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

Date: 12/23/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213 2026 JAN 2 16.00
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Cooper, Thornton, K. endrick ?		1879 GA

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: 1939 FL Feb 22

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 (TX)

From:	To:
1931	1939

(Agency & Location) 1932-38

From:	To:
1938-39	

(Agency & Location)

From:	To:

3 folders

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date: /

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-00068064?

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s): ordered 1/9/26 - on Acc. Search spreadsheet

Remarks: Need Service #
~~No match by name in reg or BIRLS~~ It's Lighthouse

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

WJB:LEC
Incl.

March 14, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. - Deceased.

There is transmitted herewith for settlement by the General Accounting Office voucher in favor of Paul H. Cooper and W. A. Roberts, Executors of the estate of Thornton K. Cooper, deceased, in the amount of $95.33, being salary due for the period February 1 to 22, inclusive, 1939. Standard Form 1055, together with letters testamentary, is attached to the voucher.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

VOUCHER NO. _____

D. O. SYMBOL NO. _____

PAY ROLL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES—SHORT FORM

(EMPLOYEES ON ANNUAL SALARY BASIS)

EL

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT ---- Department of Commerce.

BUREAU, DIVISION, OR OFFICE ---- Lighthouse Service.

LOCATION ---- New Orleans, La.

APPROPRIATION: ----

1390703 Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1939.

PAID BY

(For use of Paying Office)

	AMOUNT	NOTATIONS
For services of officers and employees during the period from February 1, 1939., 192 to February 22, 1939., 192, as stated in "Gross amount earned" column (exclusive of allowances not charged to appropriations)	$ 95.33	
Differences		
Account verified; correct for _____ (Signature or initials)	$ 95.33	

*I certify that the within pay roll, in 1 pages, is correct; that it appears from the records of my office that the persons named thereon were legally appointed, and each has performed the services required by law and regulation during the period mentioned; that such services, except as otherwise indicated in the column of "Remarks," have been performed under my supervision; that no person whose name appears on the within pay roll is paid for any period of absence in excess of that allowed by law; that deductions have been made from the compensation of all employees against whom charges have accrued during the period of the pay roll, and that the determined reasonable value of allowances furnished in kind is stated in every case.

(MEMORANDUM—Do not sign)

* APPROVED FOR $ 95.33

I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, each employee whose final payment is indicated on this pay roll is not in any manner indebted to the United States; that all transportation requests and Government property for which the employee is responsible have been returned or properly accounted for, including any breakage charged; and that there are no outstanding General Accounting Office disallowances or exceptions in disbursing officers' accounts covering any prior payments to the employee.

_____ *
(Signature)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
(Official title)

*This certificate must be made by the officer in charge of the bureau, division, or office. If the ability to certify and authority to approve are combined in one person, one signature only is necessary; otherwise, the approving officer will sign in the blank space below "Approved for $_____" and over his official title.

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Standard Form 1013c
FORM APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL U. S.
February 11, 1927

PAGE No. 1

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PAY ROLL FOR PERSONAL SERVICES—SHORT FORM

(EMPLOYEES ON ANNUAL SALARY BASIS)

Department of Commerce. (Department or establishment) Lighthouse Service. (Bureau, division, or office) New Orleans, La. (Location)

(Name and designation of disbursing officer) Period from February 1, 1939, 192 , to February 22, 1939 92

MEMORANDUM

No.	Name, Grade, Designation, and Total Salary Rate	Gross Amount Earned	Deductions: Retirement	Deductions: Other	Net Amount Paid	Memorandum Do Not Sign	Remarks
		$	$	$	$	Check No. Date.	
1	Paul H. Cooper and W. A. Roberts, Executors of the Estate of Thornton K. Cooper, deceased.						
2							
3	Allowance Class Value	Gross Earned	Deduction Qrs.				
4	$1560A 22/30 95.33 qrs. 14.66	109.99	14.66		95.33		
5	Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at Cape St. George Lighthouse, Fla.						
6	Date of death, February 22, 1939.						
7	Form #1055 attached.						
8	The deceased employee was paid for period January 1-31, 1939, on pay roll Vchr. No. 14-39398 (23407.) See Schedule of Disbursements No. 203, dated Feb. 3, 1939.						
9	Had he survived the full February, 1939, period he would have been paid on pay roll Vchr. No. 14-44864 (23678.)						
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Remarks: All deductions to be clearly and fully explained, together with such other facts as may affect pay status. Appointments, transfers, promotions, demotions, separations, and other changes affecting pay status to be noted in this column, including periods of service varying from the full period of the roll. Signature by mark must be attested by one disinterested witness with address.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—10636

Standard Form No. 1055
Form approved by Comptroller General U. S.
December 2, 1932

NOTICE.—Read carefully instructions on back before executing this application.

DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 10 1939

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE DECEASED OR INCOMPETENT CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN THE MILITARY SERVICE, AND PUBLIC CREDITORS OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Franklin } ss:

Amounts due from the United States in excess of $500 (except certain United States Veterans Administration claims) may be paid only to the legally appointed executor or administrator of the estate of the decedent, or as may be ordered by the Court. In case of incompetency, all amounts due must be paid to the guardian or committee of the estate of the incompetent, or as may be ordered by the Court.

1. I, W. A. Roberts, being duly sworn, say that I am residing at _____ (Street address) city of Apalachicola, county of Franklin, and State of Florida, however, I am Keeper at St. Joseph Point Range Light Station, at Port St. Joe, Florida, and that on the 22nd day of February, 1939, Thornton K. Cooper (Name of decedent or incompetent) had his (His or her) personal domicile in and was a resident of the city of Apalachicola, county of Franklin, and State of Florida, and on said date died testate (Died testate or died intestate or was declared incompetent)

2. That at the time of his (His or her) decease or incompetency he (He or she) was connected with the United States as follows:

Light-House Keeper on St. George's Island in Franklin County, Florida

(If civilian employee, active or retired, give name of department or establishment and bureau or office; if an officer or enlisted man, active, retired, or pensioned, in Army, give rank and organization, or if in Navy or Marine Corps, give rank, vessel or station and serial number; if public creditor, give connection)

3. That at the time of his (His or her) decease or incompetency there remained due and unpaid to him (Him or her) from the United States the sum of Ninety-five Dollars and thirty-three Cents ($95.33), for the payment of which application is hereby made.

4. That at the time of his (His or her) decease or incompetency there existed the following-described unpaid official checks and/or warrants, drawn to his (His or her) order as payee, and for the payment of which application is hereby made:

Check or Warrant No.	By Whom Drawn	Symbol No.	Amount	
			Dollars	Cents
	For salary as Keeper for the period			
	of February 1 to 22, inclusive, 1939.		95	33
		Total,		

5.* That I am the legally appointed Executors and Paul H. Cooper, of 16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, N. J. (Executor, administrator, guardian, or committee) of the estate of decedent or incompetent, as appears from the certificate of the County Judge's Court, county of Franklin, State of Florida, herewith, taken out in the interest of _____ (Give name, address, and relationship of interested relative or creditor)

Beneficiary named in the decedent's last will and testament.

or—

6.* That the decedent left no assets subject to administration, except the sum or sums above claimed to be due from the United States and _____ (List other assets left by decedent and give approximate value)

that there has been no administration upon such estate and if this claim is paid no administration will be required, and that the answers to the following questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(a) What was your relationship to the intestate? _____
(State whether widow, husband, child, grandchild, father, mother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, child of deceased brother or sister of the whole or half blood nephew, or niece)

(b) Have the funeral expenses been paid? _____

(c) If so, by whom, and state amount? _____

(d) Was payment made out of funds belonging to the estate of the intestate? _____

(e) If not, was payment made by you out of your own personal funds? _____ **(The receipted itemized bill of the undertaker must be attached hereto.)**

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*In case of testacy, intestacy with administration of estate, or incompetency, fill out paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (*f*) when applicable, omitting remainder of paragraph 6 and the affidavit of corroborating witnesses.
In case of intestacy without administration of estate, fill out paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 (*a–i*) when applicable, and the affidavit of corroborating witnesses, omitting paragraph 5.

(f) If the intestate left a surviving widow, husband, child, or child of a deceased child, enter below the name of each and relationship to the intestate, together with the name of deceased child of the intestate who was the parent of surviving grandchildren.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE

(g) If the intestate is survived by parents, enter below the name of each; if one parent is deceased, so state; if the surviving father has abandoned the support of his family, so state.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE

(h) If the intestate left a brother or sister of the whole or half blood, or child of a deceased brother or sister of the whole or half blood, enter below the name of each and relationship to the intestate, together with the name of deceased brother or sister of the intestate of the whole or half blood who was the parent of surviving nieces and nephews.

NAME OF SURVIVOR	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP TO INTESTATE

(i) Have you received the benefit of any exemption or allowance from the estate of the deceased; and if so, to what extent?

All funeral expenses have already been paid by the executors of the decedent's estate, from the estate.

(j) State any additional facts on which you base your claim to any amount or amounts found due:

I base the claim only under the terms of the will and by appointment from the County Judge's Court, Franklin County, Florida.

(I ASK THAT PAYMENT BE MADE TO: PAUL H. COOPER AND W.A.ROBERTS,EXECUTORS)

(Signature by mark must be witnessed)

(Signature of applicant)

(Signature by mark must be witnessed)

W. A. Roberts
Executor

(Signature of applicant)

Also personally appeared before me _____ and _____

both of _____, county of _____, State of _____,

who, being duly sworn, say that they were well acquainted with the above-named _____
(Name of decedent or incompetent)

and with _____ family and affairs; that they are well acquainted with _____
(His or her)

the applicant herein; that they have read the statements made by the applicant in the foregoing affidavit and that such statements are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

_____ _____
(Sign here)

_____ _____
(Signatures by mark must be witnessed) (Sign here)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by applicant and corroborating witness at Apalachicola, Florida,

this 8th day of March, 19 39

[SEAL]

Jay A. Shuler
Notary Public.

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires Mar. 4, 1941

READ CAREFULLY

Amounts due to the estates of deceased creditors of the United States are payable primarily to the executors or administrators of the estates of such creditors. In each such case a short certificate of letters testamentary or of administration, if issued, with a showing whether still in force and effect, and this application signed by the executor or administrator, shall be submitted to the proper official.

If an executor or administrator has not been and will not be appointed and an amount not in excess of $500 is due the estate of a deceased creditor of the United States, the amount due may be paid to the person or persons who under the laws of the domicile of the decedent or an applicable Federal statute would be entitled to receive the money if administration were had. In such case this form of application should be executed by such person or persons and submitted to the proper official.

In case of an *incompetent* creditor, a short certificate showing the appointment and qualification of a guardian or committee of the estate of the incompetent, whether bond, if required, has been given, and whether appointment is still in force and effect, and application on this form for the payment of the sum or sums from the United States, signed by the guardian or committee, shall be submitted to the proper official.

Payments to be made on this form are for the convenience and accommodation of the claimants and the burden of proving the existence of the conditions under which such payments may be made rests upon them.

10—1844 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1933

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE

SITTING AS A COURT OF PROBATE IN AND FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA.

In re: Estate of

THORNTON K.COOPER,
deceased.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas, THORNTON K.COOPER,late of the County aforesaid, died on the 22nd. day of February 1939, leaving his last will and testament, which was duly admitted to probate and recorded in this court on the 27th. day of February 1939; and,

Whereas, Paul H.Cooper and W.A.Roberts, the executors named in said will, are entitled to letters testamentary thereon and they have taken the prescribed oath as required by law and have performed all other acts necessary to their legal qualifications as such executors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Sawyer, County Judge in and for the county aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority by law in me vested, do hereby declare the said Paul H.Cooper and W.A.Roberts to be duly qualified under the laws of the State of Florida to act as executors of said last will and testament, with full power, to administer according to law, under the terms of said will, all of the property of said THORNTON K. COOPER: TO ASK; demand, sue for,recover, and receive the same; to pay the debts of said deceased as far as the assetts of said estate will admit and the law direct, and to make distribution of said estate according to law,under the terms of said will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the county judge's court of the county aforesaid, at Apalachicola,Franklin County,Florida, this 27th. day of February 1939.

William Sawyer
County Judge,Franklin County,Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached instrument is a true copy of the Letters Testamentary issued to Paul H.Cooper and W.A.Roberts and the same are duly recorded in the Book of Wills #3 page 232 of the public records of Franklin County, Florida.

FURTHER, that the above mentioned letters are still in full force and effect.

Given under my hand and official seal this 8th. day of March A.D.1939

William J Sawyer

County Judge of Franklin County, Florida.

WJB:LEC

March 2, 1939

W. A. Roberts, Keeper,
St. Joseph Point Range Light Station
P. O. Box 55
Port St. Joe, Fla.

1. With reference to your letter of February 28, 1938, advising that you were named in the will of T. K. Cooper to receive his estate, etc., you are advised that there was due Keeper Cooper at the time of his death the sum of $95.33, being salary for the period February 1 to 22, inclusive, 1939.

2. There is inclosed heresith Standard Form 1055, in duplicate, an Application for Settlement by the General Accounting Office, on which claim may be submitted for compensation due the deceased. As Mr. Cooper left a will, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (j) of this form should be answered, when applicable, omitting the remainder of paragraph 6 and the affidavit of corroborating witnesses. A short certificate of letters testamentary with a showing whether still in force and effect, should be attached to the affidavit.

3. If the funeral expenses have been paid by a person other than the one making claim, the party making the claim should obtain and submit waiver (executed before a notary public or other official authorized to take affidavits) in his favor from the party paying the funeral expenses. If the funeral expenses have not been paid when claim is submitted, the claimant should state, over his signature, whether it is desired that the amount due the deceased employee be applied to the funeral expenses, accompanied by the unpaid undertaker's bill properly certified.

4. Form 1055 should be executed by claimant before a notary public or other official authorized to take affidavits and both copies should be returned to this office. Upon receipt of the affidavit in proper form, it will be transmitted by this office to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., for settlement.

E. C. MERRILL

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR - 2 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

St. Joseph Point Rge Lt.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb - 28th, 1939

C.C. Pl advise mail me

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise me to the followings questions.

What will you need before you will be able to send me Mr J. K. Cooper's (former keeper of cape St Geo) salary check that was due him for the part month of Feb. as I was named in his will to receive his estate.

This above will is on record at Court-house in Apalachicola Fla Franklin County.

