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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Clovin, Alphonse		1871 Belgium

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (NJ) 3rd District

From:	To:
1920	1922

(Agency & Location)

From:	To:

(Agency & Location)

From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Alphonse Clovin.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin.

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
New Jersey

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper West Bank L.S. N.J.	$780	L. H.	Nov. 1, 1919.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF July 15, 1930			
Keeper (Pro) Great Beds L.S. N.J.	$810.	L. H.	Aug. 17, 1930
Dismissed close Dec 31, 1926.			
(Employment (as above) auth Jan 1-3 inc 1923)			

INACTIVE

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Form 73

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NOV 25 1919 9 FE AM

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) November 4, 1919 (Date.), 191

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

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

LIGHT NOV 25 1919 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

1919 NOV 26 AM 9 13

APPOINTMENTS

Name, Alphonse Clovin

Legal residence, New Jersey

1919 NOV 26 AM 9 52

Position, Keeper

Salary, $780 p.a.

Location, West Bank Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1,1919 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

APPOINTMENTS DEC 2 - 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.0 , Other eligibles considered: Isadore Rosenbluh D (Name restored to register) Robert M.Hagelin FR (Name removed from register) George T.Gardiner A. John Schmitt A.

Previous incumbent, Frank K. Niblett Services terminated, Oct.20,1919

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on Nov.1,1919 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No.4 on eligible list will accept appointment only to stations where family quarters are provided. Nos. 2, 6 and 7 will accept appointment only to certain specified stations.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, NOV 21 1919 , 191

G. M. Parker

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. A. Wells

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 25 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bewsman

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1919.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (November 1, 1919)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

CARDED

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank K. Niblett.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.
3rd

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 2 - 1919 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

DEC 12 1919 9 40 AM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENTS DEC 13 1919

INSPECTOR DIST DEC 10 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT DEC 12 1919 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Alphonse Clovin

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

CHIEF CLERK

1919 DEC 13 AM 9 07

Alphonse Clovin

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] tenth day of December, A. D. 1919.

(Affix official seal here)

CARDED

[4] (Name) James O Burke.

(Official title) Notary Public,

My commission expires March 31, 1920.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$780. p.a.	Romer Shoal Light Station, N.Y.
Former [5]		(West Bank)

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Dec 10th 19 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on November 1, 1919 (Date)

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE [illegible]

[illegible] Asst Superintendent

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

U. S. RETURN DATA ENTERED

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FEB 13 1920 9 [illegible] AM

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

FWO:JSW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 30 1920 HOUSES

FEB 14 1920

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT. TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
January 29, 1920

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. FEB 11 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, (2d ass't) keeper West Bank light station ~~2~~ absence from duty.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses, for information contained.

LIGHT FEB 13 1920 HOUSES

J. T. yates

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CHIEF CLERK

1920 FEB 14 AM 8 56

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
February 5, 1920.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The 3d Superintendent has been directed to submit further report with redommendation in this case at the expiration of six months.

1920 FEB 13 AM 10 52

Commissioner.

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

FWO:JSW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JAN 30 1920 HOUSES

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

January 29, 1920.

1920 FEB 14 AM 10 08

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,
2d Ass't Keeper, West Bank Light Station,
(Through the Keeper)
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. FEB 11 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office of January 6th and your reply of January 8, 1920.

LIGHT FEB 13 1920 HOUSES

1. Your explanation in regard to your absence from West Bank Light Station from December 23, 1919 to January 1, 1920, cannot be considered as satisfactory. The keeper of the station being absent on leave and there being only yourself and the 1st ass't keeper at the station on December 23rd, you should not have left the station on that date except in case of actual emergency, which did not exist according to the facts submitted. Your letter of January 8th states that you were sent after mail on December 23rd by the 1st ass't keeper, whereas the 1st ass't keeper specifically denies that he sent you ashore on December 23rd, and in view of the fact that the weather was foggy at the time this office is not disposed to believe that the 1st ass't keeper would request you to go ashore and he remain alone in the station with the then existing weather conditions. It is also to be noted that although you were absent from the station from December 23rd to January 1st you failed to advise this office or the keeper of the station of your whereabouts, reason for absence, or information as to when you expected to return to duty, and such information was not obtained until the 1st ass't keeper had reported your prolonged absence and inquiry was made by this office by telegram.

1920 FEB 8 AM 8 56

2. You are hereby reprimanded for the action taken by you in this instance, as described above, which reprimand will form a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service. You are further advised that a repetition of this character will not be tolerated and will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J T YATES

Superintendent.

FEB 13 1920 9 ½ AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS
FEB 16 1920

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT HOUSES
FEB 13 1920

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Alphonse Clovis

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

Alphonse Clovis.

1920 FEB 16 AM 9 47

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) West Bank (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3d (District.)

4. Position to which appointed (2d Ass't Lighthouse) Keeper.

5. Compensation Seven Hundred & Eighty dollars, per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, L.H. Service

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

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

Keansburg (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.) Monmouth (County.) 3 (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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

11. Where were you born? Antwerp, Belgium

12. When were you born? October (Month.) 22d (Day.) 1870 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out ~~Feb.~~ May 22d 1892

New Orleans La. Cir. Dist. Court

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. A. Clovis (Name.) 55 Beachwood Ave (Number and street.)

Keansburg (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

No

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

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

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

✓ 21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Baltimore	June 2d 1892	June 5 1898	Expiration of term.

✓ 22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) ----------

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service ----------

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

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Steamfitter and Electrician.

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

High school

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

Mechanical

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

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

Yes

Date, Dec. 16, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Alphonse Clavin

P. O. Address: Beansburg
City or town.

55 - Beachwood Ave
Number and street.

New Jersey
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feby 12, 1920

(Signature) J. Yates

(Official title)

JUN 12 1920 9 AM

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 12 1920

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 11,1920 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Alphonse Clovin — Position, Keeper — APPOINTMENTS

Legal residence, New Jersey — Station, West Bank Lt.Sta., N.Y.

1920 JUN 15 PM 4 3

Salary, $780.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 15,1920

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

Remarks:

ACTION TAKEN JUN 17 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JOS 6/16/20

J. F. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON JUN 12 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT
JUN 12 1920
HOUSES

West-Bank
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June, 1920

Dear Sir.

I the undersigned, herewith send in mij resignation to take effect on julij 15/20, unless the opportunitij of a one man Station presents itself on or before the date herein stated. Application for a transfer is on file in your office since januarij 8/20.

Verij Respectfullij Yours.
J. D. Thorne Clowin.
2d Dosistant Lighthouse Keeper.

