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

Date: 6/23/2025

REQUESTER INFORMATION

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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Curry, William, H.		1865 Bahamas

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: 1919

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature:

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (FL)		
From: 1893	To: 1919	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 6/20/25 KH

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☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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RESPONSE LETTER

RE: Curry, William H | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

THE REPLY TO THE INQUIRY WILL BE FOUND IN THE CHECKED ITEM(S).

☒ The attached material is furnished in response to your request.

☐ Your request did not specify a particular Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action. We have attached a copy of the most recent form. If you require another SF 50, please include the date of the SF 50 and the specific action shown on the form.

☐ This transcript of employment (which has been prepared from pay records) is furnished in lieu of an official personnel folder which either was never established or cannot be located. File this transcript as a permanent record on the right side of the official personnel folder established for this employee.

☐ The records of employment with the District of Columbia Government and Defense Non-appropriated Fund activities are not combined with the records of other Federal employment. The attached transcript serves as official documentation of the employee's service in lieu of the folder.

☐ This form has not been notarized as we have no notary available. We have affixed the seal of the National Archives and Records Administration, which is generally accepted as sufficient certification.

☐ We cannot answer questions of a personal nature. Unless otherwise indicated, conduct and performance were satisfactory.

☐ The requested information or document is not in the official personnel folder.

☐ The information you requested is not releasable without either written authorization and signature from the person whose records are involved or proof of that person's death. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ A search of our records did not reveal a record of the claimed Federal employment. If additional information or documentation can be submitted to verify the information shown in the request or to otherwise support the claimed employment, we will make a further search. If you resubmit your request, please return all correspondence.

☐ Requests involving retirement or insurance information or medical records should be sent to the Office of Personnel Management, Retirement Programs, 1900 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20415-3000.

☐ Pay claims arising from Federal employment should be sent to the agency out of whose actions the claim arose.

☐ Requests concerning amendment or removal of information in the official personnel folder should be sent to the Assistant Director for Workforce Information, Office of Merit Systems Oversight and Effectiveness, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 7439, Washington, DC 20415-6000.

☐ We do not have the authority to determine civil service status, reinstatement eligibility, or creditability of service. Contact the personnel office with which you are currently employed or seeking employment, or the Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 6500, Washington, DC 20415-9300. The attached documents or transcript will assist in making such determinations.

☐ The records you have requested are not on file at this Center.

☐ We suggest you contact the address given below/on the attached printout.

☐ The official personnel folder is not at this Center. Please contact the last or current employing agency.

☐ The agency mentioned in your request does not retire personnel records to this Center. We suggest you write directly to that agency.

☐ Your request, along with the necessary documents, has been forwarded to the office that retains legal custody of the record for processing. Please contact that office at the address given below if you have further questions about this matter.

☐ The requested official personnel folder was sent to the address given below on _____. We suggest you contact that office.

Referral address:

Faye L Garcia
3301-I Duck Ave.
Key West FL 33040

Date: 9-28-00

For the Chief,

☐ Civilian Operations Branch
☒ Reference Service Branch

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
(Civilian Personnel Records)
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, MO 63118-4199

BU-13526 to 16698
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Faye L. Garcia
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Key West, FL 33040

National Personnel Records Center
Civilian Records Facility
111 Winnebago Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

May 14, 2000

To whom it May Concern

I am looking for any records and photos of my Grandfather William Hiram Curry, who was a Lighthouse Keeper in the Florida Keys from 1893 to 1919. He was born in the Bahamas Dec 1866 and died in a hurricane in Sep 1919. I have enclosed a document listing all the lighthouses he was assigned to before his death.

Please call me at anytime if you have any questions in regards to this letter at (305) 296-4728.

Sincerely,

Faye L. Garcia

Faye L. Garcia

KEEPERS OF FLORIDA LIGHTHOUSES 1820–1939

Over 1000 listings with names, periods of service and other historical information.

By Neil E. Hurley

Curry, William H., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 19, 1893-Aug 16, 1895, promoted, 1st Asst Keeper Aug 16, 1895-Jul 1, 1897, transfered to SANIBEL ISLAND, later (1901) at SOMBRERO KEY, (after 1915) at CARYSFORT REEF, (1910) AMERICAN SHOAL, (b West Indies), paid $490 as 2nd, $510 as 1st/year (1)

Watkins, John, 2nd Asst Keeper Aug 28, 1895-Apr 1, 1896, transfered to SANIBEL ISLAND, later 1st Asst Keeper Jul 1, 1897-Apr 4, 1904, transfered to SOMBRERO KEY, formerly (1895) at REBECCA SHOAL, (1893) at CHARLOTTE HARBOR, (1888) at DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), (b England), paid $490 as 2nd, $510 as 1st/year (1)

Mills, Fredrick H., 2nd Asst Keeper Apr 1, 1900-Sep 22 1900, (b IA), paid $490/year (1)

Dreason (Deason), Lucius H., 2nd Asst Keeper Sep 22, 1900-May 22, 1902, transfered to DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), later (1903) at CEDAR KEYS, paid $490/year (1)

Overn, Thornwald (Howard), 2nd Asst Keeper May 27, 1902-Apr 1, 1904, promoted, 1st Asst Keeper Apr 1, 1904-Dec 14, 1907, paid $490 as 2nd, $600 as 1st/year (1)

Mitchell, Thomas J., 2nd Asst Keeper Apr 1, 1904-Sep 1, 1904, paid $490/year (1)

Anderson, Victor, 2nd Asst Keeper Sep 1, 1904-Aug 8, 1906, "promoted" and transfered to FOWEY ROCKS, paid $490/year (1)

Albury, Thomas E., 2nd Asst Keeper Aug 8, 1906-Apr 10, 1907, transfered to SAND KEY, later (1908) at HILLSBORO INLET, (1911) at FOWEY ROCKS, paid $490, later $500/year (1)

Stran (Shand), William T., Keeper Apr 10, 1907-after 1912, formerly (1907) at SAND KEY, (1903) at CARYSFORT REEF, (1900) at AMERICAN SHOAL, (b 1876 FL), no family listed in 1910, paid $840/year (1,15)

Richardson, Stillman, 2nd Asst Keeper Apr 10, 1907-Jul 1, 1907, paid $500/year (1)

Culmer, Jno., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 1, 1907-Jul 16, 1907, paid $500/year (1)

