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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Coverdale, Frank, W.		

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (DE/NJ) 4th District	From: 1920	To: 1920
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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- ☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed
- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

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Time Out:

Final Return:

Frank W. Coverdale

INACTIVE

Frank W. Coverdale

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
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STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper At Large	$660	L. H.	Mar 11, 1920
" Mich Vessel Shoal L.O. N.J.	$780	"	Apr. 1, 1920
SERVICES DISCONTINUED		Aug Aug 31, 1920	
		INACTIVE	

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MAR 1 1920 9 45 AM

NOMINATION

FEB 27 1920 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

LIGHT MAR 1 1920 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Supt., Fourth DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Philadelphia, Penna., February 27, 1920.
(City.) (Date.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Frank W. Coverdale,**

Position, **(Additional) Keeper.**

Location, **At Large.**

Effective **March 8, 1920.**

Former position, x x x

Location, x x x

Legal residence, **New Jersey.**

Salary, **$660.00 per annum.**

Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

{~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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Former salary, x x x

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN Kpr. & MAR 4 - 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1920 MAR 3 PM 3 13

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Asst. Kpr. Percentage, 86 , Other eligibles considered:

Samuel J. Lloyd, (C); Joshua J. Downs, (C).

Previous incumbent, Floyd Schmierer. Services terminated, **February 13, 1920.**

Reason, **Promoted to the position of second assistant keeper of Harbor of Refuge Light Station and Harbor of Refuge North End Light, Delaware, entering on duty Feb.14/20.**

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Remarks: Quarters not furnished by government for family, as nominee will serve as an assistant keeper at different bay light stations.

108 3/3/20

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, FEB 28 1920 , 191

Stewart Wilson

Secretary, 3rd Civil Service District.

B B Doony

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAR 3 - 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1920 MAR 3 PM 2 01

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1920.

Mr. Frank W. Coverdale,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAR 4 - 1920 JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Floyd Schmierer.

Legal Residence: New Jersey.
Fourth District

(See reverse side.)

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Entered 3/15/20

Form 111

MAR 16 1920 9 21 AM

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENT MAR 8 1920

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

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MAR 12 1920 PHILADELPHIA

LIGHT MAR 16 1920 HOUSE

20 MAR 17 PM 2 02

I, Frank W. Coverdale,

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

Frank W. Coverdale.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 11th day of March, A. D. ~~191~~ 1920

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Nathan B. Register

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30-1923

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Additional Keeper	$660 per annum	At Large--Fourth Lighthouse District.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt., Fourth District

Philadelphia, Penna., March 15, 1920.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 11, 1920.
(Date)

REPORT DATE ENTERED

CARDED

B. B. Dorry
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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Form 73

MAR 26 1920 9 AM

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 26 1920

Supt.,
OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1920. ~~xxx~~
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, Frank W. Coverdale.

1920 MAR 26 PM 5 07

Legal residence, New Jersey.

Position, (Second Assistant) Keeper.

Salary, $780.00 per annum.

Location, Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, New Jersey.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 1, 1920.

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

Former position, (Additional) Keeper.

Former salary, $660.00 per annum.

Location, At Large.

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

x x x

APPOINTMENTS

Previous incumbent, Douglas Harrington. Services terminated, March 9, 1920.

Reason, Resigned.

NECESSARY ACTION GIVEN MAR 27 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Remarks: This keeper has not completed his probationary period. He is the only man in his class who is competent and available for the promotion at this time, and this vacancy could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment. Quarters not furnished by government for family.

108 3/26/20

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 26 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1920 MAR 26 PM 4 34

Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE March 27, 1920.

r. Frank W. Coverdale, APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Sir:

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 660. per annum to $ 780. per annum, effective April 1, 1920, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) EDWARD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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U. S. REPORT TODAY ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED MAR 29 1920 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Cross Reference

April 1, 1920, Lighthouses reports effective date of E.O.D. of Frank W. Coverdale, Apr1 1,1920.

See letter in file of Frank S. Palmer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

MAR 12 1920 PHILADELPHIA SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

APPOINTMENT MAR 24 1920

LIGHT MAR 23 1920 HOUSES

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

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

Frank Wm. Coverdale.

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

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

Light House Service (Bureau or Service.) Philadelphia (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 4 district (District.)

CHIEF CLERK

4. Position to which appointed Additional Keeper at Large

5. Compensation $660 per annum 1920 MAR 24 AM 8 52

6. Appropriation from which paid ~~Department of Commerce~~ (Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses)

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

(From Examination for Keeper & Asst. Keeper, February 14, 1920.)

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

National Park (City or town.) New Jersey (State or Territory.) Gloucester (County.) (1st) (Congressional district.)

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

(Don't differ)

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

11. Where were you born? Lewes Del.

12. When were you born? November (Month.) 10th (Day.) 1877 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs Frank W. Coverdale (Name.)

National Park (City or town.) N.J. (State or Territory.) (Number and street.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Edward B Long	Keeper light House	Position Carpenter Department or office Dept	(nephew)	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

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

defective hearing

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Phila. Navy Yard		Boatbuilder	$70 per day	July 1912,	March 1920.

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

No

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) no

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

21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below. (No)

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? — (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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

See question # 18
(Boat builder)

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

Public school up to one term in high school

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

Boat & yacht Bldg.

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

See question about #18 and in light house service and which I received an average of 86 – (Feb. 14, 1920.)

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

Date, March 11th, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Frank N. Coverdale

P. O. Address: National Park
City or town.

Number and street.

N J.
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 22, 1920., ~~1921~~

(Signature) A A Doorly

(Official title) Superintendent 4th Lighthouse District

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
GCW/D

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

CHIEF CLERK
1920 AUG 9 PM 4 09

LIGHT
AUG 7 1920
HOUSES

SUBJECT: Frank W. Coverdale,
probationary appointee.

Supt.,
OFFICE OF [redacted], 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
August 6, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. The Bureau is informed that Mr. Frank W. Coverdale who was appointed Additional Keeper At Large on March 11, 1920 is not recommended for absolute appointment.

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2. It is desired that his services be discontinued at the close of August 31, 1920. This man is extremely deaf and orders are transmitted to him with difficulty. He is not considered desirable material for the Lighthouse Service on account of his inability to take orders effectively.

3. He has been retained considerably longer than the character of his services warranted, solely on account of the extreme scarcity of eligibles.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
AUG 12 1920
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

8/10/20.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 7 - 1920

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Commissioner.

APPROVED:

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

August 12, 1920.

Sir:

In view of a report to the effect that your services have not proved satisfactory by reason of your defective hearing and in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued your services as Keeper (second assistant) of Miah Maull Shoal Light Station, New Jersey, effective at the close of August 31, 1920.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT ENTERED

Mr. Frank W. Cleverdale,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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