Samuel O'M. Coats
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1920.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Through the

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on July 15, 1920.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service

Station..... West Bank Light Station, N. Y.

Position..... Keeper

Salary..... $780. per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 5

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 5 1920

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 1920 AUG 9 AM 9 50 DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) Aug. 2, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Alphonse Clovin — Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 p.a.

Location, Great Beds Lt. Sta., N.J. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 17, 1920 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

SECOND U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT AUG 4 1920

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 10 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

1920 AUG 9 PM 12 36

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, 87.1 Percentage, 87.2, Other eligibles considered:
None

Previous incumbent, Ellsworth J. Smith Services terminated, Aug. 16, 1920

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Quarters are provided for family of keeper at this station.

JOS 8/9/20

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, August 4, 1920, 19

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1920.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is 3rd Superintendent's letter of August 2, 1920.

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E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
AUG 4 1920
HOUSES

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses Aug. 2,1920

SUBJECT: Nomination, Alphonse Clovin, keeper.

1. Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau to-day through the District Secretary recommending the probationary appointment of Alphonse Clovin to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station,New Jersey, effective August 17,1920, vice Ellsworth J. Smith, transferred.

2. Mr.Clovin was employed as 2nd Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York, from November 1,1919 to July 15,1920, when he resigned. On January 29,1920 he was reprimanded on account of absence from duty without leave, but subsequent to that his services were satisfactory up to the time he resigned, and his appointment to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station is therefore recommended. No employee of District had requested transfer to this position.

J. A. Lees

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1920.

M Alphonse Clovin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Second Civil Service District.

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 10 1920

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ellsworth J. Smith.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.
3rd district

(See reverse side.)

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHTHOUSES
APPOINTMENTS
AUG 24 1920

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, Alphonse Clovin CHIEF CLERK

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

1920 AUG 23 AM 9 42

Alphonse Clovin
(Appointee signs here)

Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 16th day of August, A. D. 19 20

(Affix official seal here)

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

[4] (Name) W. E. Dep

(Official title) Notary Public for New Jersey

My commission expires Aug 17, 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$840. p.a.	Great Beds Light Station, N.J.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), Aug 20-1920 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Aug 17-1920 (Date)

J. F. Mills
(Signature, followed by title) Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
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Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 DEC 6 AM 8 44

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

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1922 DEC 12 PM 3 36

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Dec. 5,1922

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Bed L.S.,N.J.

1. The following papers re Alphonse Clovin, keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of letter addressed to the keeper under date of Dec. 22,1921.
b - Copy of report of inspection of Great Beds Lt.Sta., made Nov. 17,1922.
c - Copy of letter of charges addressed to the keeper under date of Nov.22,1922.
d - Keeper's reply dated Nov.27,1922.

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given him on several occasions in regard to the matter of accomplishing work necessary to place the station in a satisfactory condition, the fact is selfevident that this keeper does not possess the necessary qualifications to satisfactorily perform the duties of his position and the maintain the light station in an efficient and creditable manner, and his continuance in the service for a further period would be detrimental to the interests of the service as has been the case heretofore during the period of his employment at this station.

3. It is recommended that Alphonse Clovin be dismissed from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31,1922.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2, Rule I, Civil Service Rules.

5. Mr.Clovin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

DEC 13 1922

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 11 1922

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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COPY

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

Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station,
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, N. J.

Dec. 22, 1921

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 13 1922
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

SUBJECT: Condition of Great Beds Light Station.

1. At an inspection of Great Beds Light Station on December 20,1921 it was found that practically no work had been done on the upkeep of the station, such as cleaning, scaling, painting, etc., since you have been at the station. You are advised that a contunuation of this condition and neglect of duty on your part as keeper of the station will not be tolerated, and you are directed to take immediate steps to place the station in a thoroughly efficient condition throughout. Unless a very material improvement in the condition of the station is evident when the next inspection is made, it will be necessary for this office to take disciplinary measures which may effect your status in the Lighthouse Service.

(Sgd.) J. T. YATES

Form 61

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT.

1922 DEC 6 AM 8 45

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1922, 19

1. Name of aid, Great Beds L.s.ts. N.J.
2. Inspected by R. G. Lamb, Asst. Supt. on Nov. 17 1922, 19.
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly? Yes.
   (a) Light. Yes.
   (b) Fog signal. Yes.
   (c) ----------
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? Yes, except as noted.
6. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
   (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
   (b) Work that can not be done by the keepers? No.
7. Is the efficiency and the general conduct of the keepers satisfactory? No.
8. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 7. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

5. Closet and watchroom cluttered.
6. (a) Foundation plates, railing, tower inside and lantern need scaling and painting. Outside of tower needs scaling and retouching, windows need to be reputtied. Both boats badly in need of paint. Keeper has chipped paint off rail but has not red leaded them and they are rusting badly. Fire extinguishers were not tagged nor could be found in Journal when filled.
   (b) New landing ladder needed.
7. Keeper states he is on the go all the time scrubbing and cleaning. Inspected station Nov.17,1922. Station in poor condition. Keeper has not done any of the things laid out for him at previous inspection. Keeper referred to inspection of Dec.20,1921 as to work to be done at once. Boat to be scraped and painted. Paintwork throughout needs to be scraped and painted. Closets cluttered. Windows to be reputtied. Keeper does not know characteristic of fog bell. Fire extinguishers to be refilled once a year and tagged the date filled. New boat to be painted.

COMMEND No
REPRIMAND Yes
IF SO, WHY *

9. Rating of station and keepers:

SCALE.		STATION.	Per cent.	1st ASST.	Per cent.
Excellent,	100	Cleanliness,	60	Neatness,	
Good,	90	Orderliness,	70	Conduct,	
Average,	80	Operation,	60	Efficiency,	
Fair,	70	KEEPER.	Per cent.	2d ASST.	Per cent.
Poor,	60	Neatness,	60	Neatness,	
Very poor,	50	Conduct,	60	Conduct,	
		Efficiency,	60	Efficiency,	

Not in uniform

*For the fact the keeper has not done the work laid out for him at the previous inspection necessary for the maintenance of the station.

(Sgd.) R. G. Lamb
Asst. Supt.

December 5, 1922, 19

Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.