Mr Paul H. Cooper - 16 Brookside Road - Maplewood N.J. and myself are the executors of the above estate.

Do you have any objections to me taking charge of the former Keeper's personal things at station and moving same if so please notify me at once. Respectfully.

Box 88 - Port St Joe Fla. W. A. Roberts Keeper

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR - 2 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb 26th, 1939

C/C

Superintendent Of Lighthouses.

In reply to your letter of February 23. Keeper J.K. Cooper deceased died not leave a note or letter of any kind.
His brother Mr. Paul H. Cooper of Maplewood N.J. Arrived Apalachicola night of the 24th & has taken his brothers body in charge.
Keeper Cooper has one son Paul. E. Cooper who resides in Oakland California.
Keeper Cooper left a Will to his brother Paul. H. Cooper & Keeper W.A. Roberts St. Joseph. Range. Lights. Submitting list of Keeper J.K. Cooper personal things.

Asst Keeper John. W. Montgomery

WJB:LEC
Incls.

March 2, 1939

W.A. Roberts, Keeper,
St. Joseph Point Range Light Station
P. O. Box 68
Port St. Joe, Fla.

1. Replying to your letter of February 28, 1939, you are authorized to secure from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper in charge of Cape St. George Light Station, the personal belongings of Thornton K. Cooper, deceased.

2. A copy of this letter is being furnished Mr. Montgomery as his authority for surrendering the property to you. Give him a receipt in quadruplicate on copies of the list attached.

E. C. MERRILL

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information and guidance of John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper in Charge, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla. Give two copies of receipted list to Mr. Roberts, retain one copy, and forward one copy to this office.

E. C. MERRILL

Superintendent of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Personal property.
J. R. Cooper deceased.

Copenhaver
Feb 28th 1919

1- Bed Complete.
1- Rolling radio.
1- Trunk.
1- Suit Case.
1- Hand grip.
1- 16 Piece Set Dishes.
1- Set Carpenter Tools.
2- Pair eye glasses
1- Coat & Vest.
2- Blankets.
3- Shirts.
5- Pillow Cases.
1- Aladdin lamp.
1- Pair dress shoes
2 pr. Work "
1- Set Uniform & Cap.
1- Dress Coat
3- Work "
27- Pictures.
7- Pair Work pants

2- Coats.
1- Hat Vest.
1- Hard Cap.
4- Undershirts.
4- Undrawers.
7- Pair socks.
7- Handkerchiefs.
3- Ties.
1- Bath Case & Rod.
1- Comfort Chair.
1- Smoke Pole mounted.
3- Work shirts
1- Pajamas.
2- Window curtains.
1- Coat rack.
4- Dressers.
1- Pocket knife.
2- Pillows.
1- Porcelain Table
6- Cook pots.

Cont.

1-Dish pan. Thread Needles & Etc burned.
5- Plates.
9- Bowls.
2- Pans.
1- Refrigerator.
1- Bucket. galv.
1- Razor & Brush & Blades.
4- Glasses.
3- Forks.
5- Knives.
9- Spoons.
1- Strainer. tea.
1- Coffee pot.
3- Cups.
1- Dipper.
1- Kettle.
1- Clock. Alarm.
2- Ash trays.
1- Chair
2- Small rugs.
1- Fire grate.
1- Cook book.
6- Soft Collars.
1- Box #6. shells.
4- Maps.
1- Book rack. 6 Decoys.

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THOMAS K. COOPER, KEEPER,
CAPE ST. GEORGE LIGHT STATION, FLA. - ENCLOSED

1 -	Bed complete	2 -	Coats
1 -	Battery radio	1 -	Shot vest
1 -	Trunk	1 -	Hunt cap
1 -	Suitcase	4 -	Dress shirts
1 -	Hand grip	4 -	Underwear
1 -	16 ga.Pump gun and shells	7 prs.	Socks
1 set	Carpenter tools	7 -	Handkerchiefs
2 prs.	Eyeglasses	3 -	Ties
1 -	Cot and pad	1 -	Gun case and rod
2 -	Blankets	1 -	Comfort chair
1 -	Sheets	1 -	Snake hide mounted
5 -	Pillow cases	3 -	Work shirts
1 -	Aladdin lamp	1 -	Pajamas
1 pr.	Dress shoes	2 -	Fountain pens
2 "	Work shoes	1 -	Cot net
1 -	L.H.A. Uniform and cap	6 -	Hangers
1 -	Dress hat	1 -	Pocket knife
3 -	Work hats	2 -	Pillows
27 -	Pictures	1 -	Porcelain table
7 prs.	Work pants	6 -	Cook pots

1 -	Dish pan	5 -	Plates
9 -	Bowls	2 -	Pans
1 -	Refrigerator	1 -	Bucket, galvanized
1 -	Razor)	4 -	Glasses
1 -	Brush)	3 -	Forks
2 -	Blades)	5 -	Knives
9 -	Spoons	1 -	Strainer, tea
1 -	Coffee pot	3 -	Cups
1 -	Digest	1 -	Kettle
1 -	Clock, alarm	2 -	Ash trays
1 -	Chair	2 -	Rugs, small
1 -	Fire grate	1 -	Cookbook
6 -	Soft collars	1 box	00 shells
4 -	Maps	1 -	Book rack
		6 -	Decoys

Received - _____
(Date)

_____
W. A. Roberts

LEC

June 28, 1939

Messrs. Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro,
Standard Oil Building
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 23, 1939, in which it is stated that Mrs. T. K. Cooper, 1945 Clay Street, San Francisco, widow of Thornton K. Cooper, a former lighthouse keeper in this Service, now deceased, is under the impression that he left an estate or that she may be entitled to a pension by reason of his death.

You are advised that widows of deceased lighthouse keepers are not entitled to a pension from the U. S. Government as no law had been enacted extending such benefits.

As to the estate which was left by Mr. Cooper, you are referred to Messrs. Paul H. Cooper, 16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, N.J., and Mr. W. A. Roberts, Keeper, St. Joseph Point Range Light Station, Port St. Joe, Fla., who were named executors.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LAW OFFICES OF
PILLSBURY, MADISON & SUTRO
STANDARD OIL BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 27 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

June 23, 1939.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. T. K. Cooper of 1945 Clay Street, San Francisco, California, has advised us that her husband, Thornton K. Cooper, presumably a lighthouse keeper at Apalachicola, Florida, died in February of this year. She is under the impression that he left an estate or that she may be entitled to a pension by reason of his death.

We shall appreciate any information you can give us concerning his estate or pension.

Yours very truly,

PILLSBURY, MADISON & SUTRO

By Harold I. Boucher

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 27 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 25th, 1939

Superintendent Of Lighthouses
New Orleans. La

I. W.A. Roberts received personal property of J.K. Cooper deceased March 24-1939.
Receipts enclosed.

J. W. Montgomery
Asst Keeper

J. R. White
Keeper.

CC

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THORNTON K. COOPER, KEEPER,
CAPE ST. GEORGE LIGHT STATION, FLA. - DECEASED

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9 -	Bowls	2 -	Pans
1 -	Refrigerator	1 -	Bucket, galvanized
1 -	Razor)	4 -	Glasses
1 -	Brush)	3 -	Forks
2 -	Blades)	5 -	Knives
9 -	Spoons	1 -	Strainer, tea
1 -	Coffee pot	3 -	Cups
1 -	Dipper	1 -	Kettle
1 -	Clock, alarm	2 -	Ash trays
1 -	Chair	2 -	Rugs, small
1 -	Fire grate	1 -	Cookbook
6 -	Soft collars	1 box	#6 shells
4 -	Maps	1 -	Book rack
		6 -	Decoys

Looks a repetition.

Received - March 24-1939
(Date)

W. A. Roberts

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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 23 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 21, 1939.

Mr. Paul H. Cooper,
16 Brookside Road,
Maplewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana, has thoughtfully sent me a copy of your letter of March 9, 1939, written just after your return from Apalachicola on sad errand relating to the decease of your brother, Thornton K. Cooper.

This note will merely express my appreciation of the pains you have taken to advise Mr. E. C. Merrill, Superintendent of Lighthouses at New Orleans, of your full understanding of the regrettable circumstance. Even Government officials like to realize occasionally that there are those who do not regard them all as unfeeling or automatons.

Sincerely yours,

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HDK:HRF

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information.

LEC
Incl.

March 16, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thorton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. - Deceased.

With further reference to letter from this office of February 27th, with which were forwarded clipping from the "Washington Star" of February 23, 1939, reporting the death of Mr. Cooper, and copies of letters from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper, and Nels P. Jacobson, Foreman, there is inclosed copy of letter, dated March 9, 1939, from Mr. Paul H. Cooper, brother of the deceased, expressing appreciation for the treatment his brother received in the Lighthouse Service.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

MR. PAUL H. COOPER
16 Brookside Road
Maplewood, New Jersey

Thursday
March 9, 1939

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I regret that I cannot address you more personally, but I was given to understand in Apalachicola that a new Sup't had "taken over" in New Orleans and did not get his name, so please pardon the somewhat impersonal beginning to this note.

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My purpose in writing this letter is twofold (1st) to express my deep appreciation for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown my brother during his Gov't Service by the Superintendent's office at New Orleans. He has often told me how fairly and considerately he has been treated - which certainly has made more pleasant his path thru life during the past six years (2nd) To tell you, as his superior officer, how fine we found Thornton's new Asst. Jay Montgomery and how much he aided us during our stay in Apalachicola. He is a fine, sympathetic, upstanding young man and I know was a source of real friendship and aid to my brother during the short time they were together. I am terribly bitter about the article on Thornton's death that was broadcast by the Associated Press, and would make trouble for them if I could or knew how to start, because it was too ridiculous and, apparently, was picked up by all of our friends and relatives both North & South.

Again expressing my appreciation and wishing all good things for the Lighthouse Service, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Paul H. Cooper

ECM/CD

March 15th, 1939.

Mr. Paul H. Cooper,
16 Brookside Road,
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My Dear Mr. Cooper:

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E. C. MERRILL,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 11 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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Carl H. Cooper

LEC
Incls.

February 27, 1939

Subject: Clipping from "Washington Star" of February 23, 1939, reporting death of Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., forwarded by Bureau indorsement of February 24, 1939:

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Forwarded herewith are letters dated February 22, 1939, from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, and N. P. Jacobson, Foreman, who was at the station at the time in charge of a working party, making report of the death of Mr. Cooper. The letters seem to cover the circumstances surrounding the incident, and no further facts have been developed to date which would indicate what circumstances prompted the Keeper's act.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

(COPY-LEC)

WASHINGTON STAR, FEBRUARY 23, 1939

Ex-Lighthouse Keeper
Dead after 'Monotony'

By the Associated Press.

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Feb. 23—
Six months ago 60-year-old T. K. Cooper took on a job as keeper of the Cape St. George lighthouse on a narrow island 12 miles out in Apalachicola Bay.

Six days ago the wife of his assistant went away on a visit and to Keeper Cooper fell the task of cooking meals for six workmen, there to install new equipment.

Tuesday Cooper boated here, told acquaintances he was bored with lighthouse monotony--and especially with cooking. He returned to the island.

Yesterday, just before noon, the lighthouse assistant found Cooper dead in his room. There was a bullet wound in his head.

He had prepared no meal.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
February 24, 1939

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleand, for return with report

(Signed) Chas. A. Park
C. A. PARK
Acting Commissioner

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(COPY-LEC) .

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape St. George
2-22- 1939

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

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I quit work at 11:20 A.M. to fix dinner for Mr. Cooper and myself. When dinner was ready I crossed the porch and called to him to get ready for his dinner but I did not get an answer. So then I went to his bedroom door and started to call him again but when I opened the door he was sitting in a chair dead with blood all over the floor and ceiling of the room. I rushed over to the other dwelling and told Mr. Jacobson. He and one of the men rushed over to the house and looked at Mr. Cooper.

We wired the office and called the sheriff and coroner at Apalachicola by telephone at once. They arrived at station 3:30 P.M. Their verdict was pronounced suicide. They left with body from the wharf at 5:40 P.M. for Apalachicola.

I have notified his son and brother by wire.

Have hired man to substitute at station. Please advise on this matter.

(Signed) Asst. John W. Montgomery

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Respectfully,

(Signed) N. P. Jacobson

Foreman

(COPY-LEC) .

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 23rd, 1939

Superintendent of lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir:

1 I beg to report that the Wind was to strong blowing a gale from the North and very low Tide so the launch could not be lowered and send to Apalachicola with mail today. but will go in to-marrow weather permit.

2 Telegram has been received today from Mr Leapers Brother stating that he was leaving New York and would arrived in Apalachicola tomorrow night to take charge of the Buoy.

Respectfully
N P Jacobson
Foreman

LEC

March 14, 1939

Mr. W. S. Erwin, Secretary-Treasurer,
U. S. Departments of Commerce and Justice
Beneficial Association,
Commerce Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 7, 1939, making inquiry in regard to Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., recently deceased, you are advised that he entered on duty in this district April 27, 1931, and last reported for duty on February 22, 1939, the date of his death.

Very truly yours,

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

U. S. DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND JUSTICE
BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESIDENT:
MALCOLM KERLIN
ADM. ASST. TO THE SECRETARY

VICE-PRESIDENT:
J. D. SECREST
C. C. BUREAU MINES

Address all communications to:
W. S. ERWIN, SECRETARY-TREASURER
COMMERCE BUILDING

cc: Fort Barrancas

SUPT. OF LT. HS. KEY WEST, FLA. MAR 9 1939

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 13 1939 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

March 7, 1939.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Seventh District,
Key West, Florida.

Dear Sir:

We have been notified of the death of Mr. Thornton K. Cooper who was employed at the Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida, and to whom certificate No. 7357 had been issued.

In order that the proof of claim may be properly completed, it is respectfully requested that you furnish us with the following information:

1. Date insured became an active employee of the Bureau of Lighthouses.

2. Date insured last reported for work.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Erwin.

GS.

C.O. Apalachicola 9

Form 93

LEC

AIR MAIL

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the notice of death of the following-named employee:

Name, Thornton K. Cooper

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Tennessee

Station, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Salary, $1560 per annum

Date of death February 22, 1939. Reported suicide.