Morrow, Charles L., 2nd Asst Keeeper Jul 16, 1907-Apr 1, 1909, paid $500/year (1)

Kelly, Thomas M., 1st Asst Keeper Dec 14, 1907-Sep 1, 1910, transfered to REBECCA SHOAL, later Keeper in 1929, formerly (1907) at REBECCA SHOAL, paid $600 as 1st/year (1,22)

AMERICAN SHOAL (cont)

Stran (Shand), William T., 2nd Asst Keeper Dec 11, 1894-Sep 19, 1900, transfered to CARYSFORT REEF, later (1903) at SAND KEY, (1907) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (b FL), paid $480/year (1)

Weatherford, Henry P., Keeper Jul 1, 1899-Jan 1, 1905, transfered to FOWEY ROCKS, formerly (1899) at FOWEY ROCKS, (1884, 1888) at CARYSFORT REEF, (1884, 1894) at SAND KEY, (1884) at NORTHWEST PASSAGE, (b FL), paid $820/year (1)

Niles, Nathaniel Jr., 2nd Asst Keeper Sep 20, 1900-Apr 6, 1903, transfered to SOMBRERO KEY, paid $480/year (1)

Woodward, Edward, 2nd Asst Keeper Apr 6, 1903-Jan 1, 1906, transfered to EGMONT KEY, paid $480/year (1)

Berghill, Alfred A., Keeper Jan 1, 1905-Feb 17, 1907, transfered to CARYSFORT REEF, paid $820/year (1)

Archer, William D. Jr., 2nd Asst Keeper Jan 1, 1906-May 19, 1906, paid $480/year (1)

Sawyer, Theophilus, 2nd Asst Keeper May 19, 1906-1907, transfered to CARYSFORT REEF, later (1908) at SAND KEY, (1910) at NORTHWEST PASSAGE, paid $480/year (1)

Hamblett, Arthur C. E., Keeper 1907-Jul 1, 1908, transfered to REBECCA SHOAL, formerly (1905) at CARYSFORT, (1901) SAND KEY, (1893) FOWEY ROCKS and (1899) PENSACOLA, paid $820/year (1)

Pierce, William H(P)., 2nd Asst Keeper 1907-Jul 1, 1910, transfered to SOMBRERO KEY, paid $480/year (1)

Peterson, John, Keeper Jul 1, 1908-Jul 1, 1910, transfered to EGMONT KEY, later (1911) at NORTHWEST PASSAGE, formerly (1904) at ANCLOTE KEYS, (1908, 1901) at REBECCA SHOAL, paid $820/year (1)

Curry, William H., Keeper Jul 1, 1910-after 1915, later (before 1919) at CARYSFORT REEF, formerly (1897) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1899, 1905) at SANIBEL ISLAND, (1902, 1910) at SOMBRERO KEY, paid $780/year (1,6)

Filer, Melville F., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 1, 1910-Jul 25, 1910, paid $490/year (1)

Lowe, B. F., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 25, 1910-Nov 16, 1910, also a B. T. Lowe listed (Aug-Dec 1910) at SOMBRERO KEY, paid $480/year (1)

Mingo, Harry, 2nd Asst Keeper Nov 16, 1910-Oct 16, 1911, promoted, 1st Asst Keeper Oct 16, 1911-after 1912, paid $480 as 2nd, $540 as 1st (1)

CARYSFORT REEF (cont)

Sawyer, Theophilus, 1st Asst Keeper Feb 17, 1907-Aug 4, 1908, transfered to SAND KEY, formerly (1907) at AMERICAN SHOAL, later (1910) at NORTHWEST PASSAGE, paid $600/year (1)

Elden, Charles W., 1st Asst Keeper Aug 14, 1908-Dec 1, 1908, formerly (Aug 1908) at SAND KEY, (Mar 1908) at REBECCA SHOAL, paid $600/year (1)

Behringer, Harvey E., 2nd Asst Keeper Dec 20, 1908-Jul 20, 1909, transfered to HILLSBORO INLET, paid $40/month (1)

Hauce, H. H., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 20, 1909-Oct 17, 1909, paid $40/month (1)

Pinder, H., 2nd Asst Keeper Oct 17, 1909-Nov 5, 1909, paid $40/month (1)

Pierce, H. A., 2nd Asst Keeper Nov 5, 1909-?, (could be Keeper Pierce in 1927 listed below), paid $40/month (1)

Page, A. J., 1st Asst Keeper Dec 1, 1908-?, also an Albert J. Page (1879) at SAND KEY, paid $40/month (1)

Curry, William H., Keeper after 1915-1919, drowned in hurricane, formerly (after 1915) at AMERICAN SHOAL, (1897) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1899, 1905) at SANIBEL ISLAND, (1902, 1910) at SOMBRERO KEY (99)

Brooks, Clement (Claimon), Asst Keeper 1925-?, formerly (after 1923) at CAPE ST GEORGE, (1901) at CHOCTAWAHATCHEE BAY RANGE BEACONS FL, (after 1912) at SANTA ROSA SOUND BEACONS FL (22)

Pierce, ?, Keeper ?-1927, (could be 2nd Asst H. A. Pierce of 1909 listed above) (22)

Jenks, ?, Keeper 1927-? (22)

Baldwin, Harry, 1st Asst Keeper 1927-? (22)

Hall, ?, 2nd Asst Keeper 1927-? (99)



Author

SANIBEL ISLAND

Richardson, Dudley, Keeper Aug 16, 1884-Mar 31, 1892, resigned, formerly (1879) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1884) at AMERICAN SHOAL, (b Key West FL), paid $600/year (1,3,24)

Johnson, John, Asst Keeper Nov 25, 1884-Apr 5, 1890, transfered to CROSS KEYS lighthouse where dismissed for drunkenness in 1881, (b Norway), also a John Johnson at CEDAR KEYS (1880-1891), paid $460/year (1,3,24)

Shannahan, Henry, Asst Keeper Apr 5, 1890-Jun 1, 1892, promoted, Keeper May 21, 1892-after 1912, formerly (1890) at KEY WEST, formerly ship's carpenter, (b 1853 FL), wife and 2 children in 1888, later married Irene Rutland (widow), paid $640, later (1907) $740 as Keeper/year (1,3,5,14,24)