J. F. Yates
Superintendent

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station,
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Nov. 22,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty and disobedience of orders in that by letter of December 22,1921 you were advised as follows:-

"At an inspection of Great Beds Light Station on Dec.20,1921"
"it was found that practically no work had been done on the "
"upkeep of the station, such as cleaning, painting, scaling "
"etc.,since you have been at the station. You are advised "
"that a continuation of this condition and neglect of duty "
"on your part as keeper of the station will not be tolerated"
"and you are directed to take immediate steps to place the "
"station in a thoroughly efficient condition throughout. Un- "
"less a very material improvement in the condition of the "
"station is evident when the next inspection is made, it "
"will be necessary for this office to take disciplinary "
"measures which may effect your status in the Lighthouse "
"Service." "

2. When your station was inspected on Nov.17,1922 the station was found to be in poor condition in that the foundation plates, railing inside of tower and lantern, needed scaling and painting; outside of tower needed scaling and painting; windows required reputtying; both station boats badly in need of scraping and painting, little or no attempt having been made to do the work ordered when the station was inspected on Dec.20, 1921 and as directed by letter of Dec.22,1921.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 DEC 6 AM 8 45
THIRD DISTRICT

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1st

Great Beds
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 27, 1922

To Superintendent.

In answer to your letter dated November 22/22, I can state that I have ailed, and been very sick with lumbago and rheumatic pains for a considerable period of time.

H. Clovin.
Keeper.

December 15, 1922.

Sir:

Charges of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, at $840 per annum, effective at the close of December 31, 1922.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

CARDED

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Jan. 4,1923

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Beds L.S.,N.J.
REFERENCE: Dept.letter Dec.15,1922.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 15,1922, addressed to Alphonse Clovin, dismissing him from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31,1922; The Bureau is advised that on account of the weather conditions last week Mr.Clovin's successor did not arrive at Great Beds Light Station to relieve him until January 3,1923. As Mr. Clovin's dismissal was effective at the close of December 31,1922 and as it was through no fault of his own that it was necessary for him to remain and care for the station until January 3,1923, it is recommended that Department authority be obtained to cover his employment as keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, for the period January 1st to January 3rd, inclusive, in order that he may be paid for that period.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

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Bureau of Lightnouses, Washington
January 5, 1923.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

January 8, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Third Superintendent's letter of January 4, 1923, forwarded by the Bureau's endorsement of January 5, 1923, the Department has authorized the employment of Alphonse Clovin as keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, at $840 per annum, for the period from January 1 to January 3, 1923, inclusive.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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CARDED.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Returned approved
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Dep. Comm.
Cashier.

Rec. File.
7/30/20

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
WJL:SS Tompkinsville, N.Y. July 29th, 1920.

Returned to Commissioner.

Alphonse Clovin, Second Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station resigned on July 15th, 1920. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 31 1920

Returned approved.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

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Rec. dismissal of keeper for neglect of duty & disobedience of orders. Has had about one year to put station in order.

GENERAL DEPOT, 12/8/22
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Dec. 5,1922

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Bed L.S.,N.J.

1. The following papers re Alphonse Clovin, keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of letter addressed to the keeper under date of Dec. 22,1921.
b - Copy of report of inspection of Great Beds Lt.Sta., made Nov. 17,1922.
c - Copy of letter of charges addressed to the keeper under date of Nov.22,1922.
d - Keeper's reply dated Nov.27,1922.

2. Mr.Clovin entered on duty as keeper at Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey on August 17,1920. The station was inspected on December 17, 1920, at which time the keeper was ordered to accomplish certain work to place the station in good condition. On December 20,1921 the station was inspected and it was found that the keeper had not done any of the work ordered at the previous inspection. He was at that time instructed to begin work at once and continue the work until the station was in first class condition, and by letter of December 22,1921 he was advised of the condition found at the inspection of Dec. 20,1921 and notified that unless a very material improvement in the condition of the station was evident when the next inspection was made, it would be necessary to take disciplinary measures which might effect his status in the service. When the station was inspected on November 17,1922 the station was found to be in poor condition, also that the keeper had not done any of the work laid out for him and ordered at previous inspection and also referred to in letter to keeper of December 22,1921. As shown by the enclosed report of inspection the closet and watchroom were cluttered; the foundation plates; railing; inside of tower and lantern needs scaling and painting; outside of tower needs scaling and retouching; windows need to be reputtied; both station boats badly in need of painting; fire extinguishers were not tagged and no record at station to show when last filled. In view of this condition of affairs charges of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders were addressed to the keeper under date of November 22,1922, to which he made brief reply under date of November 27,1922 stating that he has ailed and been very sick with lumbago and rheumatic pains for a considerable period of time. This reply to charges is necessarily unsatisfactory since the poor and neglected condition of station and matter of disobedience of orders has existed for a period of more than two years, or practically during the entire period that Mr.Clovin has been keeper of this station. As the station has been neglected during the entire incumbency of Mr.Clovin and as he has entirely ignored the instructions

given him on several occasions in regard to the matter of accomplishing work necessary to place the station in a satisfactory condition, the fact is selfevident that this keeper does not possess the necessary qualifications to satisfactorily perform the duties of his position and the maintain the light station in an efficient and creditable manner, and his continuance in the service for a further period would be detrimental to the interests of the service as has been the case heretofore during the period of his employment at this station.

3. It is recommended that Alphonse Clovin be dismissed from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31,1922.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2, Rule I, Civil Service Rules.

5. Mr.Clovin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lightnouses, Washington

DEC 11 1922

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Acting Commissioner.

None retained in Bureau

Approved by Dept. 12/15/22

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

Rec'd Dept. for approval
Jan. 4,1923

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

of employment" as
rec'd by 3rd

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Beds L.S.,N.J.
REFERENCE: Dept.letter Dec.15,1922.

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Jan 5

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst.Supt.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
January 5, 1923.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

1/5/23

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
DEC 17 1910
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TOMPKINSVILLE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(To be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty. The statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.)

1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs., and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Alphonse Clovis

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

Alphonse Clovis

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) West Bank (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3d (District.)

4. Position to which appointed 2d Ass't Lighthouse Keeper.

5. Compensation Seven Hundred & Eighty Dollars, per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries, L.H. Keepers

7. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination, ——, 191—;" or "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Ass't Light Keeper, examination Oct 10/10

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

Keansburg (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.) Monmouth (County.) 3 (Congressional district.)

9. When the legal residence given in answer to question 8 differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

(—)

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

11. Where were you born? Antwerp, Belgium

12. When were you born? October (Month.) 22d (Day.) 1870 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out May 2d 1892

New Orleans La. Civil Dist Court.

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs. A. Clovis (Name.) 55 Beachwood Ave. (Number and street.)

Keansburg (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? No

(If answer is "Yes," give in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.)

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
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		Department or office		

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

No.

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

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

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Baltimore	June 2d/1892	June 5/1898	Expiration of term.

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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

Alphonse Clavin
(Name.)

2d Asst Lighthouse Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Dec 16/1919

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

26. What, if any, civil-service examination have you passed?

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

Yes

Date, Dec 16, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Alphonse Clavin

P. O. Address: Keansburg
City or town.

55 Beachwood Ave
Number and street.

New Jersey
State or Territory.

(If appointee is to be employed in the field, this form should be reviewed and approved by the proper field officer and need not be signed by an official of the Bureau. If appointee is to serve in the District of Columbia, the form should be reviewed and approved by the proper Bureau officer. When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feby 12, 1920

(Signature)

(Official title)

23. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 18, 19, 20, 21.)

Steamfitter & Electrician

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

High school.

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

Mechanical.

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

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

Yes.

Date, Dec. 16, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) A. Dykstra Clarin

P. O. Address: Keansburg
City or town.

55 Beachwood Ave.
Number and street.

New Jersey.
State or Territory.

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Yes.

Date, Dec. 16, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Alphonse Clavin

P. O. Address: Kearnsburg
City or town.

55 Beechwood Ave.
Number and street.

New Jersey.
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Feby 12, 1920

(Signature)

(Official title)

May 13/20

Dear Sir,

Please answer by return mail.

From reliable information received, the Keeper of Great Beds Light Station is about to resign.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in above mentioned Station please consider me as a candidate.

The Lighthouse service appeals to me very much and I endeavor to make it a permanent home for my family and myself.

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D. Clowin
2d Assist
Lighthouse
Keeper.

But the West Bank
Light Station is not
a desirable one for
me.
I dispatched a list
of Stations to your office
on January 8/20 to
any of which I would
accept a transfer if
appointed
If in your opinion
the outlook of a speedy
transfer is not promising
please advise me of
the fact.
I beg you to consider
this letter, not as a
demand, but as a humble
request.

Respectfully
D. Clowin

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Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

May 17,1920

SUBJECT: Position of keeper at Great Beds Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 13,1920.

1. You are informed this office has no information in regard to t a vacancy in the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station. If there should be a vacancy in the future, your name will be given consideration for transfer thereto. Your attention is invited to the regulations which require that all official correspondence must be forwarded through the keeper of the station.

J. T. YATES

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Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

July 24,1920

SUBJECT: Return of Citizenship Papers.

1. Your Certificate of Naturalization forwarded with application for the position of keeper or assistant keeper, is returned to you herewith.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG

July 26,1920

Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

SUBJECT: Position as keeper or assistant keeper.
REFERENCE: Application blank.

1. Referring to your application filed in this office for the position of keeper or assistant keeper. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would accept the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Romer Shoal Lt.Sta. The total monthly pay is $98.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $65 per month, ration allowance of 45 cents per day, and temporary increase of $20 per month. State how soon you could report for duty if selected for this position.

For and in the absence of the Supt.,

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

July 27/20

Dear Sir.

I wish to advise you, that I decline to accept the position as 2d Ass't of Romer Shoal Lt Station; because in so remote a station it is impossible to do justice to my family in case of emergency, especially during the Winter months.

Respectfully,

A. Colin.

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE
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Jan. 11,1923

Chief Clerk
Voucher Clerk

Alphonse Clovin was dismissed from the position of keeper of Great Beds Lt.Sta.,effective at the close of ~~January 1923~~ Dec. 31,1922. He did not leave station until Jan.3,1923, and authority was obtained to cover his employment to that date. Pay him salary due for December,1922 and up and including Jan.3,1923, when property returns have been checked.

1st Asst.Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

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January 8, 1923.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Third Superintendent's letter of January 4, 1923, forwarded by the Bureau's endorsement of January 5, 1923, the Department has authorized the employment of Alphonse Clovin as keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, at $840 per annum, for the period from January 1 to January 3, 1923, inclusive.

By direction of the Secretary:

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Engr. Cons.
Mar Engr.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf Clk.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3rd Dupt.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Jan. 4,1923

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Beds L.S.,N.J.
REFERENCE: Dept.letter Dec.15,1922.

1. Referring to Department letter dated December 15,1922, addressed to Alphonse Clovin, dismissing him from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31,1922; The Bureau is advised that on account of the weather conditions last week Mr.Clovin's successor did not arrive at Great Beds Light Station to relieve him until January 3,1923. As Mr. Clovin's dismissal was effective at the close of December 31,1922 and as it was through no fault of his own that it was necessary for him to remain and care for the station until January 3,1923, it is recommended that Department authority be obtained to cover his employment as keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, for the period January 1st to January 3rd, inclusive, in order that he may be paid for that period.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Great Beds
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 3, 1923

To Superintendent.

I inform you that I have turned the Station over to Mr. Brunner on January 3/23.

Elphonse Clovin.
Keeper

Last day of Clovin Jan 3-1923

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FWO-JHB

Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station,
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Dec. 26,1922

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services.
REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 23,1922.

1. In reply to your letter dated Dec. 23,1922, you are advised that as your separation from the service issued by the authorities at Washington, is effective at the close of December 31,1922, it is not practicable to extend your period of service beyond that date.

2. Frank Brunner, 2nd Asst.Keeper of Penfield Reef Light Station has been selected for the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, and has been directed to relieve you at the close of December 31,1922. You will therefore turn over to Mr.Brunner on that date, the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

3. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Brunner.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Great Beds.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 23, 1922

To Superintendent.

I have just received your letter on Dec. 23/22. having been discharged from the service, and to take effect on Dec. 31st/22. Weather conditions have not permitted me to call for mail until this day. So please grant me a stay of time for 15 days from the date set, in order to move my belongings from Lighthouse reservation, which are many.

Hoping you will grant me the request I am

Respectfully
D. Clovin
Keeper.

FWO-JHC

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Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station.
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Dec. 19,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov.22nd and your reply Nov.27th.

1. Transmitting herewith is Department letter dated December 15,1922 dismissing you from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31st,1922, which will be your last day of service. You will be given further instructions later as to whom you are to turn the station over to.

2. Enclosed find three copies of Form 30, which you will fill out to show all the Government property under your charge at Great Beds Light Station. Hold these forms at the station until further orders.

Superintendent

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December 15, 1922.

Sir:

Charges of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, at $840 per annum, effective at the close of December 31, 1922.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Dec. 5, 1922

C. C.

V. C.

Do not pay Alphonse Clevin, Keeper of Great Beds Light Station, salary for month of December, until further orders.

1st Asst. Supt.

A. Clovin

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: Dec. 5,1922

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, Keeper, Great Bed L.S., N.J.

1. The following papers re Alphonse Clovin, keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, are enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of letter addressed to the keeper under date of Dec. 22,1921.
b - Copy of report of inspection of Great Beds Lt.Sta., made Nov. 17,1922.
c - Copy of letter of charges addressed to the keeper under date of Nov.22,1922.
d - Keeper's reply dated Nov.27,1922.

2. Mr.Clovin entered on duty as keeper at Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey on August 17,1920. The station was inspected on December 17, 1920, at which time the keeper was ordered to accomplish certain work to place the station in good condition. On December 20,1921 the station was inspected and it was found that the keeper had not done any of the work ordered at the previous inspection. He was at that time instructed to begin work at once and continue the work until the station was in first class condition, and by letter of December 22,1921 he was advised of the condition found at the inspection of Dec. 20,1921 and notified that unless a very material improvement in the condition of the station was evident when the next inspection was made, it would be necessary to take disciplinary measures which might effect his status in the service. When the station was inspected on November 17,1922 the station was found to be in poor condition, also that the keeper had not done any of the work laid out for him and ordered at previous inspection and also referred to in letter to keeper of December 22,1921. As shown by the enclosed report of inspection the closet and watchroom were cluttered; the foundation plates; railing; inside of tower and lantern needs scaling and painting; outside of tower needs scaling and retouching; windows need to be reputtied; both station boats badly in need of painting; fire extinguishers were not tagged and no record at station to show when last filled. In view of this condition of affairs charges of neglect of duty and disobedience of orders were addressed to the keeper under date of November 22,1922, to which he made brief reply under date of November 27,1922 stating that he has ailed and been very sick with lumbago and rheumatic pains for a considerable period of time. This reply to charges is necessarily unsatisfactory since the poor and neglected condition of station and matter of disobedience of orders has existed for a period of more than two years, or practically during the entire period that Mr.Clovin has been keeper of this station. As the station has been neglected during the entire incumbency of Mr.Clovin and as he has entirely ignored the instructions

given him on several occasions in regard to the matter of accomplishing work necessary to place the station in a satisfactory condition, the fact is selfevident that this keeper does not possess the necessary qualifications to satisfactorily perform the duties of his position and the maintain the light station in an efficient and creditable manner, and his continuance in the service for a further period would be detrimental to the interests of the service as has been the case heretofore during the period of his employment at this station.

3. It is recommended that Alphonse Clovin be dismissed from the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of December 31,1922.

4. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2, Rule I, Civil Service Rules.

5. Mr.Clovin has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

J. T. Yates

COPY

Great Beds

November 27,1922

To Superintendents

In answer to your letter dated November 22/22 I can state that I have ailed, and been very sick with lumbago and rheumatic pains, for a considerable period of time.

(Sgd.) A. Clovin,

Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station,
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Nov. 22,1922

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged with neglect of duty and disobedience of orders in that by letter of December 22,1921 you were advised as follows:-

"At an inspection of Great Beds Light Station on Dec.20,1921"
"it was found that practically no work had been done on the "
"upkeep of the station, such as cleaning, painting, scaling "
"etc.,since you have been at the station. You are advised "
"that a continuation of this condition and neglect of duty "
"on your part as keeper of the station will not be tolerated"
"and you are directed to take immediate steps to place the "
"station in a thoroughly efficient condition throughout.Un- "
"less a very material improvement in the condition of the "
"station is evident when the next inspection is made, it "
"will be necessary for this office to take disciplinary "
"measures which may effect your status in the Lighthouse "
"Service." "

2. When your station was inspected on Nov.17,1922 the station was found to be in poor condition in that the foundation plates, railing inside of tower and lantern, needed scaling and painting; outside of tower needed scaling and painting; windows required reputtying; both station boats badly in need of scraping and painting, little or no attempt having been made to do the work ordered when the station was inspected on Dec.20, 1921 and as directed by letter of Dec.22,1921.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 61

REPORT OF INSPECTION OF LIGHT STATION OR DEPOT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWC-JHC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1922, 19

1. Name of aid, Great Beds Lt.Sta., N.J.
2. Inspected by R. G. Lamb, Asst.Supt. on Nov. 17, 1922, 19
3. Does aid conform in characteristic and description to official lists? Yes
4. Is the aid in efficient condition and does it function properly? Yes
   (a) Light. Yes.
   (b) Fog signal. Yes.
   (c) ----------
5. Is the station in clean and orderly condition? Yes, except as noted.
6. Is the station in proper state of repair as to—
   (a) Work that can be done by the keepers? No.
   (b) Work that can not be done by the keepers? No.
7. Is the efficiency and the general conduct of the keepers satisfactory? No.
8. Remarks.—Give further information as may be necessary relative to negative answers to questions 3 to 7. Mention should be made of all important facts concerning the station.

5. Closet and watchroom cluttered.
6. (a) Foundation plates, railing, tower inside and lantern need scaling and painting. Outside of tower needs scaling and retouching, windows need to be reputtied. Both boats badly in need of paint. Keeper has chipped paint off rail but has not red leaded them and they are rusting badly. Fire extinguishers were not tagged nor could be found in Journal when filled.
   (b) New landing ladder needed.
7. Keeper states he is on the go all the time scrubbing and cleaning. Inspected station Nov.17,1922. Station in poor condition. Keeper has not done any of the things laid out for him at previous inspection. Keeper referred to inspection of Dec.20,1921 as to work to be done at once. Boat to be scraped and painted. Paintwork throughout needs to be scraped and painted. Closets cluttered. Windows to be reputtied. Keeper does not know characteristic of fog bell. Fire extinguishers to be refilled once a year and tagged the date filled. New boat to be painted.

COMMENTS REPRIMAND IF SO, WHY

No
Yes

9. Rating of station and keepers:

SCALE.		STATION.	Per cent.	1st ASST.	Per cent.
Excellent,	100	Cleanliness,	60	Neatness,	
Good,	90	Orderliness,	70	Conduct,	
Average,	80	Operation,	60	Efficiency,	
Fair,	70	KEEPER.	Per cent.	2d ASST.	Per cent.
Poor,	60	Neatness,	60	Neatness,	
Very poor,	50	Conduct,	60	Conduct,	
		Efficiency,	60	Efficiency,	

Not in uniform

*For the fact the keeper has not done the work laid out for him at the previous inspection necessary for the maintenance of the station.

(Sgd.) R. G. Lamb
Asst.Supt.

December 5, 1922, 19

Forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses for his information.

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Superintendent

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Alphonse Clovin, Keeper,
Great Beds Light Station,
C/O Ferry House,
Perth Amboy, N. J.

Dec. 22,1921

SUBJECT: Condition of Great Beds Light Station.

1. At an inspection of Great Beds Light Station on December 20,1921 it was found that practically no work had been done on the upkeep of the station, such as cleaning, scaling, painting, etc., since you have been at the station. You are advised that a continuation of this condition and neglect of duty on your part as keeper of the station will not be tolerated, and you are directed to take immediate steps to place the station in a thoroughly efficient condition throughout. Unless a very material improvement in the condition of the station is evident when the next inspection is made, it will be necessary for this office to take disciplinary measures which may effect your status in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Per

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
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Keansburg Aug 18 - 1920

Mrs. Yates.

My husband Mr. Clowin did not get your letter till late on the 16 so he left early on the 17. Saying he has reached there

Respectfully
Mrs A Clowin

55 Beachway

Keansburg
N.J.

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 46048

INSURED PARCEL

PERTH AMBOY, N.J. NOV 23 4 30 PM. 1922

No. _____

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NOV 24 1922

Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

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State _____

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RETURN RECEIPT.

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

X [signature]

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, [illegible], *192*

Form 3811

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R- Great Beds

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No. 16648

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Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry.

POSTMASTER

Per

Postmark clearly, showing date and office.

Form 3806. 05—6852

Charges—
11/22/22 Alphonse Olivia
R- Great Bells

Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. 93

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Jan 17, 1930 (Place and date), 191

SEND TO Alphonse Clovin

55 Beechwood Avenue

Keansburg N J

Telegraph when you expect to relieve keeper of Great Beds Light

YATES

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

J. T. YATES (Name)

Supt. 3rd L. H. District (Title)

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

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FWO-JHG

Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

Aug.14,1920

SUBJECT: Position as keeper of Great Beds Light Station.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Aug.2,1920.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 10,1920 appointing you to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station and relieve the present keeper, Ellsworth J. Smith, at the close of August 16,1920, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his charge, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you take charge of Great Beds Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

August 10, 1920.

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Mr Alphonse Clovin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. ____) issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ellsworth J. Smith.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.
3rd district

(See reverse side.)

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FWO-JHG

Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

August 2,1920

SUBJECT: Position as keeper of Great Beds Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 28,1920

1. You are advised you have been to-day nominated for appointment to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will be required about August 17,1920.

J. T. YATES

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses Aug. 2,1920

SUBJECT: Nomination, Alphonse Clovin, keeper.

1. Referring to Form 73 forwarded to the Bureau to-day through the District Secretary recommending the probationary appointment of Alphonse Clovin to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station, New Jersey, effective August 17,1920, vice Ellsworth J. Smith, transferred.

2. Mr.Clovin was employed as 2nd Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York, from November 1,1919 to July 15,1920, when he resigned. On January 29,1920 he was reprimanded on account of absence from duty without leave, but subsequent to that his services were satisfactory up to the time he resigned, and his appointment to the position of keeper of Great Beds Light Station is therefore recommended. No employed of District had requested transfer to this position.

J. T. YATES

Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville (City.) N. Y. Aug. 2, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Alphonse Clovin

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840. p.a.

Location, Great Beds Lt.Sta.,N.J.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 17,1920 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 87.2 , Other eligibles considered:

None

Previous incumbent, Ellsworth J.Smith Services terminated, Aug.16,1920

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Quarters are provided for family of keeper at this station.

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

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Mess

Secretary. J. T. Yates

Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

July 28/20

Per

Dear Sir.

I will accept the position as Keeper of Great Beds L.H. Sta. and I am ready to report for duty on Tuesday August 3/20.

Respectfully

Alphonse Clotin

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. JUL 30 1920 PENSACOLA, FLA.

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FWO-JHG

Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Ave.,
Keansburg, N.J.

July 27,1920

SUBJECT: Position as Keeper of Great Beds Lt.Sta.

1. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for the position of keeper of Great Beds Lt.Sta. The total monthly pay is $103.50 consisting of base pay of$70.00 per month, ration allowance of 45 cents per day and temporary increase of $20 per month. Quarters are provided for family of keeper. There is no assistant keeper. This light is located off shore in Raritan Bay. The light is a 4th order oil, and the fog signal a bell struck by machinery. State how soon you could report for duty if selected for this position.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst.Supt.

VC- B. Entd 8/10/20

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

West Banks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 16, 1920.

Superintendent

Sir.

Alphonse Clovin 2nd Asst Keeper at this station completed his duties at 12 mid-night of July 15 and left this station on July 16 at 8 a.m.

Daniel F. McCourt
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST.
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THIRD DISTRICT

West Banks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 16, 1920

1-17 Clovin waiting down stairs for check - Is it OK to pay him? OK Ede. Pay [illegible]

Sec Superintendent

Sir.

The duties of Alphonso Clovin efficient here July 15, 1920 at midnight and he left this station at 8 a.m. of today.

Samuel McCourt
Keeper.

Alphonso Clovin
780 - AK.

7/1-15

Per Watchman 8/2 Ave 8/1/20

To Superintendent.

Kindly inform me whether
Or not I am selected as Keeper
Of Great Beds Light Station,
Thanking you in advance for
your favor I am

Respectfully.
D. Clarke.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

(73)

LIGHT
JUN 19 1920
HOUSES

June 17, 1920.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on July 15, 1920.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service

Station..... West Bank Light Station, N. Y.

Position..... Keeper

Salary..... $780. per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

3rd district
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FWO-JHG

Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst.Keeper, June 11,1920
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Sta.,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter (undated) received this day.

1. Your letter, without date, resigning your position as 2nd Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, has been received and forwardedto Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of July 15,1920.

J. T. YATES.

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COPY

West Bank

June 1920

Dear Sir:

I the undersigned herewith send in my resignation to take effect on July 15,1920 ~~it~~ unless the opportunity of a one man station presents itself on or before the date herein stated. Application for a transfer is on file in your office since Jan.8,1920.

Very respectfully yours,
Alphonse Clovin
2nd Asst.Keeper

Daniel F.McCoart
Keeper

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., June 11, 1920 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Alphonse Clovin Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New Jersey Station, West Bank Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Salary, $780.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of July 15, 1920

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

Remarks:

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Mess Jo

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Daniel F. McCoart, Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

April 2,1920

SUBJECT: Probation of Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Alphonse Clovin, Second Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, will expire on April 30,1920. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE DIST. OCT 7 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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Through
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THIRD DISTRICT

West Bouchon,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 7, 1920

Superintendent

Sir:—

The service of Alphonse Clerin has been satisfactory and I consider him competent to receive a permanent appointment,

Sincerely Yours
Daniel F. McCourt
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JEH-MAB

February 5, 1920.

Alphonse Clovin.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. Referring to your indorsement of January 29, 1920, forwar[illegible] copy of letter of reprimand addressed to Alphonse Clovin, Second Assistant Keeper, West Bank Light Station.

2. You are requested to submit further report with recommendati[illegible] in this case at the expiration of six months.

(Signed) J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
WJL:SS Tompkinsville, N.Y. July 29th, 1920.

Returned to Commissioner.

Alphonse Clovin, Second Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station resigned on July 15th, 1920. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st. Asst. Supt.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 31 1920

Returned approved.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses, and refer to date of this letter and file No.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. FEB 11 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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F. W. OCKENFELS

1st. Asst. Supt.

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FWO:JSW

January 29, 1920

SUBJECT: Alphonse Clovin, 2d ass't keeper West Bank light station - absence from duty.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner of Lighthouses, for information contained.

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FWO:JSW

January 29, 1920

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,
2d Ass't Keeper, West Bank Light Station,
(Through the Keeper)
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office of January 6th and your reply of January 8, 1920.

1. Your explanation in regard to your absence from West Bank Light Station from December 23, 1919 to January 1, 1920, cannot be considered as satisfactory. The keeper of the station being absent on leave and there being only yourself and the 1st ass't keeper at the station on December 23rd, you should not have left the station on that date except in case of actual emergency, which did not exist according to the facts submitted. Your letter of January 8th states that you were sent after mail on December 23rd by the 1st ass't keeper, whereas the 1st ass't keeper specifically denies that he sent you ashore on December 23rd, and in view of the fact that the weather was foggy at the time this office is not disposed to believe that the 1st ass't keeper would request you to go ashore and he remain alone in the station with the then existing weather conditions. It is also to be noted that although you were absent from the station from December 23rd to January 1st you failed to advise this office or the keeper of the station of your whereabouts, reason for absence, or information as to when you expected to return to duty, and such information was not obtained until the 1st ass't keeper had reported your prolonged absence and inquiry was made by this office by telegram.

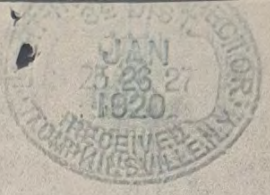
2. You are hereby reprimanded for the action taken by you in this instance, as described above, which reprimand will form a part of your official history in the Lighthouse Service. You are further advised that a repetition of this character will not be tolerated and will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J T YATES

Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January 22, 1920

Inspector

In Reguards to 2 Asst Alphonse Clovin I would like to say that I did not send him ashore on the 23 of Dec. He asked me if he Could go ashore and I gave him permission to go he took two letters for me and mailed them.
My reason for not refusing the officer was that it was foggy and I was afraid he was lost. Not that I wanted to make any Charges against the 2 Asst

Frank K. Niblett
1 Asst West Bank Lt Sta

Samuel F. McCourt
Keeper.

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FWO:JSW

January 20, 1920.

Mr. Frank K. Niblett,
1st Ass't Keeper (Through the Keeper)
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 2d Ass't Keeper Clovin.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office January 9th.

You are requested to make reply to letter from this office of January 9th, without further delay.

J T YATES

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FWO/EJC.

January 9th, 1920.

Frank K.Niblett, 1st Asst.Kpr.,
(Through the Keeper),
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of 2d A sst.Keeper Clovin.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated December 25th, 1919.

1. This office understands from your letter of December 25th that you did not order Second Asst. Keeper Clovin to go ashore on the morning of December 23rd with mail, but that you advised him not to go ashore on account of the fog. Second Asst. Keeper Clovin claims that you sent him ashore on December 23rd, and has stated that he would not have gone ashore if you had not instructed him to do so.

2. Advise this office by return mail definitely whether you instructed Clovin to go ashore for mail on December 23rd, or whether you merely granted him permission to go ashore for mail.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent.

Tompkinsville,N.Y., Jan.9th, 1920.

Copy forwarded to Daniel F.McCoart,Keeper,West Bank Lt. Sta., for information contained, together with copy of charges addressed to 2d Asst.Kpr.,Clovin on Jan.6th, and copy of his reply dated Jan.8th.

You are directed to see that both Asst.Keepers at your Station thoroughly understand that when one of the three Keepers is absent from the Station, neither one of the remaining two Keepers are to leave the Station until the third keeper returns, except in case of an actual emergency.

J.T.YATES.

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COPY-EJC.

Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service,
West Bank Light Station, Jan.8th, 1920.

Dear Sir:-

I was sent after mail on Dec.23rd, 1920 by 1st Asst. Keeper Mr. F.Niblett. A dense fog set in when about half way, and I could not see shore nor Lighthouse. The wind shifted and I was caught in an ice flow, losing control of the boat so that finally I landed in Keansburg, and the strain on my wrists and knees disabled me so that I had to retire to bed, and did not leave it until the day I rowed back to the Lighthouse January 1, 1920.

Mr. Chas. Redfern, Lighthouse Keeper of Point Comfort Light Station assisted me to reach shore at Keansburg. I sent a letter to the office on December 24th to explain the case and my whereabouts.

Respectfully,

Signed- Alphonse Clovin.
2d Asst. Keeper.

V.C. 1

January 8,1920

Pay 2nd Asst.Keeper Clevin of West Bank up to and including December 23rd.

Hold balance of December pay and all of January pay until matter of charges is settled.

JHG

Dated
& Keeper Subscribed

Pay from Jan. 1 OK
Cook 1/5/20.

V. C.

Holdup pay Comm

2d Asst U. Bank for Dec.

See me Jan 5-

Paid for
1-23 Dec

Oct 1/2/20

A. Clonn Holdup Warrant

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service.
West Bank Light Station
January 8/1920

(23)

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Respectfully
Alphonse Clabin
2d Assistant Keeper.

Recd; no record of such a letter JWG

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JAN 8 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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THIRD DISTRICT

West Banks
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 5, 1920

Superintendent,

Sir:

I have questioned 2nd Asst Clerk in regard to his being absent from this station for a period of nine days without leave and the trouble seemed to be that he was caught in a fog and also the wind shifted and instead of him making Staten Island he brought up on the Keansburg shore in an icefield and had to be assisted out of it by the Light house Keeper at that place.

I also understand he injured his wrist and knee in crawling over the ice and was unable to return the following day on account of the pain of both but did return as soon as he thought he was able to pull over here.

Yours truly,

Daniel C. McCourt
Keeper.

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1-6-1920

Alphonse Clovin

2 a K - West Bank

Charges

RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED ARTICLE

Registered at the Post Office Indicated in Postmark

No. 46861

Class postage .....

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry.

POSTMASTER,

Per .....

Form 3806.

ENTERPRISE, N. Y. JAN 6 1920

Postmark clearly, showing date and office

RETURN RECEIPT.

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

A Clovin

(Signature or name of addressee.)

D. McCourt

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 1/8, 1920

Form 3811

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Jan. 6,1920
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Light Station,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Charges, re absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Letter from 1st Asst.Keeper Niblett of Dec.25,1919.

1. You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as Second Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, New York, without leave, you having been sent ashore for mail on December 25,1919, and having failed to return to your station up to December 31,1919, the date on which this office was advised of your absence. You are also charged with violation of the regulations in regard to leave in that you failed to notify this office or the keeper of West Bank Light Station of the reason of your absence or the probable date on which you would return to your station.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

1-5-20

1st Asst

all three Keepers were there on Jan 3d & man from Myrtle was brought back to D & 10 of

West Bank Rd

Stop there bak & rec'd
thing one OK —
2d draft per Carpenter Sanders
returned today Jan 2 —
Ok.



all O.K. Jan 3, 1920
Yours truly

Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. _____ (75)

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (Place and date) December 3 1920, 191

SEND TO Alphonso Clovin

55 Beechwood Avenue,

Ruenburg, N J

Telegraph date you intend returning West Bank and reason for absence since December twenty third

YATES

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

J.T. YATES
(Name)
Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.
(Title)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

West Bank Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 25th, 1919

Inspector

Sir. I will try and gett this mail to you you soon as I Can. I am out on this Station alone the Keeper is home on leave. And the 2d Ast Alphons Clovin went ashore for mail on the Morning of the 23d and has not returned I dont know if he went home to Keansburg or not. I gave him two letters to mail for me. But I told him that he better not go on account of fog saw he insisted apon going took the Coumpass with him. When he Came arround on the South side he hollowed to me something about going home. Could not understand him for the fog horn was blowing It was Calm and very light wind. I dont understand it. I am near Crazy I wish you would take me away from here if only a Couple of days till I can Quiet my nerves send some one soon as you Can dont waite. I Cant stand this. 1st Asst Frank H. Nilbett
West Bank

DEC 4 1919 9 AM

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT DEC 4 1919 HOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1919.

Mr. Alphonse Clovin,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (November 1, 1919)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank K. Niblett.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.
3rd

(See reverse side.)

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Form 73 JHC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) November 4, 1919 (Date.), 191

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

Name, Alphonse Clovin

Legal residence, New Jersey

Position, Keeper

Salary, $780 p.a.

Location, West Bank Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1, 1919 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.0 Other eligibles considered: Isadore Rosenbluh D (Name restored to register) Robert M. Magelin PH (Name removed from register) George T. Gardiner A. John Schmitt A.

Previous incumbent, Frank K. Niblett Services terminated, Oct. 30, 1919

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on Nov. 1, 1919 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employes of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. No. 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only to stations where family quarters are provided. Nos. 2, 6 and 7 will accept appointment only to certain specified stations.

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

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J. T. YATES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Mess

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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Keepers letter Nov 1-1919
states Clovin entered
on duty Nov 1-1919

10/22/19

Mr. Yates.

I received your letter
Notifying me of my
Appointment as 2d Asst
Keeper of the West Bank
Lighthouse.
I will report for duty on
Thursday October 30/19.

Respectfully:
Alphonse Clovin.
55- Beachwood Ave.
Keansburg. N.J.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
OCT 22 23
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Alphonse Clovin,
55 beachwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

Oct. 21,1919

SUBJECT: Position as 2nd Asst.Keeper, West Bank Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.16,1919.

1. Referring to your letter dated Oct.16,1919 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd assistant keeper of West Bank Light Station.

2. You are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The keeper's name and address is Daniel F. McCoart, Tompkinsville, N.Y. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to report for duty.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Oct. 21,1919

Copy forwarded, for his information, to keeper of West Bank Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Clovin reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper of West Bank Light Station.

Frank K.Niblett has been promoted from the position of 2nd Asst.keeper to 1st Asst.Keeper of West Bank, and will be taken up as having entered on duty in that position on October 21 1919. Advise Niblett to that effect.

J. T. YATES.

JHG

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

(73)

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.

Alphonse Clovin,
55 Beachwood Ave.,
Kearnsburg, N. J.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1919.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of West Bank Light Station, located off shore in New York Lower Bay.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Salary: $98.50 per month, consisting of base pay of $65. p.m., ration allowance $13.50 p.m., & temporary increase of $20. per annum month to June 30, 1920.

Quarters: for keepers, bur not for keeper's family. Family quarters can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range, bedding kitchen utensils, and dishes.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Rations: Commutation of rations at the rate of 45 cents per day will be paid in addition to, as stated above.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 8 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

At any date.

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

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

(Signature) Alphonse Clovin

Date 10/16/19

(Post-office address) 55 Beachwood Ave
Kearnsburg, N.J.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Nov. 17,1919

Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
West Bank Lt.Sta.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

1446

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light-Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28,1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No.187, dated May 21,1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28,1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHG

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

Daniel F. McCoart .....Keeper

Nov. 6, 1919

West Bank .....Light Station,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. .....

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper....Alphonse Clovin....., and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in (Country or State) Antwerp Belgium.

Age....48.....

Height....5.....feet..4 3/4..inches

Weight..150...pounds

Color of hair...Brown...

Color of eyes..Blue...

Distinguishing marks...Scar on left wrist and one on forehead.....

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Daniel F. McCoart Keeper

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT-KEEPERS

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, Nov. 17, 1919, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,

Stapleton, N. Y.

SIR:

Please examine Alphonse Clovin, 2nd Asst. Keeper, West Bank Light Station.

nativity, Belgium; age, 48; height, 5 feet, 4-3/4 inches;

weight, 150 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, Scar on left wrist and one on forehead.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Lighthouse Inspector.

1st Asst. Supt., 3rd District

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

B

Witnessed by Keeper, West Bank Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

11—5999

11 yrs.
Pers. Let me see appl.
Mine received

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR. 3D DIST. SEP 12 1919 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

9/1/19

Dear Sir:

Please inform me about mi standing on the eligible list.

I have filed an application as assistant Lighthouse keeper about three weeks hence.

Thanking you in advance for your favor I remain

Yours Respectfully

J. D. Clovin

55 Beechwood Ave.

Keansburg. N. J.

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Sept. 16,1919

Mr. A. Clovis,
55 Beechwood Avenue,
Keansburg, N. J.

SUBJECT: Application for position of keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter of September 2,1919.

1. You are advised that this office has no record of ever having received from you an application for the position of assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service. If you will fill out the enclosed application blank and forward same to this office, your name will be given consideration for any vacancies which may occur.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent