it is intended to grant other keepers has to be reduced.

H L Beck

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Discharge Certif.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
March 10, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce. The Bureau considers this a meritorious case, and recommends that the Department authorize the granting to Britt of 30 days' leave with pay, in addition to that allowed by the Regulations.

G R Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.
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CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.

Port of Charleston,S.C.

March 4,1922, *19*

This is to Certify, *That* Thomas Britt

late of the Ft Sumter Light Station, *has been this day discharged from Hospital. He has been under treatment* Feb.3,1922 to date *days, and his present physical condition is* Improved but not fit for duty not will he be fit for an indefinite period of time.

Certified service on last vessel

DESCRIPTION.

Nativity, N.Y.
Age, 63
Complexion, Fair
Height, 5,8
Eyes, Blue
Hair, Grey

Franklin F. Sams

Acting Assistant, *Surgeon.*

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

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March 14, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In view of the circumstances set forth in the Sixth Superintendent's letter of March 7, 1922, forwarded by the Bureau's recommendation of March 10, 1922, the Department has authorized the granting of 30 days leave with pay in addition to that allowed by the Regulations, in the case of Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, South Carolina, $780 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Appointment Division
Washington

LIGHTHOUSES

LIGHTHOUSES CHARLESTON, S. C.

February 23, 1922. FEB 27 1922

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Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that the Department's records are incomplete regarding certain employees as indicated in the inclosed statement.

By direction of the Secretary:

(Signed) Edw J. Gardner
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
February 24, 1922.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Charleston, S. C., for report called for as per accompanying list. It is desired that care be exercised in future to see that the necessary reports concerning personnel are furnished promptly in order that Department records may be kept to date. Be guided accordingly.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Commr.

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Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Charleston, S.C., February 27,1922.

Returned to the Bureau of Lighthouses, with statement that Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C., entered on duty July 6,1921, under Notice of Change in Salary, from $780 to $840 per annum, dated July 6,1921.

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H. C. Beck
Superintendent of Lighthouses,.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 6 - 1922

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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Statement showing changes in the personnel of the Lighthouse Service for which no report of date of effect or last day of service, oath of office, or personal question sheet has been received.

Name	Position	Nature of change	Date	District
		REPORT OF DATE OF EFFECT		
Britt, Thomas	Keeper	Pormotion	July 6, 1921	6

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHARLESTON, S. C.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 6TH DISTRICT
CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 24, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Thomas Britt, leave.

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Reference: Bureau endorsement of March 15, on copy of Department letter of March 14, 1922.

1. Complying with above reference it is stated that the Medical Officer of the Public Health Service, Charleston, has advised this office that Mr. Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, will not be able to return to duty at the expiration of the additional leave of 30 days granted by the Department.

2. It is therefore recommended that additional leave of 30 days be granted Mr. Britt, and that the additional leave heretofore granted and any leave to be granted, be computed exclusive of Sundays.

3. If computed with Sundays included, the additional leave of 30 days granted by Department letter of March 14, 1922, will expire at the close of April 10, 1922; if exclusive of Sundays it will expire at the close of April 15, 1922.

4. Should additional leave of 30 days be granted at the expiration of the leave heretofore granted as stated in paragraph 3 above, this further extension of leave will expire either at the close of May 10, 1922, or at the close of May 20, 1922, depending upon whether or not Sundays are included.

5. In view of Mr. Britt's long service and excellent record in the Lighthouse Service, it is recommended that he be granted all the leave which it is possible to allow him; It is considered that this is an especially meritorious case and that every consideration should be shown him.

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H. L. Beck
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., April 1, 1922.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Department authorize the granting to Britt of thirty days' additional leave with pay from April 17, 1922, it being understood that additional leave with pay is exclusive of Sundays. Attention is invited to the Superintendent's letter of March 7, submitted to the Department by Bureau indorsement of March 10, 1922.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

April 5, 1922.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of April 1, 1922, the Department has authorized the granting of 30 days additional leave with pay to Thomas Britt, Keeper of Fort Sumter Light Station, from April 17, 1922, it being understood that the additional leave with pay is exclusive of Sundays.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 6th DISTRICT,

CHIEF CLERK

Charleston, S.C., August 16, 1922.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is ~~transmitted the resignation~~ reported the death of the following-named employee:

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Name, Thomas Britt Position, Keeper

Legal residence, South Carolina Station, Fort Sumter Light Station, S.C.

Salary, $840 base per annum.

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Died August 15, 1922.

~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~

This employee has ------ taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

Leave in excess of the accrued rate amounted to 70 days, 17 hours, 30 minutes. During the calendar year this employe was obliged to take leave amounting to 89 da.11 hr.30 min. Leave with pay covering the full period was authorized by the Department March 14 and April 5,1922.

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L.E.J.

H. B. Beck

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, ~~approved~~ for his information.

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H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

THOMAS BRITT

Britt, Thomas — Tide Observer

Month	Date	Pay	Per	Locality	Chief of Party
Jan 1916	1-31 =	(26 00) 100	Day	S. Carolina	Hurdle, G.T.
Dec 1915	6-31 =	(22 00) 100	"	" "	" "
Feb 1916	1-29	(22 00) 100	"	" "	" "