Shannahan, Eugene H., Asst Keeper 1892-?, also laborer at light in 1902, later Asst Keeper Jul 10, 1906-after 1912, at PUNTA RASSA RANGE BEACON FL in 1904 (1)

Spencer, John C., Asst Keeper Oct 1, 1892-Feb 17, 1896, removed, formerly (1892) at AMERICAN SHOAL, (b West Indies), paid $500/year (1)

Watkins, John, Asst Keeper Mar 11, 1896-Jul 1, 1897, transfered to ALLIGATOR REEF, formerly (1890) at DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), (1893) at CHARLOTTE HARBOR, (1895) at REBECCA SHOAL, later (1904) at SOMBRERO KEY, (b Wales, England), paid $500/year (1)

Curry, William H., Asst Keeper Jul 1, 1897-Jun 30, 1899, resigned, later Asst Dec 1, 1902-Dec 2, 1905, transfered to SOMBRERO KEY, later (1910) at AMERICAN SHOAL, (after 1915) at CARYSFORT REEF, formerly (1897) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1901) at SOMBRERO KEY, (b West Indies), paid $500/year (1)

Lowe, Braxton B., Asst Keeper Jul 12, 1899-Aug 1, 1900, (b FL), paid $500/year (1)

Gardner, Charles H., Asst Keeper Aug 1, 1900-Dec 1, 1902, later (1904) at CEDAR KEYS, formerly (1900) at REBECCA SHOAL, (1892) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1896) at CEDAR KEYS, paid $500/year (1)

Lane, B. B., Asst Keeper in 1900, (b 1874 FL) (14)

Roberts, Chester W., Asst Keeper Dec 2, 1905-Jul 10, 1906, formerly (1905) at SOMBRERO KEY, paid $500/year (1)

Dewie?, W. L. M., Keeper in 1910, (b 1862 FL) (15)

Rutland, Clarence, Keeper 1920-before 1946, (30) says 1936-1941, stepson of Henry Shannahan (30,99)

England, William Robert Jr., Keeper 1946-April 1949 (24)

SOMBRERO KEY (cont)

Reike, Rudolph, Keeper Aug 13, 1893-Apr 1, 1904, (b Germany), paid $820/year (1,30,99)

Lowe, Samuel W., 2nd Asst Keeper Nov 8, 1893-Jul 17, 1896, transfered to DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), (b FL), paid $480/year (1)

Wilson, George S., 2nd Asst Keeper Jul 27, 1896-Sep 28, 1901, transfered to REBECCA SHOAL, formerly in U.S. Navy, (b 1852 FL), paid $480/year (1,14)

Curry, William H., 2nd Asst Keeper Sep 28, 1901-Dec 1, 1902, transfered to SANIBEL ISLAND, later 1st Asst Keeper Dec 2, 1905-Jul 10, 1910, transfered to AMERICAN SHOAL, formerly (1895) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1897) at SANIBEL ISLAND, later (after 1915) at CARYSFORT REEF, paid $480 as 2nd, $500, later $600 as 1st/year (1)

Roberts, Chester W., 2nd Asst Keeper Dec 1, 1902-Aug 23, 1905, promoted, 1st Asst Keeper Aug 23, 1905-Dec 2, 1905, transfered to SANIBEL ISLAND, paid $480 as 2nd, $500 as 1st/year (1)

Niles, Nathaniel Jr., 1st Asst Keeper Mar 21, 1903-Aug 23, 1905, formerly (1903) at AMERICAN SHOAL, paid $500/year (1)

Watkins, John, Keeper Apr 1, 1904-after 1913, formerly (1904) at ALLIGATOR REEF, (1897) at SANIBEL ISLAND, (1895) at REBECCA SHOAL, (1893) at CHARLOTTE HARBOR, (1890) at DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), (b England), paid $820, later (1906) $840/year (1,22)

Knowles, Jno. T., 2nd Asst Keeper 1907-Feb 1, 1909, paid $500/year (1)

Roberts, Bolton? M., 2nd Asst Keeper Feb 1, 1909-Aug 16, 1910, paid $40/month (1)

Pierce, William H(P)., 1st Asst Keeper Jul 10, 1910-?, later Keeper 1919-after 1922, formerly (1910) at AMERICAN SHOAL (1,6)

Lowe, B. T., 2nd Asst Keeper Aug 19, 1910-Dec 10, 1910, also a B. F. Lowe listed at AMERICAN SHOAL, paid $480/year (1)

Russell, Raymond S., 2nd Asst Keeper Dec 10, 1910-Jan 5, 1911, formerly (Jun 1910) at REBECCA SHOAL, paid $480/year (1)

Palmer, Richard, 2nd Asst Keeper Mar 16, 1912-?, later (1920) at FOWEY ROCKS, formerly (1911) at DRY TORTUGAS (Loggerhead Key), (1910) at SAND KEY, (1909) at REBECCA SHOAL, paid $480/year (1)

Parker, Willis, Asst Keeper ?-1959, killed in raising boat, (seaman) (22)

Williamson, Furman, Keeper? in 1959, (Bosn's Mate) (22)

Faye L. Garcia
3301-I Duck Ave
Key West, FL 33040





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SEARCH REPORT (CPR)

NOTE: *Do not remove from inquiry until ALL search actions have been completed.*

CASE DATE: 7/45

CASE NAME: Cuny William Hiram

NEE NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH: —

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: —

DATE OF REQUEST: 5-14-00

INITIATE THIS FORM WHEN ROUTINE SEARCH IS NEGATIVE OR WHEN RECORD IS CHARGED OUT

ROUTINE SEARCH ACTION

SEARCHER'S NAME: J.W.

RECEIVED CASE ON: 6-15-00

ROUTINE SEARCH COMPLETED ON: 6-15-00

SEARCHED THE FOLLOWING:

CODES	NAMES	RECORD GROUPS
	Cuny. – William Hiram	

RECORD CHARGED TO: ON: TYPE OF CASE:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE CHARGEOUT DIFFERS FROM OR IS IN ADDITION TO THAT SHOWN ON THE REQUEST.
NAME DOB SSN OTHER

VERIFICATION SEARCH ACTION

VERIFIER'S NAME: CS

RECEIVED CASE ON: 7/6/00

DELAY SENT ON:

VERIFICATION SEARCH COMPLETED ON: 7/6/00

SEARCHED THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

	DATE		DATE
☐ TAPES		☐ POST OFFICE ROSTER CARDS	
☐ SEARCH UNIT REFILES		☐ CORR ANALYSTS WORKLOAD	
☐ FILE AREA		☐ REFILES	
☐ CODE "H"		☐ CSC (S/OPM)	
☐ CODE "K"		☐ FINDING AIDS	
☐ CORR UNIT DESKS		☐ INFORMATION DESK/S/RESEARCH	
☐ CORR UNIT WORKLOAD PENDING		☐ MAILROOM	
☐ QUALITY ASSURANCE STAFF OFFICE		☐ OTHER-SPECIFY	
☐ 7 BOX SEARCH			

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FINAL RESULTS

- ☐ WANTED CARD PREPARED *(used in Registry only)*
- ☐ RECORD IN PLACE, CORRECTLY FILED
- ☐ RECORD MISFILED
- ☒ RECORD NOT FOUND
- ☐ RETURNED TO REQUESTER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- ☐

RECOMMENDED ACTION/REMARKS:

C6

William N. Curry.

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Florida.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Asst. Keeper, Sombrero Ke., L Sta. Fla.	$500	Light House Service	Portion from January July 1, 190
1st Asst Keeper, Sombrero Key L Sta, Fla.	"	"	January 1, 1906.
" " " " " "	$600	"	October 8, 1906
Keeper American Shoal L.S. Fla	$780.	"	July 2, 1910
" " " " "	$804	"	Jan. 1, 1916
" Carysfort Reef L.S. Fla.	$840.	"	Apr. 1, 1917
" Increases "	1080	"	Nov 4, 1918.

Drowned on Sept 9 or 10, 1919.

INACTIVE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

SET OF INCLOSURES. Washington.

William H. Curry,
pay

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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JUL 26 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

JULY 25, 1911.

RECEIVED
JUL 27 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

1. I have the honor to inclose a letter of July 18, 1911, with its inclosures, from the Inspector of the Seventh Lighthouse District in re action of William H. Curry, keeper of American Shoal Light-Station, Florida, at $780 per annum, in overstaying his leave of absence.

2. The Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Inspector that Mr. Curry lose nineteen days' pay, and recommends that authority be granted the Inspector to deduct pay for that number of days from Mr. Curry's compensation for the month of July, 1911.

3. In addition to the above the Inspector will be authorized by the Bureau to deduct five days' leave of absence from Mr. Curry's time during the present quarter.

Respectfully,

7-27-11

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

WRB

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
JUL 27 1911
APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

WROTE BUREAU
AUG 1 1911



American Shoal.

Wm H Curry

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Sombrero Key Fla. L.S.,
3. Name Curry, William H. 4. Where born ~~Bahamas.~~ Service record card states was born in Key West Florida; books in L.H.B. state Bahamas.
5. Age 44 yrs. 6. Position 1st Assistant Keeper. Entered on duty October 8, 1901.
7. Compensation $600. pa. 8. When appointed (a) Sept. 28, 1901. (see remarks)
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from: State Florida. Congressional District 1st. County Monroe. O.R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service None.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station in absence of Keeper, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with Keeper and 2nd Assistant.
15. Efficiency: Quantity of work (d) 0.8 Quality of work (e) Good. Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; good interest manifested.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

January 19, 1893, appointed acting 2 A.K., Alligator Reef L. S. June 30, 1899, resigned. September 28, 1901, 1 A.K., Sombrero Key L. S. Entered on duty October 8, 1901.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 5 - 1909, 19

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
JUN 8 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the INSPECTOR, 7TH L. H. Dist.,

KEY WEST, FLA,

JUN 8 1910

May 25, 1910.
(Date)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer and promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) William H. Curry of (3) Florida,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Sombrero Key Light-Station, Florida.
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $ 600. p.a. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) American Shoal Light-Station, Florida, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ 780. p.a., effective beginning (10) July 1, 1910, (~~the date~~
(Salary recommended)
~~of his entrance on duty~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) John Peterson at $20. p.a. July 1. 1910 crcd
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) is recommended for transfer on (13) June 30, 1910.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
~~Mr.~~ (14) ~~stands No.~~ (15) in ~~list of eligibles,~~
~~Class~~ (16), ~~with an average of~~ (17) ~~per cent, and~~
~~was considered with~~ (18)
~~vice~~ herewith.

Respectfully,

J. H. Bennett
COMDR. U.S.N.
INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT

HB-BTD
2827

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

June 6, 1910., 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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JUN 8 1910
TO APPOINTMENTS
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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
JUN 8 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

11—2514

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

2827

June 8, 1910.

Sir:

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

Keeper of American Shoal Light-Station, Florida.

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per Annum,

effective beginning July 1, 1910, or as soon thereafter

as you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(vice John Peterson.)

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of Sombrero Key Light-Station, Florida, at $600 per annum.)

CARDED.

CHANGE REGISTERED
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By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Respectfully,

A. H. Baltzmann

Chief Clerk.

Mr. William H. Curry.

Through the Light-House Board.

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Bureau Light House
JUL 8 1910
NO. 389

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

JUL 1 1910

I, William H. Curry

do solemnly [a] 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.

William H Curry
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 7 day of July, A. D. ~~190~~ 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) [illegible]

(Official title:) Notary Public

OFFICIAL TITLE.	PAY.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Keeper	$780.	American Shoal L.S.	Florida ~~Bahama Islands~~	Florida.

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR 7TH LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

KEY WEST, FLA. (Address.), July 5, 1910. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1910. (Date.)

CARDED.

(Signed:) [illegible] COMDR. U.S.N.
INSPECTOR 7TH L.H. DISTRICT

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. 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.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany Oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Wm H. Curry

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Wm H Curry

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 31 day of October, A. D. 1906

[c] Name: Wm H Malone Jr

Official title: Notary Public State of Florida

My Com expires March 25 1907

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Assist. Keeper	Sombrero Key L. S.	Bahama Islds	Florida

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

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

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date Oct. 31, 1906.

OFFICE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT CLERK
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Chief Clerk.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

Referring to another letter of this date asking that the pay of the Keepers at the Sombrero Key, Fla., Light-Station be increased, the Board has the honor to ask that the pay of Mr. William H. Curry of Florida, First Assistant Keeper of Sombrero Key, Fla., Light-Station, be increased, to date from 1 Oct., '06, from $500 to $600 a year.

Respectfully,

U. Sims

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

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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October 8, 1906.

Mr. William H. Curry, of Florida, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper at Sombrero Key Light-Station, Florida,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect October 8, 1906.

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

(By increase in compensation from $500 per annum.)

CARDED.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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December 7, 1906.

Gentlemen:

It is requested that the Board transmit the oath of office of Mr. William H. Curry required by Department letter of October 8, 1906, increasing his compensation as first assistant keeper at Sombrero Key Light-Station, Florida, from $500 to $600 per annum.

Respectfully,

[illegible]
Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

I, Wm H. Curry

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Wm H. Curry

Light House Board
Entered upon duty.
Date January 1, 1906.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 9 day of January, A. D. 1906

J B Johnson
Chief Clerk

[c] Name: Ernest P. Roberts

Official title: U.S. Commissioner

Affix official seal.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Assist. Keeper	Bemini Key L.S.	Bahama Islds.	Florida.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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December 2, 1905.

Mr. William H. Curry, of Florida, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of the Sombrero Key Light-Station, Florida, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred dollars per annum, effective beginning December 2, 1905, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Chester W. Roberts.)

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

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of the Sanibel Island Light-Station, Florida, at $500 per Annum.)

Secretary

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The Light-House Board.

By

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor,

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. William H. Curry of Florida, from the position of Assistant Keeper of Sanibel Island, Fla., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to that of First Assistant Keeper of Sombrero Key, Fla., Light-Station at the same rate of pay, to date from 1 Dec.,'05, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Chester W. Roberts, whose transfer has this day been asked.

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Respectfully,

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

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DEC 1 1905
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

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

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1904.

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

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

Geo. B. Cortelyou

CARDED *Secretary.*

PART I.

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

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

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Wm H. Conroy

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

Key West (City or town.) Florida (State or Territory.) Monroe (County.) 1st (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Key West Florida

6. When were you born? December (Month.) 24th (Day.) 1864 (Year.)

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
none				

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

16 Months

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

Oct 7th 1901 Asst Keeper L. H. Service

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

None

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

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

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

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

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

Public School

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

/ Seaman

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

Asst Keeper L H Service Oct 7th 1901

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

Yes

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 12th, 1904

Witness:

(Signature) Wm H Conroy

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Key West
City or town.

1123 Stumps Lane
Number and street.

Florida
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded AUG 12 1904, 190

(Signature) John A. H. Nickels Comdr, U.S.N.,

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District

PART II.

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

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

LIGHT HOUSE (Bureau or Service.) Sanibel Island Light Station (Place (city, town, or station)) 7th (District.)

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

3. On what date was he appointed to this position? Dec. 1, 1902.

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

1 1/2 Year.

5. What was his salary July 1, 1903? $ 500 per annum.

6. From what appropriation was he paid July 1, 1903? SALARIES of KEEPERS of LIGHT HOUSES.

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

Competitive

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8. If the position was classified, state the date of classification. July 11, 1904, May 6/96

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

Asst. Keeper L.H. Service, Class 1.

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

(Signature) John A. H. Nickels Comdr., U.S.R.;

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District

Date: AUG 12 1904, 190

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Washington, 11 Sept., 1901.

Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:

FILE NO. 2827.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Wm. H. Curry as Second Assistant Keeper of Sombrero Key, Fla., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $480. a year, to take effect from date of entering upon duty, in the place of Mr. George S. Wilson, who is recommended for transfer and promotion.

Mr. Curry has passed the required Civil Service examination and obtained a rating of 88 per cent.

Respectfully,

W. Maynard

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

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 1 4 1900 1,500.

OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

I, William H. Curry do solemnly Swear 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.

William H. Curry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5th day of October A. D. 1901

James F. Jones

Notary Public.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
2d Assistant Keeper	Sombrero Key	Florida	Florida.

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

Communications should be addressed to the Light-House Board. In writing upon the subject of this letter quote the following file number:

FILE NO. 2827.

Washington, 7 April, 1902.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of Mr. Wm. H. Curry, as Second Assistant Keeper at Alligator Reef, Fla., light-station, to date from 8 April, 1902, with pay at the rate of $480. a year.

The probationary appointment of Mr. Curry expires 7 April, 1902, and the Inspector of the Seventh Light-House District, recommends that he be given a full appointment.

Respectfully,

C. McLaurin

Captain, U. S. N.,

Naval Secretary.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD,

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

FILE No. 2827

Washington, 19 Nov. '02.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

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The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. William H. Curry from the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sombrero Key, Fla. Light-Station, to that of Assistant Keeper at Sanibel Island, Fla. Light-Station, to date from 1 December, 1902, with pay at the rate of $500. a year, in the place of Mr. Chas. H. Gardner, resigned.

Respectfully,

C. F. Hutchins,
Captain, U. S. N.,
Naval Secretary.

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DIVISION OF
APPOINTMENTS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, November 29, 1902.

Mr. William H. Curry,
Second Assistant Keeper,
Sombrero Key Light Station, Florida.

Sir:-

You are hereby transferred, promoted, and appointed Assistant Keeper of the Sanibel Island Light Station, Florida, with compensation at the rate of $500. per annum, to take effect on December 1, 1902.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L.M. SHAW

Secretary.

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CARDED

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
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OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

I, Wm H. Curry do solemnly Swear 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.

Wm H. Curry

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17 day of December A. D. 1902

E.O.D. Dec 24/1902.

J. M. Phillips
Notary Public.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Assistant Keeper	Sanibel Island L.H.	Florida.	Florida.

This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, a Judge, a Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

Form 65
Ed. 12-8-10—20,000

MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHT VESSEL

COPY.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUL 21 1911
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

FROM American Shoal LIGHT Station, FOR MONTH OF May, 1911.

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or light vessel, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHT-HOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL. Good.

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS. Good.

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS.

4. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY.

5. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.
Sailboat good. dingy needs repairs.

7.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	60
Coal	90
Provisions	30

6. REPORT OF ABSENCES OF EMPLOYEES DURING ABOVE MONTH:

NAME OF ABSENTEE.	RATING.	LEFT STATION. Date.	LEFT STATION. Hour.	RETURNED TO STATION. Date.	RETURNED TO STATION. Hour.	STATE PURPOSE OR NECESSITY OF ABSENCE.
William H.Curry	Keeper	5/12/11	10.30 A.M.			Not returned to date

To Light-House Inspector,

KEY WEST, FLA.

(Sign here) (Sgd.) William Felton,
(Keeper or Master.)
1st Asst.

Date, May 31, 1911.

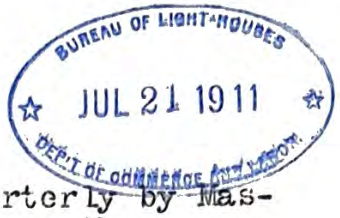
(Post-office address.)

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☞ Read carefully the instructions printed on the back of this blank.

Form 69. Report of Absence.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
Light-House Establishment.



(To be made monthly by Keepers of Light-Stations, quarterly by Masters of Light-Vessels, and sent to the Inspector on the first of the succeeding month.)

REPORT OF ABSENCE from the Light-Station at American Shoal

during the Month ending May 31st, 1911.

I, the principal Keeper, was absent from the light-station under my charge during the past month One times.

(Here follow the hours A.M. and P.M. of departure from and return to the light-station, and the days of each, respectively.)

Wm. H. Curry Keeper were absent from May 13th 9.30 A.M. until May 31st, 1911.

The.....Assistant Keeper .....absent.

The foregoing absences were for Recreation.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) Wm. H. Curry,

Keeper.

To the Light-House Inspector,

7th L.H.District,

Key West, Fla.

Keepers will state the hours and days of leaving and returning, and for what purpose or necessity, in each case of absence.

COPY.

Leave, overstaying.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

June 21, 1911.

Mr. Wm. H. Curry,
Keeper Aerican Shoal Light.

Sir:

1. In reference to your Report of Absences during the month ending May 31, 1911, and your overstaying leave.

2. The report signed by you, states,
"Wm.H.Curry, Keeper were absent from May 13th, 9:30 a.m. until May 31st."

3. The plain inference from this report is that you returned to your station on May 31, instead of on May 27 as you should have done.

I find upon inquiry that you did not return to your station until June 15, thus overstaing your leave 19 days, and that your report for the month of May was misleading.

In your absence, the report should have been made by the 1st Assistant, and should have shown that you were still absent on May 31.

4. It is also noted that you reported at this office on May 27, and stated that you would return to your station that day or the next day, and notwithstanding that you did not go until June 15, or 19 days later, you did not again inform this office, but left this office with the impression that you returned to your station not later than May 28.

5. You are directed to make a statement in writing to this office in regard to your overstaying leave, and your failure to again report to this office subsequent to May 27, under the circumstances.

6. In accordance with Article 120 of the Laws and Regulations relating to the Lighthouse Establishment, further leave is refused you until it is authorized by the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Respectfully,

(Sgd.) C.P.Eaton,

Commander, U.S.N., retired,
Inspector 7th District.

COPY: American Shoal L.S., July 8, 1911.



Mr. Harold D. King,

Inspector 7th L. H. Dist.

Sir:

I respectfully inform you about the mistake which was made in my absent report, and also my overstaying my leave of absence, it was getting late in the day when I arrived at this station and I being in a hurry to let the 1st Asst. get away I made a mistake in making out my absent report, It was not my intention to try to mislead the office in any way whatever, I am very sorry that such a mistake happened to me because I did not do it intentionally, and I did not know that I had made a mistake until the boat had left the station, but I made out another report and sent it to the office as soon as I could get it there giving the time that I left the station, until I returned to the station, when my leave of absence was up which was 14 days I reported to the office that my leave of absence was up and that I was ready to leave, but I having sickness I asked for three or four days more which was granted to me, by the Inspector Comdr. C.P.Eaton, and when that time was up I reported to the Office again that I was ready to leave and that I would leave the next day, but the sickness continued and so I stayed a few days more for which I was sorry for afterwards. I know that I did wrong By not reporting to the office again, and after it got to be so many days over time, I then felt a little timid in going back to the office and reporting there again, and I am very sorry that I acted the way that I did, but I hope that you will overlook this, and I will do better in the future.

Very respectfully,
(Sgd.) Wm. H. Curry.

COPY.

Key West, Fla., June 20, 1911.



The Inspector,

7th L. H. District,

Key West, Fla.

Sir:-

In obedience to your verbal order, I respectfully report that Keeper William H. Curry left American Shoal Light on leave on May 12th, and returned June 15th, having been continuously absent during that time.

From May 26th to June 11th the weather was generally good, with light to moderate wind, varying from E. to W., by way of South. As far as weather was concerned there were very few occasions during this period when a landing could not have been made safely at the Light. June 12 and 13, it was rough, with strong squalls from the South and Southwest, and a landing could not be made safely at American Shoal Light on those two days.

Respectfully,

William Fulton

1st Asst. Keeper,
American Shoal Light.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Five enclosures.

William H. Curry -
overstaying leave of
absence.

July 18, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. In accordance with Paragraph 120 of the Regulations governing the Lighthouse Service, I have to report that Keeper Wm. H. Curry of American Shoal Lightstation, Fla., overstayed his authorized leave of absence during last quarter, from May 27 until June 15, a period of nineteen days.

2. Under the circumstances which existed, additional leave would probably have been granted Mr. Curry had he applied for it properly. His offense consisted of neglecting to keep this office informed of the situation.

3. Owing to the isolated character of the station, it does not seem wise to deprive a keeper of all leave for so long a period as six months, for reasons of health. It is therefore recommended that Keeper William H. Curry suffer loss of 19 days pay, and five days leave of absence during the present quarter.

4. Copies of correspondence on this subject are enclosed.

Respectfully,

A. D. King.

Inspector 7th L.H.District.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

MEMORANDUM IN RE WILLIAM H. CURRY, KEEPER OF AMERICAN SHOAL LIGHT STATION, FLORIDA, WHO OVERSTAYED HIS LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

It appears that Mr. Curry went on leave for 14 days on May 12, 1911; that he reported at the Inspector's office on May 27 and stated that he would return to the station that day or the next day, and that he did not return until June 15, or 19 days after termination of leave.

This fact of excessive leave is shown by the first assistant keeper's report to the Inspector and Mr. Curry's acknowledgement which, however, he qualifies by a statement of illness that continued apparently during the time of his excessive absence.

The Inspector recommends that Mr. Curry suffer a loss of 19 days' pay and 5 days' leave of absence; the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommends that the Inspector be authorized to deduct pay for 19 days from Mr. Curry's compensation and states that the Inspector will be authorized to deduct 5 days' leave from his time during the present quarter.

Consideration of all the papers shows that if Mr. Curry was ill, of which fact he offers nothing in corroboration, he was decidedly remiss in not notifying the Inspector's office of that fact, and consequently of allowing it to believe that he was on duty at his station. It is therefore believed that Mr. Curry should be charged with 19 days' leave of absence without pay, for the period from May 28 to June 15, 1911, inclusive.

approved JSC

Acting Chief of Appointment Division. RLeShelse

July 29, 1911.

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August 1, 1911.

Sir:

In compliance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 25th ultimo, the Department has authorized the Inspector of the Seventh Lighthouse District, Key West, Florida, to deduct pay for the period of 19 days (from May 28 to June 15, inclusive, 1911), from the salary of William H. Curry, Keeper of American Shoal Light Station, Florida, also to deduct 5 days' leave from his time during the present quarter, it appearing that he was absent from duty without authority for the periods above mentioned.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting Chief Clerk.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

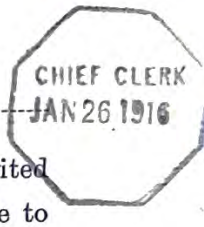
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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE







I, William H. Curry

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.

Wm H. Curry
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 18th day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) H B Haskins

(Official title) Clerk L.H. Service

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper.	$804. A.	American Shoal Lightstation.
Former[5] Keeper.	$780. A.	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District

Key West, Fla (Address), January 18, 1916. (Date)

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

CARDED.

W. W. Emerson
(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 7th DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. (City.), March 26 (Date.), 191 7.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, transfer and promotion.

Name, William H. Curry — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper. — Salary, $840. A.

Location, Carysfort Reef L. S., Fla. — Appropriation, Salaries, Kprs. Lighthouses.

Effective April 1, 1917. — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

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Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $804. A.

Location, American Shoal L. S., Fla.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN MAR 31 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Previous incumbent, Charles Johnson. Services terminated, March 31, 1917.

Reason, Transferred. 73a

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: This nominee holds the Commissioner's Efficiency Star.

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

W. W. Emmett

Secretary, Civil Service District. Lighthouse Inspector. AB

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 29 1917

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 30, 1917.

Mr. William H. Curry,

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 Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from keeper at $804 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully, CARDED.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles Johnson.

Legal Residence: Florida.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 30 1917 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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CHIEF CLERK APR 27 1917

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William H. Curry,

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.

☞ William H. Curry
(Appointee signs here)

CARDED

Sworn to[2] (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 6th day of April 6, (Affix official seal here), A. D. 1917.

[4] (Name) A. D. Wood

(Official title) Chief Dist. Office Inspector 7th District

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper.	$840. A.	Carysfort Reef L. S., Fla.
Former[5] do	$804. A.	American Shoal L. S., Fla.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7th District

Key West, Fla. (Address), April 6, 1917. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 1, 1917. (Date)

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Wm. W. Bennett
(Signature, followed by title)
Lighthouse Inspector. 7th Dist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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expected for the next twenty four hours.

b. Shortly afternoon on Monday September 8th. all stations connected by telephone were advised of the proximity of the hurricane and the possibility of its striking the Florida Keys. Mr. Fabal states that at that time there were none of the usual indications, in the locality of his station, of the approach of a hurricane. However, he proceeded to make final preparations for it, and while so engaged he and his first assistant notice Carysfort Reef Lightstation Boat No. 2 making for Boot Key Harbor, five miles north of his station. When Mr. Curry anchored under the lee of Boot Key every possible effort was made by the keepers at Sombrero Key Lightstation to reach Marathon by telephone and to get the hurricane information to him, but they were unable to make connection with Marathon, which is about three miles from where he anchored.

c. At sundown on the 8th. they could still see him anchored there. At 9 o'clock that night the wind started to increase and by day-light of the 9th. it was blowing about 80 miles an hour and increasing. They were worried about Mr. Curry and with the spy-glasses tried to locate the boat, but they were unable to see it any where, and so far as has been ascertained it was not seen again until it was found capsized and floating bottom up several days afterwards, twenty five miles north of the position where he anchored on the 8th.

d. The general impression is that during the night, when the wind freshened and hauled to the eastward it became so rough that he decided to go to the northward of the Keys and in doing so while passing through an arch in the Florida East Coast bridge, where the current is very strong, the boat struck and capsized. It is also possible that when the wind hauled around to the south east, the wind, sea and current caused the boat to drag or parted its hawsers and when passing through an arch in the bridge, the mast struck and the boat turned over.

e. When the boat was found, it was bottom up, with the mast broken off and missing, sail gone and everything movable washed out of it. The boat was towed in and new batteries connected, the engine immediately started and run perfectly until it was stopped. The rudder was damaged, the stern showed evidence of having struck something, the mast broken off, sail gone, all standing and running rigging missing and the tools, lights and other equipment washed out of the boat.

f. The party who picked the boat up towed it to his home on Cape Sable near Flamingo, Fla. and afterwards, in compliance with instructions from this office, he towed it to Miami, where he goes weekly with produce and for supplies, and there turned it over to Pelsang's Ship Yard, for repairs. The question of the amount of compensation for his service in salvaging the boat and towing it to Miami is the subject of correspondence

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between this office and the party who recovered the boat. As soon as CHIEF CLERK an amicable agreement is reached the question of paying for this service will be submitted to the Bureau.

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5. Mr. Richard Palmer, Second Assistant Keeper of Fowey Rocks Lightstation, who was enroute from Key West to his station 133 miles away, was also caught in the hurricane. However he was more fortunate in that he was bound up through the inside route from Long Key to Miami and was better protected than Mr. Curry, who owing to the location of his station could not advantageously use that route. Before the storm struck, Mr. Palmer, who was about forty miles north of where Mr. Curry anchored, selected a suitable anchorage and ran his boat up into the mangroves, where he secured it until the storm had passed, when he continued on to his destination.

6. Nomination is submitted for a successor to Mr. Curry. The keeper selected for this important station and who is entitled to the promotion is the most efficient young keeper in the District and formerly served several years as first assistant at Carysfort Reef Lightstation under the deceased keeper.

Wm. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 21 1919

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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G. R. Putnam

Commissioner

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

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

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

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered.

If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. -----

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

20. Remarks: (e) No.

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

A. B. Johnson

Supt., 7th L.H.District.

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

C. P. Eaton

Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

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G. P. Putnam

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

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

1. Name Curry, William H., 2. Age 46 yrs. (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position Keeper.
5. Compensation $780 p.a. 6. Where employed American Shoal L.S., Fla.
7. When appointed (*a*) Sep.28,1901. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount --
12. Other Government service None.
13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station, attends to accounts, correspondence and reports, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with assistants.
14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them ----

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15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	85	2	1	70
Quality of work	85	3	2	55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2	55
Attendance				
Total		8	6	80
Average percentage				85

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Inspector, 7th District
Key West, Fla.

January 7, 1913.

The Keeper,

Inspection of your station during the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1912, having shown the same to be in an exceptionally clean, orderly and efficient condition, the Seventh Inspector takes pleasure in issuing in recognition thereof, and in accordance with the regulations, this letter of commendation for general efficiency during the quarter named.

Dibrell
Inspector

CROSS REFERENCE

Letters of commendation for general efficiency as above issued to light keepers for quarter ended December 31, 1912, as follows:

Carysfort Reef L. S.	Miguel Fabal,	Keeper
American Shoal	Wm. H. Curry,	"
Sand Key	Chas. G. Johnson,	"
N.W. Passage	John Peterson,	"
Sanibel Island	Henry Shannahan,	"
Cedar Keys	Chas. H. Gardner,	"

(Copies sent to the assistant keepers of above stations.)

Office of Inspector, 7th L. H. District.
Key West, Fla., Jan. 7, 1913.

Respectfully forwarded to the Lighthouse Commissioner, Washington, D. C., in accordance with Bureau Circulars Nos. 87 and 188.

Dibrell
Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, Jan. 14, 1913.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

J. S. Conway,
Acting Commissioner.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) December 21, 1915. (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, increase in salary.

Name, Wm. H. Curry. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Keeper. Salary, $804.00.

Location, American Shoal L. S. Fla Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers.

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

Former position, Keeper. Former salary, $780.00.

Location, American Shoal L. S. Fla

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Above recommendation made in accordance with Bureau's instructions of December 17, 1915.

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

W Emmett

Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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October 27, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Seventh Superintendent's recommendation of the 17th instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 20th instant and for the reasons stated therein, the Department has waived the regulation relative to excess leave in the case of William H. Curry, Keeper of Carysfort Reef Lightstation, Florida, who was lost in the hurricane of September 9 and 10, 1919.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 28 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Curry, William Hiram

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse, 7th District.

4. Designation of position:

Keeper, L.H.S.

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

See "4"

6. Annual earnings:

$792.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ $804 PA.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 490 PA.

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

~~Substitute~~— ~~Regular~~—

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

Bahamas

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: Dec. 25

Year: 1864

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

E8; H3.

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4 Florida

County: Monroe

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: American Whoal L.S.,

State: Fla.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1918.

r. William H. Curry,
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Sir: Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your salary as keeper of the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $840 per annum to $1080 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay is the independent pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

October 17, 1919.

William H. Curry,
Excess leave.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

The Bureau is advised that when William H. Curry the late keeper of Carysfort Reef Lightstation was lost in the hurricane of September 9-10-1919, he had an excess of sixteen leave.

Had this keeper succeeded in reaching his station, he would not have taken leave again until January 1920 and there would have been no excess.

In view of the long faithful services rendered by the deceased it is recommended that this office be authorized to pay the widow the salary due Mr. Curry from September 1st. to 8th. inclusive; amounting to $32.60.

Wm. W. Kimball

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DISBURSEMENT DIVISION
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OCT 25 1919
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 20 1919

C. S. REPORT DATA
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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Commissioner

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Approved (excess leave):

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

WWD-VAA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

William H. Curry, Keeper
Carysfort Reef Lightstation, Fla.,
drowned in hurricane Sept. 9-10, 1919.

October 17, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

1. Referring to telegram from this office dated September 17, 1919 in which it was reported that Carysfort Reef Lightstation boat had been picked up at sea and that Keeper Curry was missing.

2. After waiting thirty days in hopes of hearing something from this keeper and as nothing whatever has been heard from him nor has he been seen since the evening of September 8, 1919, this office has arrived at the conclusion that this faithful employee was drowned during the night of September 8-9, 1919.

3. The records of this office show that William H. Curry, the deceased keeper, entered the Service as a second assistant keeper July 11, 1893 and served until June 30, 1899 when he resigned from the Service. He was again appointed second assistant keeper on September 28, 1901; on January 9, 1906 he was appointed first assistant keeper, and after nearly nine years continous service he was promoted to keeper on June 2, 1910. He had served in this capacity over nine years when he was drowned. His entire service extended over a period of 23 years 10 months and 20 days. Mr. Curry was a very efficient keeper and at the time of his death he had been holding the Commissioners Star for three years, and one of the stations where he was formerly on duty was awarded the efficiency penant. This keeper was one of that class of old reliable and efficient keepers whose one thought is of their station, and whose greatest pleasure is in maintaining it at the highest degree of efficiency in appearence and operation, and his death is a distinct loss to the District and the Service.

4. Mr. Curry had been to Key West on his regular quarterly leave and was returning to his station with supplies and official mail when he was lost. He left Key West very early on the morning of September 6, 1919 for his station 110 miles away, but the wind and sea was ahead and he made little progress.

a. When this keeper left Key West there was no evidence that a hurricane would strike the Florida Keys before he could get back to his light, and when he anchored on the afternoon of the 8th., while there was a fresh breeze and some sea dead ahead, there was practically no ordinary indications in that vicinity that a hurricane was approaching. The former keeper of Sombrero Key Lightstation, Mr. Miguel Fabal, now on the retired list, who has had nearly forty years experience along the Florida Reefs informed this office that he saw Mr. Curry anchor, and the anchorage that he selected was an excellent one for the weather at the time, and what could ordinarily have been

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1915.

Mr. William H. Curry,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By increase in compensation from $780 per annum.)

CAKDLM.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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