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

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

Remarks: See telegram of this date. This office is awaiting detailed report from the assistant keeper relative to circumstances connected with suicide and Bureau will be further advised.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4023

(COBY- LEC)

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TELEGRAM-CHG ACCT-APALACHICOLA FLO 22 105 P

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DELIVER NOW ROOM 328 CUSTOM HOUSE

LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER COOPER CAPESTGEORGE COMMITTED SUICIDE

NOON TODAY

JACOBSON

(Foreman)

WJB/CD

February 23rd, 1939.

L. W. Montgomery, Asst. Keeper in Charge,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. Confirming telephone conversation of yesterday with Foreman Jacobson in connection with the suicide of Keeper Thornton K. Cooper, you are authorized to employ a laborer (substitute keeper) with pay at the rate of $90.00 per month, pending permanent filling of the position of Keeper at your station. You will submit report to this office giving the name, address, date of birth, and date of entrance on duty of the laborer employed. He must be an American citizen.

2. You will submit to this office by mail a detailed report relating all circumstances connected with the suicide of Keeper Cooper. You will also ascertain and advise this office, if possible, the names of the nearest living relatives of Keeper Cooper. Also state whether or not the Keeper left a will or a note or letter of any kind before he committed suicide.

3. You will assemble all of the Keeper's personal belongings and store them away at the station, submitting a list, and hold them until you hear further from this office as to disposition.

E. C. MERRILL,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,

By: (Signed) A. M. Zibilich
Assistant Superintendent.

Copy for information of N. P. Jacobson, Foreman, U. S. Lighthouse Service, C/o Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla.

E. C. MERRILL,
Superintendent of Lighthouses,

By: AMZ
Assistant Superintendent.

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JACOBSON.

Phoned Jacobson at Cape St. Georg 4 or 8 AM 2/22/39

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

(Signed) E. C. Merrill

Superintendent of Lighthouses

AMZ:LEC

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington
(Serial Service)

New Orleans La February 25 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington D C

Thornton K Cooper Keeper Cape Saint George Lighthouse Florida reported committed suicide noon twenty second Will forward details later

MERRILL

THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1939

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER FOUND FATALLY SHOT

(The Associated Press)

Apalachicola, Fla., Feb. 22.—T. K. Cooper, keeper of the isolated St. George lighthouse, was found dead in his room there today by J. W. Montgomery, the assistant keeper.

Montgomery notified Sheriff Charles Robbins by telephone. He said a shotgun charge had entered Cooper's head. Cooper was about sixty years old.

St. George's light is on narrow, uninhabited St. George island, about nine miles south of Apalachicola. It is separated from the mainland by water. Supplies are sent there by boat from Apalachicola.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
NOV 10 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St. George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Nov. 6th, 1938.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

A long distance call just came for me asking if I cared to be considered as Assistant at Chandeleur Island.

It was very kind of you to make this offer but having recovered almost entirely from the attack of "nerves" which caused me to write as I did and then retract it, I told the party who called, that I did not care to consider the offer and preferred to remain here as Keeper. It was almost impossible to hear the person calling.

I hope this will meet with your approval as I feel now I can do a satisfactory job here. In fact I do not think the station has suffered to date.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov 6th, 1935

My age is a handicap here but Dr. Montgomery will I am sure, Co-operate with me in every way possible.

Naturally, I hope that some time in the not too distant future a vacancy in a shore station will occur and that I will have performed my duties here in a manner which will merit an appointment to such a vacancy.

Again let me offer my sincere thanks for your consideration

Respectfully,

Johnston K. Cooper
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 31 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)
Oct 28th, 1938

Superintendent of Light-houses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Please disregard my letter of last Tuesday regarding my inability to handle the Keepership of Cape St George Station.

I have been a little discouraged over the non arrival of an Assistant duly appointed and its also true that my nerves are some what shot from worry but I can carry on I think although when the time comes I will be very glad to get a shore station

Respectfully,
F. E. Cooper
Keeper

C U S
Mr Braun

Cape St. George Light Sta
Oct. 25th 1938.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 28 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir:-

Since my appointment as Keeper of this station, I have honestly tried to discharge its duties but I feel they are too much for me. I worry so much that I have been unable to sleep but little for almost 3 months, and my nerves are beginning to crack. The trouble with the boat, and now with the W. P. Ft Range has upset me. Still further, added to this the new boat is rather difficult in much of a sea and I have developed a fear of rough water, and its the rough most of the time in the winter. I wrote you regarding the new Canal Light Sta, but

have not had time to receive a reply, and perhaps what I heard about the vacancy was only hearsay.

I hope that you can relieve me as Keeper here as soon as possible and transfer me to any position that may be open, for I do not believe I can continue under the present strain a great deal longer. I will be glad to accept any position that may be open, either in the depot in Mobile or New Orleans or at some station as assistant. Please let me hear from you.

Respectfully

T. K. Cooper

Keeper

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

AUG 24 193

August 4, 1938.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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August 31, 1938

CHANGE IN DESIGNATION, PAY, OR STATUS OF EMPLOYEE

Name Thornton K. Cooper

Nature of action Promotion

Effective Date August 4, 1938

	FROM	TO
Position	Assistant Keeper	Keeper
Pay	$1380 per annum	$1560 per annum
Station	Cape St.George L.S., Fla.	Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Remarks: This change is reported in accordance with Department letter dated August 4, 1938

H. G. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

LEC
Incl.

August 25, 1938

T. K. Cooper, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of August 4, 1938, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1380 per annum to $1560 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty. This change in pay may not be effective until August 4, in view of the fact that Department approval is of that date. This change in pay is by reason of your promotion to the position of Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

~~ACTING~~ COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

see LIGHTHOUSES

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

PROMOTION THORNTON K COOPER KEEPER CAPE ST GEORGE APPROVED

~~PARK~~ KING

CONFIRMATION

Form 73 [illegible]

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SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8TH DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City) July 25 (Date) 35

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Promotion

Name, Thornton K. Cooper

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Effective, August 1, 1935

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Legal residence, Tennessee

Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1920

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, Walter A. Roberts $1560 p.a. Services terminated, to be July 31, 1935

Reason, To be transferred to St.Joseph Point Range L.S., Fla

Members of immediate family in Government service, NONE

Are they living under the same roof? - - -

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, For and in the absence of the Superintendent

ASST.

Manager, Civil Service District. *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

WJB/CD

August 18th, 1938.

Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Fla.

1. In reply to your undated letter received in this office on August 15th, 1938, this office has no objection to your residing in the Assistant Keeper's dwelling, due to the fact that you have no family and these quarters are ample for you.

2. In the event the assistant keeper to be appointed has a family, you are authorized to let him occupy the larger quarters.

E. C. MERRILL,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AUG 15 1938

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St. George Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

....., 193

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

In case my nomination as Keeper is approved, and my assistant has a family, will it be permissible for me to remain in the Assistant Keepers dwelling?

I have no family and the quarters are ample for me and it would be perfectly satisfactory to me for the Assistant to take the Keepers larger quarters if he happens to have a family.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper,
Acting-Keeper



RETURN RECEIPT

AUG - 3 193

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

T. K. Cooper

(Signature or name of addressee)

(Signature of addressee's agent)

Date of delivery, 8/1/38, *193*

Form 3811

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Post Office Department

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

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE

No. 25904

INSURED PARCEL

No. _____

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Dept. of Commerce - Lighthouse Service

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, U. S. Custom House

NEW ORLEANS,

LOUISIANA.



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Incl.

REGISTERED MAIL

July 29, 1938

T. K. Cooper, Asst. Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Fla.
(Through the Keeper)

1. There is returned herewith your naturalization certificate which you forwarded in order that record could be made of same.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) A. M. Zibilich

Assistant Superintendent

Copy for information of W. A. Roberts, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

Assistant Superintendent

LEC

June 11, 1938

W. A. Roberts, Jr., Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. You are directed to have a leave application prepared to cover the entire absence of Thornton K. Cooper from the station. It should be specified that both annual and sick leave are requested in the event there is not sufficient sick leave to his credit.

A. M. ZIBILICH

Assistant Superintendent

Marine Hospital
Mobile Ala.
May 31st 1935

Superintendent 7th Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

JUN - 1 1938

Sir:-

I can obtain my discharge this week and will leave for Cape St. George Light Station as soon as I receive my check which you stated in a previous letter would be mailed to me here at the Hospital. Please enclose as requested a permit for treatment at the U. S. Public Health Station in Apalachicola, if this has not been sent to Mr. Roberts.

Respectfully
Thornton K. Cooper,
Asst. Keeper
Cape St George Light Sta

MMC

LEC

May 23, 1938

W. A Roberts, Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Referring to your letter of May 21, you are advised that this letter straightened out the question of Mr. Cooper's leave. It was understood that he had been sick beginning April 12 in view of the fact that he was attended by a doctor, and even though he was still on the station but unable to work, his absence would have to be charged to sick leave. Since you say you were absent during the period April 7 to April 18, Mr. Cooper had to be on duty.

2. Application to cover Mr. Cooper's period of sick leave, beginning April 25, will be prepared upon his return and forwarded to this office together with doctor's certificate, as leave cannot be charged as sick unless a doctor's certificate is furnished.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A M ZIBILICH

Assistant Superintendent

LEC

May 17, 1938

W. A. Roberts, Jr., Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. Under date of April 28th, a letter was written to you with which was returned a leave application for T. K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper, and you were directed to change the dates of the application to read "April 12 to April 25"; to complete the bottom of the form under "Actual Absence" to show the date and hour Mr. Cooper's leave began and the close of April 25 as the termination date. Up to this writing this form has not been returned corrected as above directed.

2. Under date of May 13, you forwarded a certificate from Dr. Conter which should have been on the reverse of the leave application form. You will correct the application form as directed and return both copies without delay to this office for approval. This office cannot determine how much leave remains to Mr. Cooper's credit until this matter is straightened out.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A. M. ZIBILICH

Assistant Superintendent

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY 16 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

(2nd-) Miss C

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Cape St. George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 13th, 1938

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans La.

Sir:

I am enclosing a statement from the Doctor in regards to Assistant Keeper Cooper's sickness. He was treated from April 12th to April 25th as first stated but was advised on the 25th to seek hospital treatment of which he did. His absence from station began on April 25th and was not absent on account of illness until this date.

Will you give me authority to destroy first request for leave and send new request when Mr Cooper returns to duty.

Respectfully,
W. A. Roberts Keeper

Apalachicola, Fla.,
May 3rd 1936.

The Superintendent ,
U.S. Light House Service,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Please be advised that Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper, Cape St George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla. was under my care from April 12th 1936 to April 25th 1936 and was then advised to seek hospital service for for ailment.

Yours very truly,

August E. Conter, M.D.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 4 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1938

Miss C

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of april 28th relative to the sick leave of J. K. Cooper Assistant Keeper.

I wish to state that Mr Cooper first received Medical treatment on april 12th and several times there after but was not considered wholly incapacitated until april 25th.

Dr A.E. Conter advised him (Mr Cooper) on april 24th to go to hospital and he left station for Mobile Hospital on april 25th and when he returns to duty I will forward application to cover his absence.

I will endeavor to get a statement from Dr Conter to read as statement

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St Geo
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1928

relative to the one I have already
setforth about Mr Cooper's treatments.
On reverse side of application blank
the word "wholly" incapacitated in Mr
Cooper's leave should have applied from
April 25th until he returns
Mr John Scarabin was employed
on April 25th after I was authorizes
by you (telegram)
I will hold first application blanks
for sick leave until I hear from you again.

Respectfully.
W. A. Roberts Keeper.

LEC
Incl.

April 28, 1938

W. A. Roberts, Jr., Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
Apalachicola, Florida

1. There is returned herewith an application to cover thirty days of sick leave in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper, for the period April 25 to May 25. This application may not be approved as applications for sick leave are not submitted until the person who is sick has returned to duty.

2. It is noted that the doctor's certificate on the reverse shows that Mr. Cooper was under his care for the period April 12 to April 25, therefore you will change the dates on this application to read April 12 to April 25, and you will complete the bottom of the form under "Actual Absence" showing the date and hour Mr. Cooper's leave began and the close of April 25 as the termination date. Was Mr. Scarabin employed from April 12? If not you will draw a line through "John Scarabin, etc." It was understood from your telegram that Mr. Scarabin was placed on duty on April 25.

3. Return both copies of the leave application when you have corrected it as above directed as it must be used since the doctor's certificate is on the reverse.

4. When Mr. Cooper returns to duty from sick leave, another application will be prepared to cover his absence from April 25, and this must be accompanied by his hospital discharge.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A. M. ZIBILICH

Assistant Superintendent

IN REPLYING, ADDRESS THE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
U. S. Marine Hospital
Mobile, Alabama
April 28th, 1938

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 30 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Re: Thornton K. Cooper

In reply to your letter of April 26th, 1938, you are advised that Mr. Cooper will be temporarily disabled for approximately three or four weeks. Permanent disability is unlikely.

Respectfully,

D. J. Prather, Senior Surgeon
Medical Officer in Charge.

WSS
WSS/LS

Miss C

LEC

April 26, 1938

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital,
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to letter of April 25 from this office, in which was forwarded an application for treatment in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, it would be appreciated if you would advise this office relative to the condition of Mr. Cooper; whether his illness is of a temporary nature, of whether he would be considered permanently disabled. The Keeper advised that a physician in Apalachicola stated that Mr. Cooper was "disabled for duty".

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Superintendent

LEC
Incl.

April 25, 1938

Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Marine Hospital
Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sir:

1. This office was advised by telegraph to-day by the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., that it was necessary for Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper, to proceed immediately to the Marine Hospital at Mobile for medical attention, and due to the emrgency of his condition letter of application could not be secured prior to his departure. The application for his treatment is inclosed.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Yours truly,

Assistant Superintendent

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LEC

(READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AT PLACES WHERE THERE IS A RELIEF STATION OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, Eighth District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

New Orleans, La.
(Place.)

April 25, 1938

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Mobile, Alabama

Sir:

You are hereby requested to examine Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.
(Name and title of person to be examined.)
in the U. S. Lighthouse Service, attached to the station or vessel above named, and, if in need of medical treatment, to furnish him with such medical treatment as the case may require. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of person named above .....

Title Assistant Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Nativity, American. Age, 60 years. Height, ... feet ..... inches.

Color of eyes, ... Color of hair .....

Distinguishing marks, ...

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, April 27, 1931

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, May 16, 1931

191 For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Title of officer signing.) Assistant Superintendent

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.

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

(OVER.)

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Marine Hospital
Mobile, Ala.
May 18th/1938.

Superintendent 7th Light houses,
New Orleans, La.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 19 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir:-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your reply of May 17th, received this morning.

When you send my check to me here at the end of the month, please include a permit for treatment at the P.H.S. Station in Apalachicola or, if it is customary to send such permits through the Keeper, kindly send it to Mr. Robert.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper

Mr. T
Miss C

LEC

May 17, 1938

T. K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station
c/o U. S. Marine Hospital
Mobile, Alabama

1. Replying to your letter of May 16 in which you state that you expect to be discharged from the hospital in about three weeks, and requesting advice as to your leave status, you are advised that up to the present time, you have very nearly used up all of your accumulated and accrued sick leave, an approximate total of 36 days. Any further leave taken after the accumulated and accrued sick and annual leave is exhausted must be charged to advance sick and annual leave as compensatory leave is not granted during a period of absence for sickness.

2. You have already been granted 20 days annual leave during this year which was deducted from your accumulated annual leave, and there remain only 2-15/24 days of that. You have accrued to the close of May 10-5/6 days.

3. It is against the rules to make mid-month payments, and your check will be mailed to you at the hospital at the end of the month in order to save time.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

A. M. ZIBILICH
Assistant Superintendent

Marine Hospital
Mobile, Ala.
May 16th 1938.

Mr. Green

Superintendent of Lighthouses:-
New Orleans, La.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
Ang
MAY 17 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir:-

I should have written you before this but until to-day I could not obtain any definite information from the Surgeon, Dr. Sibley. He informed me to-day that he thought I would be ready for a discharge from the Hospital in about 2 weeks, certainly not more than three, but I will be obliged to take treatments once a week for a while at the Public Health Station in Apalachicola. This I have learned from Mr. Roberts, will be entirely satisfactory to him and he is anxious to have me return to Cape St. George as soon as possible.

Dr. Sibley further assures me that there is no reason for me to think that my health will not be perfect after my return and I should be able to carry on with my work with no lapses on account of ill health.

I sincerely hope that my return to my station will be satisfactory to you.

I do not know just how many days leave with pay I ~~am~~ am entitled to. I will probably need an advance of about $25.00 on this month's check to enable me to return to Apalachicola. Please advise me if this can be arranged, and how much leave with pay, including accrued sick leave and other, with annual and compensatory I can figure on. I might add that for the balance of this year, my absences from the station will be short, few and far between. I will appreciate a reply at your convenience. I have sent Mr. Roberts a copy of this letter.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper

Marine Hospital
Mobile, Ala.

WJB:LEC

March 11, 1938

Mr. H. L. Oliver,
Apalachicola
Florida

Dear Sir:

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 8, 1938, written in behalf of Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, who desires to be transferred to St. Joseph Point Range Light Station, Fla.

2. At the proper time, Mr. Cooper's application for transfer will be given consideration along with others.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Yours truly,

Assistant Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES



APALACHICOLA STATE BANK

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MISS. ELRINE BROWNE, ASST. CASHIER

MAR 11 1938
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Apalachicola, Florida,

March 8, 1938.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

This letter is in the interest of one of my very good friends, Mr. Thornton K. Cooper, Assistant Keep of the Lighthouse located on Little St. George Island;

Mr. Cooper has served faithfully in his present location and is now asking to be transferred to the Beacon Hill Lighthouse at Port.St. Joe, Fla. It is my information that the present keeper there will soon be retired, and I will very much appreciate your consideration of Mr. Cooper's transfer to that location.

For such consideration as you may give this matter, I extend my appreciation.

Yours very truly,

H.L.Oliver,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
LEC

(READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AT PLACES WHERE THERE IS A RELIEF STATION OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, Eighth District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

New Orleans, La.
(Place.)

August 4, 1937

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Mobile, Alabama

Sir:

You are hereby requested to examine Thornton K. Cooper, Asst.Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.
(Name and title of person to be examined.)
in the U. S. Lighthouse Service, attached to the station or vessel above named, and, if in need of medical treatment, to furnish him with such medical treatment as the case may require. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of person named above .....

Title Asst.Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Nativity, American Age, 58 years. Height, ... feet ..... inches.

Color of eyes, ... Color of hair .....

Distinguishing marks, ...

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, April 27, 1931

†Date of certificate by the Public Health Service that person named passed physical examination, May 16, 1931, 191 .

E. V. K.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
AUG 2 1907
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St Geo.
(Station, Depot or Vessel)

Aug 2nd, 1907

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

Please send the necessary papers for Asst. Keeper Cooper to enter the Marine Hospital at Mobile Ala. so he can have an Xray taken of his foot, so as to determine why it stays swollen most of time.

You will find enclosed a request for 10 days leave for Mr Cooper.

Respectfully.
W. A. Roberts Keeper.

Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF SICK OR DISABLED EMPLOYEES IN THE LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, AT PLACES WHERE THERE IS A RELIEF STATION OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

Officeof Supt. of Lighthouses, Eighth District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

New Orleans, La.
(Place.)

July 24, 1937

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Apalachicola, Florida

Sir:

You are hereby requested to examine Thornton K. Cooper, Asst.Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.
(Name and title of person to be examined)
in the U. S. Lighthouse Service, attached to the station or vessel above named, and, if in need of medical treatment, to furnish him with such medical treatment as the case may require. The signature and description of the applicant appear below.

Signature of person named above .....

Title Asst.Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station

Nativity, American Age, 56 years. Height, ... feet ..... inches.

Color of eyes, ... Color of hair .....

Distinguishing marks, ...

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, April 27, 1931

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

May 16, 1931, 191 .

E. V. Rawlins
(Title of officer signing request.)
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

*Fill in only if person to be examined is a light keeper or assistant light keeper.

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(OVER.)

11—5992

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 24 1937
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St Geo
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

July 23, 1937

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir.

Kindly send permit for J. K. Cooper asst-Keeper to go to Public Health doctor for treatment for a swollen foot

Respectfully
W. G. Roberts
Keeper

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 OCT - 14 - PM 3 :
October 8, 1932.
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOU

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

OCT 19 1932

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

#207

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Recorded 11/4/32

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

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October 21, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thornton K. Cooper - Effective date of Change in Pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of October 8, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 16, 1932.

E. S. LAMPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LEL
Incl.

October 20, 1932

Thorton K. Cooper, Asst.Keeper,
Cape St. George Light Station,
Apalachicola, Florida
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of October 8, 1932, advising that your compensation has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty, by reason of your transfer from Head of Passes Light Station to Cape St. George Light Station.

2. You are advised that the effective date of your change in pay will be October 16, 1932.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of W. A. Roberts, Jr., Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Florida.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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Form 73
LEC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), August 25 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

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

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 10, 1932 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, W. A. Roberts, Jr. $1560 p.a. — Services terminated, June 30, 1932

Reason, Promoted to position of Keeper, effective July 1, 1932, at same rate of pay he was receiving as Assistant Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks: It is necessary to fill this position for the proper safeguarding of life and property. (See accompanying justification form)

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

_____ _____
Secretary, Civil Service District. SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under authority of the Act approved June 30, 1932

Bureau or Office: Eighth District, U. S. Lighthouse Service

Position: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Compensation: $1380 p.a. (Range $1260-$1740)

Location: Apalachicola, Florida (Cape St. George Light Station)

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

Date of Vacancy: July 1, 1932

Justification: Cape St. George Light Station is a primary light on the coast of Florida, using incandescent oil vapor for the illuminant which requires a constant watch at night, and there are five minor lights in Apalachicola Bay, located seven or eight miles from the main light and reached only by boat, which are also cared for by the keepers. It is impracticable and impossible to care for this light station and the minor lights with less than two keepers. Therefore it is necessary to fill the position of assistant keeper.

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

August 25, 1932

ESL-WJB

Communication via Government Radio

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Confirmation of message telephoned to Naval Radio Station, Algiers, La. for transmittal to:

New Orleans, (Date) Sept. 15,1932.

To:

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

T K Cooper Assistant Keeper Head of Passes Fog Signal East and West Jetty Lights etcetera detailed as assistant keeper cape saint george arriving there July twelfth authorized by Bureau telegram July sixth stop justification for filling position assistant keeper cape saint george mailed bureau August twenty fifth together with coopers nomination stop Cooper had been nominated June sixteenth and his nomination returned by Bureau for execution of justification form

Time telephoned: 4:15 P.M.

By whom telephoned: (Initials)

Initials of party receiving message:

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE 1201-S

CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LCO = Deferred Cable
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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES=

IN CONNECTION YOUR JUSTIFICATION FILLING POSITION PRINCIPAL KEEPER CAPESAINTGEORGE LIGHT STATION ADVISE WHETHER THERE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN ONLY ONE KEEPER THIS STATION SINCE JULY ONE AND IF NOT WHAT ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT PERIOD ALSO SUBMIT PROMPTLY JUSTIFICATION FOR FILLING ASSISTANT KEEPER POSITION THIS STATION=

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Commissioner of Lighthou

Washington DC September 15 1932

Superintendent, Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana

In connection your justification filling position principal keeper cape saint george light station advise whether there has actually been only one keeper this station since july one and if not what arrangement has been in effect period also submit promptly justification for filling assistant keeper position this station

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JUL - 7 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
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confirmation

SIGNED| LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BSL:LEC

(POSTAL)

Bureau of Lighthouses Washington

New Orleans La July 6 1932

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Re recommendation June sixteenth transfer Thornton K Cooper from Head of Passes to Cape Saint George Lighthouse only one keeper now at Cape Saint George who must care for third order IOV and four beacon lights in Apalachicola Bay many miles from station

LAMPHIER

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 16 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 13th, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans La.

Sir,

Mr T.K. Cooper reported for duty as asst Keeper on the Station at 12 30/pm on July 12 - 1932.

Respectfully.
W G Roberts Jr Keeper

Form 73
L&C

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), June 16 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a.

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

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, ~~July 1,~~ Sept 10, 1932 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, W.A.Roberts,Jr. $1560 p.a. — Services to be terminated, June 30, 1932

Reason, To be promoted to Keeper ~~July 1, 1932~~ Sept 10, 1932

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1875

Remarks: It is necessary to fill this position for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Superseded

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

LSC

June 16, 1932

T. K. Cooper, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station,
Pilot Town, La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that you have been nominated for the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1360 per annum. You will be advised at a later date when to proceed to Cape St. George.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Julius Snow, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, Pilot Town, La.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 13 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head of the Passes
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 11th, 1932.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of June 8th, just received, relative to the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

I shall be very glad to be considered for this position.

Although my association here, under Mr. Snow has been most pleasant; Cape St. George Light Station appeals to me more strongly as one where I should like to be permanently located, and I shall feel very grateful if appointed.

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Cooper (2nd Asst.)

Julius Snow.
Keeper

ESL:LEC

June 8, 1932

T. K. Cooper, Second Asst.Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station,
Pilot Town, La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. There will be a vacancy shortly in the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum. You are advised that the two keepers at this station care for West Pass Cut Range, Sand Island Cut Range and St. George Lights. These are beacon lights in Apalachicola Bay as shown on inclosed fragment of chart. The lighthouse is one mile across the island on the Gulf side. There is a boat-house on the Apalachicola Bay side where the launch is kept which is used to attend the beacon lights and to go to Apalachicola for mail and provisions.

2. There is a separate small dwelling for the assistant keeper and his family.

3. Cape St. George Light is an I.O.V. mantle light.

4. Advise this office by return mail whether you wish to be considered for this position.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Julius Snow, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, Pilot Town, La.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 22 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head of the Passes
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 20, 1932

Superintendent of Light houses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:- (Through the Keeper)

I have your letter of June 16th and I wish to tender my sincere thanks for the appointment as Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station.

I will proceed to this station as soon as directed by you.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper
Julius Snow
Keeper

WJS:LMC
Incl.

July 7, 1932

T. K. Cooper, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Head of Passes Light Station,
Pilot Town, La.
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are hereby detailed for duty to assist the Keeper of Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., pending action by the Department on your transfer to that station.

2. You will proceed to New Orleans as soon as possible after the receipt of this letter and report to this office for further instructions.

3. Inclosed herewith you will find a letter addressed to the owner of the mail boat which will cover your transportation from Pilot Town to Buras, La. You will also find inclosed government transportation request No. C-224150 for transportation via the Missouri-Pacific Transportation Company from Buras, La., to New Orleans, La. Upon your arrival in the office, you will be given transportation from New Orleans to Cape St. George Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Julius Show, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, Pilot Town, La.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of W. A. Roberts, Jr., Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Apalachicola, Fla. You will advise this office the date on which Mr. Cooper arrives at the station.

P-S. Travel Order inclosed.

F. A. LEMPHERE

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 15 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head Of Pass Lightstation
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July. 13th 1932 192

Superintendent. Of Lighthouse.
8th District.New.Orleans. La.

Sir.

I. Respectfully. Wish to inform you that on The Morning of july.9th 1932. T.K.Cooper. 2nd asst keeper.has left this statio n And Proceeded to new orleans. en rout to cape st george lightstation. Fla

Wish To Remain Respectfully.

Julius Snow.

Keeper

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 FEB-19-PM 3:33

February 11, 1932.

M. Thornton K. Cooper

FEB 23 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 16, 1932, or entrance on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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8th

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

LHC

Thornton K. Cooper, Effective
date of change in pay

March 10, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 11, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective February 16, 1932, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is March 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

L&C
Incl.

February 23, 1932

P. K. Cooper, Second Assistant Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter of February 11th advising that your compensation has been changed from $1320 per annum to $1260 per annum, effective February 16, 1932, or on entrance on duty, by reason of your transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station.

2. Referring to your letter of February 1st, in which you stated that you desire to take leave in order properly to handle the transportation of your furniture, etc., you are advised that you may prepare an application to cover the period of absence necessary, and forward it to this office with the approval of the Keeper. You may leave the station on the day which you stimulate in the application as the date on which your leave begins.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station. John Aucoin will be transferred to Sabine Pass Light Station in the position of Second Assistant Keeper.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of Julius Snow, Keeper, Head of Passes Light Station, Pilot Town, La. Advise this office the date on which Mr. Cooper arrives at Head of Passes Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB - 2 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 1st, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:-

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of January 29th.

I will leave this station as soon as instructed as to the exact date.

As freight service on the branch of the Southern Pacific between here and Beaumont is very irregular, and I wish to have my furniture at Head of the Passes Station as soon after my arrival there as possible, I will greatly appreciate it if you will allow me about 8 days from the time I leave this station until I arrive at Head of the Passes Station.

Respectfully

T. K. Cooper

Forwarded

J. J. Thorin
Keeper

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) January 29 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, February 16, 1932 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent, John Sebert — Services to be terminated, February 15, 1932

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1875 .

Remarks: Attached is letter from Mr. Cooper stating his acceptance of this transfer.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

K.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Sabine Pass
Jan. 28, 1932

Forwarded
(Signed) J. J. Olivier
Keeper

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:

In answer to your letter of January 25th I will be glad to accept the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of the Passes Light Station @ 1260.00 per annum.

Quarters of three rooms and a bath room will be ample, as I will probably be alone until Spring when perhaps I will be joined by my family, consisting of my wife, Beatrice C. Cooper, age 48; and my son Paul E. Cooper, age 18.

If given this appointment, please advise the nearest point to the light to which I can drive, and from which my personal belongings, which I will bring with me in my car, can be conveniently transported to my quarters. Also please inform me the name of the Freight Depot to which my furniture and other belongings should be addressed.

Respectfully,

(Signed) T. K. Cooper

ESL:LEC

January 25, 1932

T. K. Cooper, Second Asst. Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. There will be a vacancy as Second Assistant Keeper at Head of the Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum. There are three keepers at this station who live together in one house with separate, distinct quarters. There are three rooms and a bath room assigned to the Second Assistant Keeper.

2. The keepers at this station operate two electric generators for an electric light and fog signal on the West Jetty, the electric light being run from the dwelling to the light. They also care for six minor lights, consisting of two oil lens lantern lights and four oil post lantern lights within a mile or two of the station.

3. Due to the fact that there are only three rooms for the Second Assistant Keeper, it is desired to know, if you wish to be considered for this position, how many persons in your family would reside at the station, giving the names, ages and relationship of each.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JAN 25 1932
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 23, 1932

Supt of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Through the Keeper

Sir:-

I am anxious to have my family with me but with the quarters I have here, I do not think it advisable to ask them to come. For this reason I should appreciate it greatly if I can be transferred to some station where separate quarters are provided for Keeper & Asste.

Please consider this letter an application for transfer to a one or two man shore station with separate living quarters, Florida preferred although the location does not greatly matter

Respectfully

Thornton K. Cooper

Forwarded
J. J. Shiver
Keeper

KMT

January 29, 1932

T. L. Cooper, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. You are advised that you have this day been nominated for transfer to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of the Passes Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective February 16, 1932, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty. The position will not be vacant until February 15th.

2. You will be later advised as to the exact date on which you will proceed to the above station.

3. As regards the shipment of your furniture, you are advised that it would have to be shipped to New Orleans and transported from here by boat to Head of Passes Light Station. There is a transportation company here whose boats make regular trips down river leaving Tuesday and Friday of each week.

3. The nearest point to which you may drive your car is to a town known as Buras on the west bank of the river from which point transportation may be secured by mail boat. Buras is approximately 25 miles from Head of the Passes Light Station.

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

E. S. LANPHIER

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 19 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Salmen Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb, 18, 1932

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Would like to know about what date Second Assistant T. K Cooper will be transfered to Head of Passes Light. This information is desired so I can figure on leave for ~~him~~ 3rd Assistant Keeper.

J. J. Olivier
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAR - 9 1932

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Head Of Pass Lightstation
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March. 7th., 1932

Superintendent.Of.Lighthouse.
8th.District.New.Orleans. La

Sir.

I. Respectfully.Wish.To Inform.That.
Mr Cooper 2nd Asst Keeper Of Sabine Pass Lightstation. Has Arrived Iat This.
Station.March.5th 1932. at 3.P.M.And Has Reported For Duty.

2. I Have All So Prepared Mr Coopers. Leave.
And Have Returndd The Leave Of Absons. To The Office.

Very Respectfully.

Julius Snow
Keeper

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 20, 1920

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REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 5th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La., Sept. 17,1931.
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on October 26, 1931, 192 .

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

Name Thornton Kendrick Cooper

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty April 27, 1931

Remarks:

(Signed) J. J. Olivier, Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)

Submitted:

E. V. R.
(Head of bureau or office)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LMC
Incl.

May 14, 1931

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Referring to the probationary appointment of Thornton K. Cooper as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station:

2. Inclosed you will find a form on which report is to be made by you in connection with the probationary services of Mr. Cooper. If his services have been satisfactory in every respect, the report should be mailed to this office on September 15, 1931. In this case all you need do is sign the form where indicated in pencil.

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

4. You will see that Mr. Cooper takes the necessary steps to secure the regulation uniform (blue cloth suit and cap, and white seaman uniform for working) within a reasonable time, and report if he does not do so.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1931.

M. Thornton K. Cooper, [redacted]

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1931 AUG 26 PM 3:13

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (by change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

WJB:BMA

Thornton K. Cooper - Effective
date of change in pay.

September 22, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of August 21, 1931, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station with pay at the rate of $1260.00 per annum to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at the same station with pay at the rate of $1320.00 per annum.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is September 8, 1931.

K.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

WJB.

Sept. 4, 1931.

Thornton K. Cooper, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas.
(Through the Keeper)

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Aug.21,1931, advising you that your compensation has been changed from $1260 per annum to $1320 per annum in connection with your promotion to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, La. The effective date of this promotion will be the date on which Toney Ryan, 1st Asst. Keeper, reports for duty at Pensacola Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

(Signed) W. J. Braun, Jr.,
Chief Clerk.

Copy for information and guidance of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas.

WJB

Chief Clerk.

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) August 14 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

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

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

Effective, September 1, 1931 — [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent, Joseph Albert Ryan — Services to be terminated, about August 31, 1931

Reason, To be promoted to First Asst. Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

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

_____ Secretary, Civil Service District.

_____ Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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For[illegible] FILE No. S

LEC RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., 8th DISTRICT,

PLACE, New Orleans, La.,

DATE, May 14, 1931

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

Port Arthur, Texas

SIR:

Please examine Thornton K. Cooper, 3rd Asst.Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

nativity, American; age, 52; height, 5 feet, 4½ inches;

weight, 173 pounds; color of hair, Gray; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks,

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

K. B.

Lighthouse Inspector.

~~Superintendent of Lighthouses~~

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) Thornton K. Cooper
3rd Asst. Keeper

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

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Sabine, Texas

DATE, May 16, 1931, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

(Signed) O. D. Adamson

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

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

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Boarded and Landed

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Sabine, Texas

DATE, May 16, 1931, 191

Name of applicant, Thornton K. Cooper

Eyes: Color, Brown; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, Normal

Eyesight:

Vision of right eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, 20/20

Vision of left eye, without glasses, 20/20; with glasses, 20/20

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses x

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? No

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, None

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 30 feet; left ear, 30 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 18 feet; left ear, 18 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

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Reasons for certification of disqualification: _____

S(PUBLIC HEALTH)
E(SERVICE)
A(1798 * U.S.*)
L(1912)

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

(Signature of applicant:) (Signed) Thornton K. Cooper

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

11—5999

LEC
Incl.

May 18, 1931

J. J. Olivier, Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas

1. Inclosed herewith is record of physical examination of Thornton K. Cooper, which is to be retained by him in connection with medical relief by the U. S. Public Health Service. A copy has been made for the files of this office.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

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

LEC
Incl.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
May 14, 1931

Thornton K. Cooper, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Return Record of Examination to this office promptly.

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

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

CHIEF ENGINEER OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 18 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

April 15, 1931.

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Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

8th Dist.

Respectfully,

F. A. DELONG

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field

Vice: Joseph A. Ryan

Legal Residence: Georgia

11-8657

Recorded 5/4/31

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

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La., April 20, 1931
(Bureau or Office)

I, Thornton K. Cooper, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)
solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So HELP ME GOD.

(Signed) Thornton K. Cooper
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, A. D. 1931

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

[SEAL]

S(NOTARY PUBLIC)
E(COUNTY OF)
A(JEFFERSON,)
L(TEXAS)

(Signed) Carlton Adamson
Ex-officio Notary Public

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

December 31, 1932

Position to which appointed Third Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty April 27, 1931

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist. (Sabine Pass Lt. Sta., Texas)

1. Name in full Thornton Kendrick Cooper

2. Legal (voting) residence Tennessee, 3rd (State and Congressional District) Hamilton (County) Chattanooga (City or town)

3. Where born? Georgia (State or foreign country) Americus (City or town) When born? Dec. 24, 1878 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
NONE								

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

None	Army /	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted May 15, 1917 Discharged Mar. 22, 1918
Organization 196th Battalion Canadian Overseas Exp. Forces

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 2 3 (4)	1 2) 3) 4	

9. State special qualifications Can handle small boats either sail or gasoline in all weathers, rough carpentry, pipe fitting, understand small steam boilers and engines, etc.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Paul H. Cooper (Name) Brother (Relationship)

16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, N.J. (Post office address)

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

(Signed) Thornton K. Cooper
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 7th, 1931 (Date)

Present address c/o Monroe Cal. Mach. Co.
319 Volunteer Bldg.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Form 124b—Field
Jan., 1924

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

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

April 27th, 1931

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly. Appointee will retain attached form.

1. State place of birth Americus, Ga. Date of birth Dec. 24th, 1878
(Month, day, and year.)

2. What examination did you take? Assistant Lighthouse Keeper

3. Give place and date of examination N. O. La. Sept. 1st 1930

4. To what position have you been offered appointment or actually appointed? 3rd Asst Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Sta. Texas

5. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" no If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

Name.	Post-office address. (Give street No., if any.)	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

6. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? ..... If so, give the name of each such person .....

7. What is your present address (including street and number, city, and State)? Sabine, Texas

..... How long have you resided at your present address? .....

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

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

Thornton K. Cooper
(Signature.)

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

If the answer to question 5 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted for approval before appointment is made.

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

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? no If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? ——

J. J. Stevens
(Signature.)

Keeper
(Official title.)

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

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(This paper should be returned to the District Secretary when completed.)

Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LEC.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. April 6, 19 31
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended,

Name, Probational appointment

Position, Thornton K. Cooper

Location, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Effective, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.
April 16, 1931

Legal residence, Georgia

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers

Former position, ---

Location, ---

Former salary,

Former range, ---

Rank on eligible list, --- Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 93, Other eligibles considered:

William Stokes, 1st; John Gibert, C.

Previous incumbent, Joseph A. Ryan

Reason, To be promoted to 2nd Asst.Keeper

Services terminated, to be about April 15, 1931

Members of family in Government service,

Date of birth, NONE

Remarks: December 24, 1876

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 28 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sabine Pass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Apr 27, 1931

Superintendent Lighthouses.
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper.
new 3rd Asst reported for duty
6 A M this day.

J J Ohnier
Keeper.



CABLE ADDRESS
MONROCAL ORANGENEWJERSEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 23 1931
NEW ORLEANS

MONROE
REG. TRADE MARK

CALCULATING MACHINE COMPANY, INC.

GENERAL OFFICES AND PLANT
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

DISTRICT OFFICES
319 VOLUNTEER STATE LIFE BLDG.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

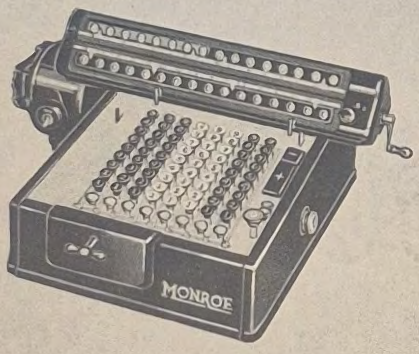
March 22nd/1931.

Supt of lighthouses:-
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Supplementing my long distance conversation with your office this afternoon, I will greatly appreciate your kindness in informing me as soon as possible whether I have received the appointment at South west Pass or not. I sincerely hope I may be appointed, but if not successful, I would be very glad to know that.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper
319 Volunteer Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.



CABLE ADDRESS
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 26 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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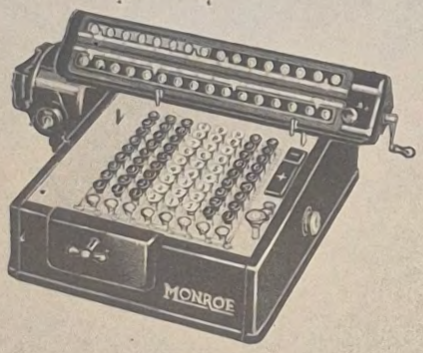
Superintendent of Lighthouses:-
New Orleans, La.,
Sir:-

Please accept my thanks for informing me so promptly that I had not been selected for the vacancy in your district. I, of course, am very much disappointed, as I believe I have the qualifications necessary to successfully fill the position, and am anxious to enter the L. H. Service.

May I ask what my present position is on the eligible list. I suppose 3 rd. I also would like to take the next examination in your district so that I will be in line for the next register. In case another position is open and I am still on the eligible list, I will be very glad to come to New Orleans at my own expense for a personal interview, if such an interview would in any way assist in determining my fitness.

Respectfully
T. Thornton K. Cooper

319 Volunteer State Life Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.



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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 1 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DISTRICT OFFICES
319 VOLUNTEER STATE LIFE BLDG.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

March 31, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of March 31st, Please consider me for the position of third assistant keeper at the Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, at $1260.00 per annum, transportation expenses from Chattanooga to Station to be paid by myself.

As I will be alone two rooms will be ample as quarters for myself. It will probably be some little time before my wife joins me,

If you decide to give me the appointment I will greatly appreciate it if you will wire me collect, at my expense. I should like to have at least a week, preferably ten days or two weeks between the notification of appointment and leaving for the station, although if my appointment is dependent on my reporting in less time than even a week I can doubtless arrange it.

Again thanking you, I am

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Cooper
319 Volunteer Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

TKC/B

P.S. If a personal interview would assist in judging my fitness I will be very glad to come to New Orleans at my own expense as stated in my former letter.

LMT

March 30, 1931

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,
319 Volunteer Building,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of March 26, you are advised that there is a prospective vacancy in the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, the pay of which is $1260 per annum.

2. Two rooms of the dwelling are allotted to the Third Assistant Keeper for family quarters, and no more than two people can reside in these quarters.

3. Advise whether you wish to be considered for this position. Transportation expenses from home to the station are not paid by the Government.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk

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March 24, 1931

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,
319 Volunteer Building,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

1. Referring to correspondence with you on the subject of the vacancy in the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Southwest Pass East Jetty Lights and Fog Signal Station, La., you are advised that this position has been filled by the selection of another eligible.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

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April 6, 1931

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,
319 Volunteer Building,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

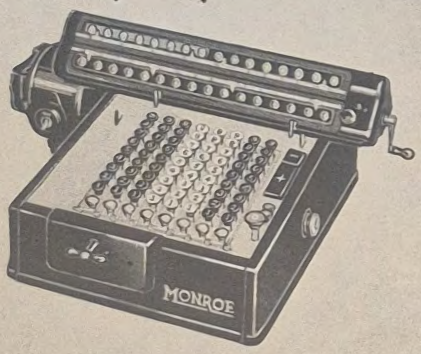
1. You are advised that you have this day been selected and nominated for the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, with pay at the rate of $1200 per annum.

2. It will no doubt be about ten days or two weeks before your appointment is received from Washington, at which time you will be directed to proceed to Sabine.

3. Inclosed herewith is a Personal History form which you will fill out in duplicate in your own handwriting. Be careful to follow instructions literally and furnish all information requested. Forward both copies of the form to this office after their completion.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses



CABLE ADDRESS
MONROCAL ORANGENEWJERSEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 11 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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GENERAL OFFICES AND PLANT
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.
DISTRICT OFFICES
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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

April 10/1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.
Sir:-

In accordance with your letter of April 9th., I enclose herewith the corrected Personal History Forms.

Respectfully,
Thornton K. Cooper

LWJ
Incl.

April 9, 1931

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,
319 Volunteer State Life Insurance Building,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

1. Returned herewith is your Personal History which is not quite in accordance with the requirements. It is noted that you used your middle initial. Your name in full must be written on the form and no initials must be used.

2. Other corrections have been made, and you are requested to fill out the sheet, in duplicate, in accordance therewith. You did not state in what town in Georgia you were born.

3. The reference to your service in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces is unnecessary. Simply check the word "None" since you saw no service with the American Army, Navy, etc.

4. Return the forms as soon as completed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist. (Sabine Pass Lt. Sta., Texas)

1. Name in full Thornton K. Cooper

2. Legal (voting) residence 3rd " Cong. dist, Tenn. (State and Congressional District) Hamilton (County) Chattanooga (City or town)

3. Where born? Georgia (State or foreign country) Americus (City or town) When born? Dec. 24-1878 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

but separated.

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government: None

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge: Although an American served with Canadian Expedition Force?

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

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....

Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Can handle small boats, sail or gasoline in all weathers, Carpenter, pipe fitter understand small steam boilers and engines etc

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Paul H. Cooper (Name) Brother (Relationship)

16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, New Jersey (Post office address)

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

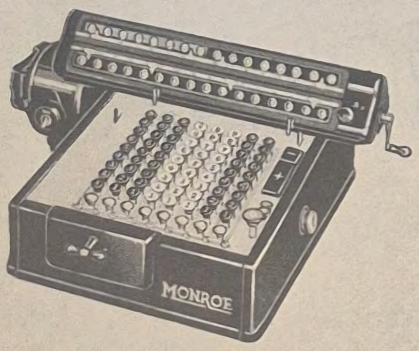
Thornton K. Cooper
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 7th " 1931 (Date)

c/o Monroe Cal. Mach. Co.

Present address 319 Volunteer State Life Ins. Bldg. Chattanooga, Tenn.

10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE



SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR - 9 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

April 7th, 1931.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

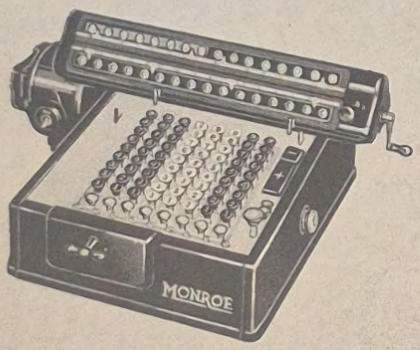
Please accept my very sincere thanks for your letter of April 6th, just received, notifying me that I have been selected and nominated for the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station.

I have to-day talked with our Division Manager in Newark, N.J., and tendered my resignation from the Monroe Calculating Machine Co., and will be able to leave as soon as I am directed by you to do so.

As requested, I am enclosing the Personal History Forms in duplicate. I do not think that you will ever have any reason to regret my selection by you for this position.

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Cooper



CABLE ADDRESS
MONROCAL ORANGENEWJERSEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 21 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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GENERAL OFFICES AND PLANT

ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

DISTRICT OFFICES
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CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

April 20, 1931

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

As I have resigned my position from the Monroe Company, and my successor has been appointed, I am ready to leave immediately for the Light Station at Sabine Pass on receipt of directions from you.

In your letter of April 6th, notifying me of my selection and nomination for the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, you stated it would be about ten days or two weeks before I would be directed to proceed to the station.

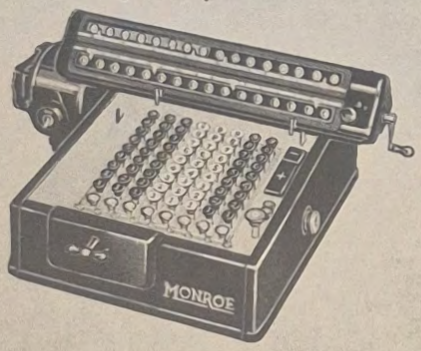
Just two weeks have elapsed, and if in your opinion the appointment will be delayed much longer, I will appreciate your kindness in informing me.

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Cooper

TKC/B

319 Volunteer Building
Chattanooga, Tennessee.



CABLE ADDRESS
MONROCAL ORANGENEWJERSEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 22 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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CALCULATING MACHINE COMPANY, INC.

GENERAL OFFICES AND PLANT
ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

DISTRICT OFFICES
319 VOLUNTEER STATE LIFE BLDG.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

April 21, 1931

Superintendent of Lighhouses
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your letter of April 20th, notifying me that my appointment as Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1260.00 per annum, has been approved by the Department of Commerce.

I am planning to leave Chattanooga on Saturday, April 25th, arriving at Sabine Pass Monday morning at eleven thirty, and will of course report to Mr. J.J. Olivier, the Keeper, immediately upon arrival.

If it is preferable that I should report sooner than this please wire me collect. If I hear nothing further I will carry out the plans outlined above.

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Cooper.

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April 20, 1931

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,
319 Volunteer Building.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sir:

1. You are advised that the Department has approved your appointment to the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum.

2. You may proceed to this station as soon after the receipt of this letter as it is convenient for you to do so, reporting to Mr. J. J. Olivier, Keeper.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. S. Lamphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. Inclosed herewith is letter of appointment in the case of Mr. Cooper, which you will hand to him upon his arrival at the station.

Also inclosed are an oath of office which you will have Mr. Cooper execute before a Notary Public, and a Form 124b, Declaration of Appointee which Mr. Cooper will fill out as instructed. Pencil notations have been made to assist him in the preparation of this form, but everything must be written out in pen and ink.

You will report the date on which Mr. Cooper reports for duty, and you will return the oath and the form 124B when they are completed. Do not let him delay in the preparation of the oath as no pay can be sent him until the oath is received properly executed.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

LPS
Incls.

April 25, 1931

Thorton K. Cooper, 3rd Asst.Keeper,
Sabine Pass Light Station,
Sabine, Texas
(Through the Keeper)

1. Referring to your personal history sheet, which is returned herewith. You are directed to show thereon the military service which you had; that is, make the statement as you did on the first copy which you filled out and show the date of your enlistment and the date of your discharge. The information which this office has on your papers is that you enlisted May 15, 1917, discharged March 22, 1918 - Private 196th Battalion, Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Forces. Return the sheets as soon as possible after completion.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy for information of J. J. Olivier, Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, Sabine, Texas. The above may be returned with the oath and other papers.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

March 21, 1939.

Mr. Paul H. Cooper,
16 Brookside Road,
Maplewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

The Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana, has thoughtfully sent me a copy of your letter of March 9, 1939, written just after your return from Apalachicola on sad errand relating to the decease of your brother, Thornton K. Cooper.

This note will merely express my appreciation of the pains you have taken to advise Mr. E. C. Merrill, Superintendent of Lighthouses at New Orleans, of your full understanding of the regrettable circumstance. Even Government officials like to realize occasionally that there are those who do not regard them all as unfeeling or automatons.

Sincerely yours,

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

HDK:EBF

Copy to Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La., for his information.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 16, 1939

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thorton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. - Deceased.

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With further reference to letter from this office of February 27th, with which were forwarded clipping from the "Washington Star" of February 23, 1939, reporting the death of Mr. Cooper, and copies of letters from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper, and Nels P. Jacobson, Foreman, there is inclosed copy of letter, dated March 9, 1939, from Mr. Paul H. Cooper, brother of the deceased, expressing appreciation for the treatment his brother received in the Lighthouse Service.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

3/21/39
Wrote Mr. Cooper
Copy Ltr

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(COPY-LEC)

MR. PAUL H. COOPER
16 Brookside Road
Maplewood, New Jersey

Thursday
March 9, 1939

Supt. of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

I regret that I cannot address you more personally, but I was given to understand in Apalachicola that a new Sup't had "taken over" in New Orleans and did not get his name, so please pardon the somewhat impersonal beginning to this note.

I am the only own brother Thornton K. Cooper had, and my wife and I have just returned from Apalachicola where we took care of his cremation and attempted to close up his earthly affairs.

My purpose in writing this letter is twofold (1st) to express my deep appreciation for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown my brother during his Gov't Service by the Superintendent's office at New Orleans. He has often told me how fairly and considerately he has been treated - which certainly has made more pleasant his path thru life during the past six years (2nd) To tell you, as his superior officer, how fine we found Thornton's new Asst. Jay Montgomery and how much he added us during our stay in Apalachicola. He is a fine, sympathetic, upstanding young man and I know was a source of real friendship and aid to my brother during the short time they were together. I am terribly bitter about the article on Thornton's death that was broadcast by the Associated Press, and would make trouble for them if I could or knew how to start, because it was too ridiculous and, apparently, was picked up by all of our friends and relatives both North & South.

Again expressing my appreciation and wishing all good things for the Lighthouse Service, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Paul H. Cooper

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

"Washington Star"

EBRUARY 23, 1939.

Ex-Lighthouse Keeper Dead After 'Monotony'

By the Associated Press.

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Feb. 23.—Six months ago 60-year-old T. K. Cooper took on a job as keeper of the Cape St. George lighthouse on a narrow island 12 miles out in Apalachicola Bay.

Six days ago the wife of his assistant went away on a visit and to Keeper Cooper fell the task of cooking meals for six workmen, there to install new equipment.

Tuesday Cooper boated here, told acquaintances he was bored with lighthouse monotony—and especially with cooking. He returned to the island.

Yesterday, just before noon, the lighthouse assistant found Cooper dead in his room. There was a bullet wound in his head.

He had prepared no meal.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
February 24, 1939

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, for return with report.

C. A. PARK,
Acting Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 27, 1939

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 2 8 58 AM '39

Subject: Clipping from "Washington Star" of February 23, 1939, reporting death of Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., forwarded by Bureau indorsement of February 24, 1939:

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Forwarded herewith are letters dated February 22, 1939, from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, and N. P. Jacobson, Foreman, who was at the station at the time in charge of a working party, making report of the death of Mr. Cooper. The letters seem to cover the circumstances surrounding the incident, and no further facts have been developed to date which would indicate what circumstances prompted the Keeper's act.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON March 14, 1939

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information, attention being invited to the Bureau's previous report of this on Form 93.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division

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(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape St. George
2-22- 1939

Supt. of Lighthouses,
New Orleans, La.

I beg to report that I the Asst. Keeper found Keeper Cooper dead at 12 noon today sitting in a chair in his bedroom. At the time of his death I was assisting Mr. Jacobson over at the other dwelling.

I last saw Keeper Cooper at 11 A.M. going into his house.

He has been nervous ever since the working party has been out at the station.

I quit work at 11:20 A.M. to fix dinner for Mr. Cooper and myself. When dinner was ready I crossed the porch and called to him to get ready for his dinner but I did not get an answer. So then I went to his bedroom door and started to call him again but when I opened the door he was sitting in a chair dead with blood all over the floor and ceiling of the room. I rushed over to the other dwelling and told Mr. Jacobson. He and one of the men rushed over to the house and looked at Mr. Cooper.

We wired the office and called the sheriff and coroner at Apalachicola by telephone at once. They arrived at station 3:30 P.M. Their verdict was pronounced suicide. They left with body from the wharf at 5:40 P.M. for Apalachicola.

I have notified his son and brother by wire.

Have hired man to substitute at station. Please advise on this matter.

(Signed) Asst. John W. Montgomery

(COPY-LEC)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Eighth District
Cape St. George
February 22nd, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

1. I beg to report that at 12 o'clock noon today while at the dinner table, John W. Montgomery Asst. Keeper came running over from the other dwelling calling for me and telling me that Mr. Cooper had committed suicide. I hurried over there and found Mr. Cooper laying back in a chair a shotgun resting up against him, half of his head blown away and blood all over the room and his brains scattered on walls and ceiling. I immediately wired the office also the sheriff in Apalachicola. He came here with Coroner and undertaker and four others, and held an inquest, and it was determined by all that it was suicide the way he was shot and the course of the shots which could be seen up on the ceiling, also the powder burnt on his face where he held the gun barrel. His body was removed to Apalachicola. Boat left landing at 5:40 P.M. His brother in New York was also notified by wire and will arrive in Apalachicola Saturday to take charge of the body and his belongings.

Respectfully,

(Signed) N. P. Jacobson

Foreman

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COMMR OF LIGHTHOUSES=

THORNTON K COOPER KEEPER CAPESAINTGEORGE LIGHTHOUSE FLORIDA REPORTED COMMITTED SUICIDE NOON TWENTY SECOND WILL FORWARD DETAILS LATER.=

:MERRILL.

LIGHT KEEPER TIRES OF COOKING, SUICIDE

(The Associated Press)

Apalachicola, Fla., Feb. 23.—Six months ago 60-year-old T. K. Cooper took on a job as keeper of the Cape St. George lighthouse on a narrow island 12 miles out in Apalachicola bay.

Six days ago the wife of his assistant went away or a visit and to Keeper Cooper fell the task of cooking meals for six workmen, there to install new equipment.

Tuesday Cooper boated here, told acquaintances he was bored with lighthouse monotony — and especially with cooking. He returned to the island.

Yesterday, just before noon, the lighthouse assistant found Cooper dead in his room. There was a bullet wound in his head.

He had prepared no meal.

Clipping from Washington "Star" February 23,1939, re death of Keeper T. K. COOPER, Capte St. George Lighthouse.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
February 24, 1939

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, for return with report.

C. A. PARK,
Acting Commissioner.

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Form 93

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

LIGHTHOUSES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AIR MAIL FEB 27 8 38 AM '39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 5th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thornton K. Cooper — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Tennessee — Station, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Salary, $1560 per annum

Date of death February 22, 1939. Reported suicide.

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

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

Remarks: See telegram of this date. This office is awaiting detailed report from the assistant keeper relative to circumstances connected with suicide and Bureau will be further advised.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

H. M. Gibilich

Assistant Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON March 1, 1939

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

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For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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(Foreman)

COOPER, Thornton Kendrick, Lighthouse Keeper - Cape St. George Lighthouse, Apalachicola, Fla.

Mr. Cooper was born in Americus, Georgia, December 24, 1876. He was issued certificate No. 870223 by the Supreme Court, Monroe County, Rochester, New York, on July 30, 1915.

Certified seen:

T. M. Gibilich
Assistant Superintendent

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
August 31, 1938

CHANGE IN DESIGNATION, PAY, OR STATUS OF EMPLOYEE

Name Thornton K. Cooper

Nature of action Promotion

Effective Date August 4, 1938

	FROM	TO
Position	Assistant Keeper	Keeper
Pay	$1380 per annum	$1560 per annum
Station	Cape St.George L.S., Fla.	Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Remarks: This change is reported in accordance with Department letter dated August 4, 1938

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

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WASHINGTON D C AUG 22 1953

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS

PROMOTION THORNTON K COOPER KEEPER CAPE ST GEORGE APPROVED

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1938.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form 73 LHC

NOMINATION

SPECIAL

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8TH DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La. (City), July 25 (Date), 19 36

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Promotion

Name, Thornton K. Cooper

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Effective, August 1, 1936

Legal residence, Tennessee

Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1920

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

(L.T. #149)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Walter A. Roberts $1560 p.a. to be Services terminated, July 31, 1936

Reason, To be transferred to St.Joseph Point Range L.S., Fla

Members of immediate family in Government service, NONE

Are they living under the same roof? - - -

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Manager, Civil Service District.

Asst. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 27 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

W.P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT -24- AM 10:31
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

October 21, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thornton K. Cooper - Effective date of Change in Pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of October 8, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 16, 1932.

E. S. LAMPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 26 1932
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division

October 15, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

There has been forwarded your office copy of the President's authorization of October 8 containing (Position No.207) authority for filling a position at Cape St. George Lightstation, and Department approval of the promotion thereto of Thornton K. Cooper is inclosed. Department approval, without Presidential authority, of the transfer and demotion of John E. Harrison is also inclosed. It is now understood that Presidential authority for the transfer of Walter A. Roberts, Jr., without change in pay, will not be required, in view of which it is suggested all these cases be made effective on the same date and so reported to the Bureau, the transfer of Roberts to be reported on Form 73a, in duplicate.

For the Commissioner:

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Incls

Chief of Personnel Division

Form A-

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LIGHTHOUSES

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

OCT - 14 - PM 3 : 14

October 8, 1928.

M. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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Confirmation of message telephoned to Naval Radio Station, Algiers, La. for transmittal to:

LIGHTHOUSES

1931 SEP - 17 - AM 8:04

New Orleans, La., Sept. 15, 1932.
(Date)

To: Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

T K Cooper Assistant Keeper Head of Passes Fog Signal East and West Jetty Lights etcetdra detailed as assistant keeper cape saint george arriving there July twelfth authorized by Bureau telegram July sixth stop justification for filling position assistant keeper cape saint george mailed bureau August twenty fifth together with coopers nemination stop Cooper had been nominated June sixteenth and his nomination returned by Bureau for execution of justification form

Time telephoned: 4:15 P.M.

By whom telephoned: WJB
(Initials)

Initials of party receiving message: _____

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans, La.

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), August 25 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper (Outcast) — Proposed salary, $1380 p.a. quarters

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

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 10, 1932 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary $1260 p.a. quarters

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, W. A. Roberts, Jr. (Lt. #160) / $1560 p.a. Services terminated, June 30, 1932

Reason, ~~Transferred~~ Promoted to position of Keeper, pending ~~effective July 1, 1932~~ date to be reported, at same rate of pay he was receiving as Assistant Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1875

Remarks: It is necessary to fill this position for the proper safeguarding of life and property. (See accompanying justification form)

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

E. J. Lauphier
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. justification form being inclosed. The transfer of Roberts will be reported on Form 73a when the effective date shall have been determined, justification form in his case being separately submitted.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER=

RE RECOMMENDATION JUNE SIXTEENTH TRANSFER THORNTON K COOPER FRO HEAD OF PASSES TO CAPESAINTGEORGE LIGHTHOUSE ONLY ONE KEEPER NOW AT CAPESAINTGEORGE WHO MUST CARE FOR THIRD ORDER IOV AND FOUR BEACON LIGHTS IN APALACHICOLA BAY MANY MILES FROM STATION= LANPHIER.

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Per

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 JUL - 6 - PM 12:11

Position No._____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for filling vacancy under authority of the Act approved June 30, 1932

Transferred from Cape St. George LT #160

Bureau or office: Lighthouses, 8th District, New Orleans, La.

Position: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Compensation: Range $1380-1740 ($1380)

Location: Cape St. George Lightstation (Apalachicola, Fla.)

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses 1933

Date of Vacancy: Not yet vacant--transfer present incumbent pending

Justification:

Cape St. George Lightstation is a primary light on the coast of Florida, using incandescent oil vapor for the illuminant which requires a constant watch at night, and there are five minor lights in Apalachicola Bay, located seven or eight miles from the main light and reached only by boat, which are also cared for by the keepers. It is impracticable and impossible to care for this light station and the minor lights with less than two keepers. Therefore it is necessary to fill the position of assistant keeper.

It is proposed to fill this position by transferring one of the keepers from another station in the same district whose position it will also be necessary to fill, and in connection with which justification form is separately submitted.

Approved: Recommended: SEP 12 1932

Secretary of Commerce.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Justification for Filling Vacancy under Authority
of the Act approved June 30, 1932

Bureau or Office: Eighth District, U. S. Lighthouse Service

Position: Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Compensation: $1380 p.a. (Range $1380-$1740)

Location: Apalachicola, Florida (Cape St. George Light Station)

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses, 1933

Date of Vacancy: ~~July 1, 1932~~ not yet vacant transfer pending

Justification: Cape St. George Light Station is a primary light on the coast of Florida, using incandescent oil vapor for the illuminant which requires a constant watch at night, and there are five minor lights in Apalachicola Bay, located seven or eight miles from the main light and reached only by boat, which are also cared for by the keepers. It is impracticable and impossible to care for this light station and the minor lights with less than two keepers. Therefore it is necessary to fill the position of assistant keeper.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

August 25, 1932

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

Thornton K. Cooper, Effective
date of change in pay

1932 MAR - 12 - AM 9:00

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

March 10, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 11, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective February 16, 1932, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is March 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

T. G. Muth

Assistant Superintendent

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAR 15 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1932.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 16, 1932, or entrance on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form 73
Ed. April 1929
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1932 FEB 1 - AM 9:47

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., (City) January 29 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La.

Effective, February 16, 1932

Legal residence, Tennessee

Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent, John Sebert (Lt.#173)

Services to be terminated, February 15, 1932

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks: Attached is letter from Mr. Cooper stating his acceptance of this transfer

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

E. S. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The filling of this position is considered necessary for the safeguarding of life and property.

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

WJB:BM

Thornton K. Cooper -nEffective date of change in pay.

1931 SEP 25 AM 9:21

September 22, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of August 21, 1931, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station with pay at the rate of $1260.00 per annum to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at the same station with pay at the rate of $1320.00 per annum.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is September 8, 1931.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses 3

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., September 25, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1931.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (by change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., (City) August 14 (Date), 1931

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1320 p.a.

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

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

Effective, September 1, 1931 — [1] ~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent, Joseph Albert Ryan(Lt.#188) Services to be terminated, about August 31, 1931

Reason, To be promoted to First Asst. Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

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

E. V. Laughlin

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The filling of this position is necessary in order to safeguard life and property.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 29 1931
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist. (Sabine Pass Lt. Sta., Texas)

1. Name in full Thornton Kendrick Cooper

2. Legal (voting) residence Tennessee, 3rd (State and Congressional District) Hamilton (County) Chattanooga (City or town)

3. Where born? Georgia (State or foreign country), Americus (City or town) When born? Dec. 24-1878 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None								

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

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	✓						

Enlisted May 15-1917 Discharged March 22-1918
Organization 196 Battalion Canadian Overseas Ex. Forces

Enlisted [redacted]-18 Discharged
Organization

8.

EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Can handle small boats either sail or gasoline in all weathers, rough carpentry pipe fitting, understand small steam engines + boilers etc.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Paul H. Cooper (Name) Brother (Relationship)
16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, N. J. (Post office address)

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

Thornton K. Cooper
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)
c/o Monroe Cal. Mach Co.

Apr. 7th -1931 (Date)

Present address 319 Volunteer Bldg Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Form 73
Ed. April, 1929

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

APR 6 1931

New Orleans, La. (City) April 6 (Date), 19 31

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probational appointment — Legal residence, Georgia

Name, Thornton K. Cooper — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1260-$1620

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

Effective, April 16, 1931 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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

Location, - - - — Former range, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st Rating, Asst.L.H. Keeper Percentage, 93, Other eligibles considered: William Stokes, C; John Sibert, C.

Previous incumbent, Joseph A. Ryan (#2049) Services to be terminated, about April 15, 1931

Reason, To be promoted to 2nd Asst.Keeper

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

PROBATIONAL

W. H. TENNINGS
Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Laughlin.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR - 9 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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COOPER, THORNTON K.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—15468-1

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

DEC 12 1930 RECEIVED

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

T. K. Cooper

Staten Is., N.Y., Dec. 6, 1930 , 19

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of Assistant Keeper
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
of Coxsackie Lt. Sta., located on small island, off shore, Hudson River, NY

Total Compensation: $ $1320.00 per annum for the assistant

Quarters and Fuel: No quarters are provided ~~either for keepers or~~ for keepers
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)
family. Quarters can probably be rented in Coxsackie, N.Y. (One room at the Lt. Sta. is available for the Asst. Keepers use.)

~~Furniture~~

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

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

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not 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

One of the principal duties connected with this position is the attending of acetylene lights on the Hudson River and operation of a power boat in connection therewith.

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 10 to 14 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." 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) Thornton K. Cooper

Date Dec. 10/1930.

(Post-office address) 319 Volunteer Bldg.
Chattanooga
Tennessee.

11-749

PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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CLASS OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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WLT = Week-End Letter

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Received at Ferry House, St. George, S. I., N. Y.

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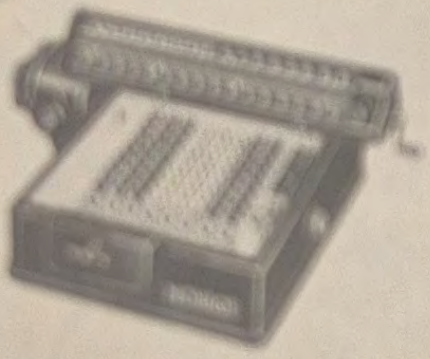
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 10 1930 RECEIVED STATEN ISLAND N.Y.

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES JUST RECEIVED HAVING BEEN FORWARDED TO ME FROM SIXTEEN BROOKSIDE ROAD MAPLEWOOD NEWJERSEY STOP WILL ACCEPT THE POSITION IF APPOINTED AND A LITTLE TIME CAN BE GIVEN ME UNTIL ME SUCCESSOR TO MY PRESENT POSITION ARRIVES HERE STOP AM RETURNING THE LETTER TO ELIGIBLES DULY FILLED OUT TO YOU TODAY BY AIR MAIL=

THORNTON K COOPER.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE



MONROE

CALCULATING MACHINE COMPANY, Inc.

ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

Dec 18th 1920.

Superintendent of Lights,
Staten Island, New York.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my visit of even date I enclose the "Letter to Eligibles" duly filled out and sincerely hope I receive the appointment.

At the time of taking the examination in your district I was living with my brother at 16 Broadside Road, Maplewood, New Jersey but have since accepted a position with the above Company and was sent to Chattanooga by them.

Temporarily, at least until I notify you of a change of address please address me c/o of The Monroe Cal. Mach Co. 319 Volunteer State Life Ins. Bldg, Chattanooga, Tenn.

If I receive the appointment to the Port Ambrose Station I could leave here & report for duty first car open as the Monroe Co. can get a successor here which should only be a matter of a few days.

Respectfully,

Thornton K. Crafer.

319 Volunteer Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Thornton K. Cooper (Name) ..... Ga. (Legal Residence)

STATUS

DATE OF BIRTH 12-24-1878

DESIGNATION	SERVICE AND GRADE	SALARY	ACTION	BUREAU	STATION–DISTRICT 8 Dist.	DATE OF EFFECT
Keeper	–	1260	Prob.	L H.	Sabine Pass	April 27, 1931
"	–	1320	Promo.	"	" "	Sept. 8, 1931
"	–	1260	Transfer	"	Head of Passes La.	May 1, 1932
"	–	1380	"	"	Cape St. George Fla.	Oct. 16, 1932
"	–	1560	Promotion	"	" "	8-4-38
		Died February 22, 1939				

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 16 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 2 8 58 AM 39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
February 27, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 21 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Subject: Clipping from "Washington Star" of February 23, 1939, reporting death of Thornton K. Cooper, Keeper, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., forwarded by Bureau indorsement of February 24, 1939:

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Forwarded herewith are letters dated February 22, 1939, from John W. Montgomery, Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, and N. P. Jacobson, Foreman, who was at the station at the time in charge of a working party, making report of the death of Mr. Cooper. The letters seem to cover the circumstances surrounding the incident, and no further facts have been developed to date which would indicate what circumstances prompted the Keeper's act.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON March 14, 1939

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for information, attention being invited to the Bureau's previous report of this on Form 93.

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Groo
Chief of Personnel Division

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NOTED:

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Adm. Asst. to Secy

ADDRESS NO CORRESPONDENCE TO SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 27 1939 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

2-22 1939

Supt. Of Lighthouses. New Orleans. La.

I beg to report.

1st That I The Asst. Keeper found Keeper Cooper dead at 12 noon Today sitting in a chair in his bedroom At the time of his death I was assisting Mr Jacobson over at the other dwelling

I last saw Keeper Cooper at 11. a.m. going into his house

He had been nervious every since the working party has been out at the station

I quit work at 11:40 a.m. to fix dinner for Mr Cooper & myself. When dinner was ready I crossed the porch & called to him to get ready for his dinner but I did not get an answer

So then I went to his bedroom

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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door & started to call him again but when I opened the door he was sitting in a chair dead with blood all over the floor & ceiling of the room I rushed over to the other dwelling & told Mr Jacobson. He & one of the men rushed over to the house & looked at Mr Cooper.
We wired the office & called the Sheriff & coroners at Apalachicola by telephone at once.
They arrived at station 330 P.M.
Their Verdict was pronounced suicide
They left with body from the Wharf at 5.40 P.M. for Apalachicola.
I have notified his son & Brother by wire.
Have hired man to substitute at station
Please advise on this matter

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 1939
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Cape St George
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 22nd, 1939

Superintendent of Lighthouses
New Orleans La.

Sir:

1. I beg to Report that at 12 O'clock noon today while at the Dinner Table, John W Mongomery asst Keeper came running over from the other Dwelling calling for me and telling me that Mr Cooper had committed Suicide, I hurried over there and found Mr Cooper laying back in a chair a Shotgun resting up against him half of his Head blown away and Blood all over the Room and his Brains scattered on Walls and Ceiling, I immediately wire the Office also the Sheriff in Apalachicola, He came here with Coroner and Undertaker and 4 others and held an

be seen up on the ceiling also the powder burnt on his Face where the Shots entered and powder burnt on his left Hand where he held the Gun barrel, his Body was removed to Apalachicola Boat left landing at 5.40 P.M. His Brother in New York was also Notified by Wire and will arrived in Apalachicola Saturday to take charge of the Body and his belongings.

Respectfully
N P Jacobson
Foreman

Form 93
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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AIR MAIL

LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 27 8 38 AM '39

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 2 1939
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1939

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Thornton K. Cooper — Position, Keeper ~~in the Lighthouse Service~~

Legal residence, Tennessee — Station, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla.

Salary, $1560 per annum

Date of death February 22, 1939. Reported suicide.

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

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

Remarks: See telegram of this date. This office is awaiting detailed report from the assistant keeper relative to circumstances connected with suicide and Bureau will be further advised.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
MAR 25 1939
SHEET NO. 39-34
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

3/2/39

CARDED

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

T. M. Gibilisco
Assistant Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1939

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

11—4023

For the Commissioner:

R. J. Foss
Chief of Personnel Division

(COBY- LEC)

WESTERN UNION

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TELEGRAM-CHG ACCT-APALACHICOLA FLO 22 105 P

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DELIVER NOW ROOM 328 CUSTOM HOUSE

LIGHT HOUSE KEEPER COOPER CAPESTGEORGE COMMITTED SUICIDE

NOON TODAY

JACOBSON

(Foreman)

COOPER, Thornton Kendrick, Lighthouse Keeper - Cape St. George Lighthouse, Apalachicola, Fla.

Mr. Cooper was born in Americus, Georgia, December 24, 1878. He was issued certificate No. 870223 by the Supreme Court, Monroe County, Rochester, New York, on July 30, 1918.

Certified seen:

T. M. Gibilisco
Assistant Superintendent

See misc. file 13 45/2

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Sep 14 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

To Dept

August 4, 1938.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. H. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1560 per annum.

CARDED

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
SEP 8 1938
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ENTER IN THIS COPY
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change.

ENTERED ON DUTY Aug. 4, 1938

(Sig.) (Title)
Chief of Personnel Division

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NOMINATION

SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
AUG 1 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8TH DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City) July 28 (Date) 19 38

LIGHTHOUSES

JUL 30 11 38 AM '38

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action Recommended, Promotion — To fill vacancy.

Name, Thornton K. Cooper

Position, Keeper ~~in the Lighthouse Service~~

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Effective, August 1, 1938

Legal residence, Tennessee

Proposed salary, $1560 p.a.

Proposed range, $1560-$1920

Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

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

Former position, Keeper ~~in the Lighthouse Service~~

Location, Cape St. George L.S., Fla.

Former salary, $1380 p.a.

Former range, $1380-$1740

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

Walter A. Roberts (L.T. #149)

Previous incumbent and his pay, $1560 p.a. Services terminated, July 31, 1938 to be

Reason, To be transferred to St.Joseph Point Range L.S., Fla

Members of immediate family in Government service, NONE

Are they living under the same roof? - - -

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

Manager, Civil Service District.

S. M. Gibbick
ASST. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUL 27 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

W. P. Hartman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1932 OCT -26- PM 2:56
CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 27 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 OCT -24- AM 10:31

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
October 21, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Thornton K. Cooper - Effective date of Change in Pay.

1. Referring to Department letter of October 8, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, to the position of Assistant Keeper at Cape St. George Light Station, Fla., with pay at the rate of $1380 per annum, effective upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is October 16, 1932.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

ENTERED ON COMPLETION
OF PERSONNEL JOURNAL
Date 11-3-'32

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 26 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information
For the Commissioner:
R. J. Groan
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

October 8, 1932.

M. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective upon entrance on duty (change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

OCT 14 1932

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1380 per annum.

Service and grade: field.

Appropriation (unit):

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEP. 13 1932 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La. (City), August 25 (Date), 1932

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer To fill elsewhere vacancy — **Legal residence,** Tennessee

Name, Thornton ~~Kendrick~~ Cooper — **Proposed salary,** $1380 p.a.

Eod. 7/27/31

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

Location, Cape St. George Light Station, Fla. — **Appropriation,** Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, September 10, 1932 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — **Former salary,** $1260 p.a.

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — **Former range,** $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, *Walter A. Roberts, Jr. (Lt.#160) $1560 p.a. **Services terminated,** June 30, 1932

Reason, ~~Promoted~~ Transfer to position of Keeper, effective ~~July 1, 1932~~ date to be reported pending, at same rate of pay he was receiving as Assistant Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

* not recd. Bureau states informally they are forwarding same immediately

Remarks: It is necessary to fill this position for the proper safeguarding of life and property. (See accompanying justification form)

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

E. S. Lamphier
Secretary, Civil Service District. — SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, justification form being inclosed. The transfer of Roberts will be reported on Form 73a when the effective date shall have been determined, justification form in his case being separately submitted.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 13 1932

File 756/12 #207

Approved by Pres. 10/8

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAR 17 1932
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA

1932 MAR - 12 - AM 9:00 1932 MAR - 16 - PM 3:00

March 10, 1932

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CHIEF CLERK

Thornton K. Cooper, Effective date of change in pay

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of February 11, 1932, in the case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was transferred from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas, with pay at the rate of $1320 per annum, to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Head of Passes Light Station, La., with pay at the rate of $1260 per annum, effective February 16, 1932, or upon entrance on duty:

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is March 1, 1932.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. G. Nutt
Assistant Superintendent

CARDED

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM
ENTERED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAR 15 1932

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

For the Commissioner:

R J Groves
Chief, Personnel Division.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1932.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective February 16, 1932, or entrance on duty (by change of station).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

FEB 19 1932

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1320 per annum

To: $1260 per annum

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB - 3 1932
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., January 29, 1932
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 11 1932
APPOINTMENT
DIVISION

Action recommended, Transfer To fill existing vacancy — Legal residence, Tennessee

Name, Thornton Kendrick Cooper — Proposed salary, $1260 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Proposed range, $1260-$1620

Location, Head of Passes Light Station, La. — Appropriation, Sals.L.H.Keepers

Effective, February 16, 1932 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1320-$1680

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

Previous incumbent, John Sebert (Lt.#173) — Services to be terminated, February 15, 1932

Reason, Resigned — 2/15/32

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Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks: Attached is letter from Mr. Cooper stating his acceptance of this transfer.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

E. S. Lamphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1932

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The filling of this position is considered necessary for the safeguarding of life and property.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
FEB 13 1932
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Action J. K.

Chief Clerk

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE 1933 FEB-1-AM 9

Forwarded
J. D. Shiver
Keeper

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 29 1932
EIGHTH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Station, Depot, or Vessel) Head of Passes

Jan 28, 1932.

Superintendent of Light-houses,
New Orleans, La. (Through the Keeper)

Sir:-

In answer to your letter of January 25th. I will be glad to accept the position of Second Assistant Keeper, at Head of the Passes Light Station @ 1260.00 per annum.

Quarters of three rooms and a bath room will be ample, as I will probably be alone until Spring when perhaps I will be joined by my family, consisting of my wife, Beatrice B. Cooper, age 48; and my son Paul E. Cooper, age 18.

If given this appointment, please advise the nearest point to the light to which I can drive, and from which my personal belongings, which I will bring with me in my car, can be conveniently transported to my quarters. Also please inform me the name of the Freight Vessel, to which my furniture and other belongings should be addressed. Respectfully,

J. K. Cooper

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DIVISION

Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President, March 28, 1925

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

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

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

Commerce
(Department)

Office of Supt., 8th Lighthouse District, New Orleans, La., Sept. 17, 1931.
(Bureau or office) (Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on October 26, 1931, 192 .

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

Name Thornton Kendrick Cooper

Position Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Salary $1260 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas

Date of entrance on duty April 27, 1931

Remarks:

CARDED

J. J. Ahren — Keeper
(Signature of immediate superior)
Sept. 22, 1931

Submitted:
E. J. Lauchheimer.
(Head of bureau or office)

Submitted:

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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WJB:BMA

Thornton K. Cooper -nEffective date of change in pay.

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

1931 SEP 25 AM 9:21

September 22, 1931.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 28 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department letter of August 21, 1931, in case of Thornton K. Cooper, who was promoted from the position of Third Assistant Keeper at Sabine Pass Light Station with pay at the rate of $1260.00 per annum to the position of Second Assistant Keeper at the same station with pay at the rate of $1320.00 per annum.

2. The Bureau is advised that the effective date of this change in pay is September 8, 1931.

E. V. Lanphier.
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RLC:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., September 25, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

W. P. HARMAN,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

U. S. REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE
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Form A-88

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1931.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective September 1, 1931, or entrance on duty (by change in duties).

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER AUG 26 1931

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260 per annum.

To: $1320 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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Form 73
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 19 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., August 14, 1931
(City) (Date)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 21 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion — To fill expected vacancy

Name, Thornton ~~Kendrick~~ Cooper — Eod Prob 4/27/31

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service (2d asst (4yrs)) — Legal residence, Tennessee

Proposed salary, $1320 per annum

Proposed range, $1320-1680

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

Effective, September 1, 1931 — [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service — Former salary, $1260 p.a.

Location, Sabine Pass Light Station, Texas — Former range, $1260-$1620

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

Previous incumbent, Joseph ~~Albert~~ Ryan (Lt.#188) 1320 — Services to be terminated, about August 31, 1931

Reason, To be promoted to First Asst. Keeper — Not recom. but if Toney Ryan's recom (herewith) is approved, same action will leave a vacancy of 1st Asst Keeper.

Members of family in Government service, NONE

Date of birth, December 24, 1878

Remarks:

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

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E. V. Laughlin
Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent of Lighthouses

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

August 18, 1931.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The filling of this position is necessary in order to safeguard life and property.

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AUG 25 1931 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

W P Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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STANDARD FORM No. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 4 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th Dist. (Sabine Pass Lt. Sta., Texas)

1. Name in full Thornton Kendrick Cooper

2. Legal (voting) residence Tennessee, 3rd (State and Congressional District) Hamilton (County), Chattanooga (City or town)

3. Where born? Georgia (State or foreign country) Americus (City or town) When born? Dec. 24-1878 (Month—Day—Year)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

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

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
None		CARDED						

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

None	Army ✓	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary

Enlisted May 15-1917 Discharged March 22-1918
Organization 196 Battalion Canadian Overseas Ex. Force

Enlisted ..... Discharged .....
Organization .....

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	

9. State special qualifications Can handle small boats either sail or gasoline in all weathers, rough carpentry, pipe fitting, understand small steam boilers & engines etc.

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Paul H. Cooper (Name) Brother. (Relationship)

16 Brookside Road, Maplewood, N. J. (Post office address)

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

Thornton K. Cooper
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

April 7th 1931 (Date)

c/o Monroe Cal. Mach. Co.
Present address 319 Volunteer Bldg.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 4 - 1931
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

Commerce
(Department or Establishment)

Superintendent, 8th Lighthouse District
New Orleans, La., April 20, 1931
(Bureau or Office)

I, Thornton K. Cooper, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

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

CARDED

Thornton K. Cooper
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, A. D. 1931

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

[SEAL]

C. S REPORT DATA ENTERED

Carlton Adamson
Ex officio Notary public.

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

December 31, 1932

Position to which appointed Third Assistant Keeper, Sabine Pass Light Station, La.

Date of entrance on duty April 27, 1931

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1931.

Mr. Thornton K. Cooper,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective April 16, 1931, or upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary

Civil Service authority: Manager, Tenth Civil Service District

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

E. A. DELONG

APR 16 1931

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field

Vice: Joseph A. Ryan

Legal Residence: Georgia

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

New Orleans, La. April 8, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Action recommended, Professional appointment. Legal residence, Louisiana

Name, Thornton K. Cooper. Proposed salary $1,200 p.a.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Proposed range $1,200-$1,440

Location, Battle Pass Light Station, Texas. Appropriation, 1938 A.P. Keepers

Effective, April 16, 1938. [To be appointed and assigned to duty at as soon thereafter as he shall be found qualified.]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 15 1938
ACCOUNTING DIVISION

Former position, - - -. Former salary, - - -

Location, - - -. Former range, - - -

Rank on eligible list, 1st. Examination, April 2 K. Percentage, 93. Other eligibles considered: William Stokes, 2; John Gilbert, 3.

Previous incumbent, Joseph A. Ryan (Asst Keeper). Service terminated, about April 15, 1938

Reason, To be promoted to 2nd Asst Keeper

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, December 24, 1876

Remarks:

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service Board

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Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 9 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses