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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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
Davidson, Robert, B.		1879 DE

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: 1953 MD

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (NJ/DE) 4th District

From: 1911 To: 1944

(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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Nov. 6th 1976

U.S. Coast Guard
Allotment Disbursing Officer
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

I received my retirement check, without the card, which I send in each month, on the last day. I didn't know if it was an oversight or not. If I need it, please forward one at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly

Robert B. Donaldson, Lighthouse Keeper
Capitol Trail, Route 1
Marshallton, Del.

Answered by form letter 11/22/76

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28 May, 1948
CG-75

General Accounting Office
Claims Division
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Reference your file Misc-2873539. Inclosed is a letter of Mr. Robert B. Davidson, a retired member of the former Lighthouse Service, in which he claims the difference due in retired pay based on gross salary, which includes the amount deducted as a charge for occupancy of Government quarters, over that paid him based on net salary, for the period May 1, 1944, to June 30, 1946. In this connection, reference is made to the Comptroller General's decision of October 23, 1947 (B-70029).

Also inclosed is Treasury Department Form 2249, describing this retirement. This form shows correct computation of retired pay to be $1,283.44 per annum, whereas, for the period May 1, 1944, to June 30, 1946, Mr. Davidson was paid at the rate of $1,103.44 per annum - an underpayment of $180.00 per year, or $15.00 per month.

Computation of the amount due and appropriations chargeable are as follow:

2041255 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, CG, 1944 - - - - -	$ 30.00
2051255 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, CG, 1945 - - - - -	180.00
2061255 Retired Pay, Former Lighthouse Service, CG, 1946 - - - - -	180.00
Total - - - - -	$390.00

For tax withholding purposes, the records of this office show that Mr.Davidson claims two exemptions.

Mr. Davidson's mailing address is Route #1, Capital Trail, Marshallton, Del., and his claim is forwarded for settlement. No part of this claim has been or will be paid by this office.

By direction of the Commandant.

Very truly yours,

28 MAY 1948

A. F. MACKAY, Lieutenant, USCG
Chief, Pay and Audit Section

Incls
1. Claimant's letter 12/26/47
2. Treasury Form 2249

CC: Claimant
Budget Division, Sta. 6-3

JG:lmk 6-7

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25

CLAIMS DIVISION
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Misc-2873539-WGP

January 22, 1948.

Treasury Department,
Coast Guard Headquarters,
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Transmitted herewith is the claim of Robert B. Davidson, Route 1, Capitol Trail, Marshallton, Delaware, for an additional amount alleged to be due for retired pay during the period November 30, 1943, to June 30, 1947.

With the return of the enclosure, it is requested that, in the event any amount is found to be due, there be furnished a short form pay roll showing such amount, rate of pay, period covered, together with the appropriation and limitation, if any, chargeable.

It is also requested that a copy of Mr. Davidson's appointment covering his employment for five years preceding date of retirement showing the rate of pay be furnished.

Respectfully,

L. P. Sours

Chief of Section.

Enclosure.

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-45

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL Date 5-14-48

Name: Davidson, Robert B. (Mr.)

From: U. S. Coast Guard (BUREAU OR DIVISION) Bureau No.:

Nature of Recommendation

AMENDMENT
Retirement (Optional)

Effective: Close 4-30-44

	FROM	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade		
Salary	Range $1380-1740) Plus $1560 per annum) $240 pa Qtrs	
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	New York, N. Y.	
Post of Duty	Mahon River Lt. Sta. Del.	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C.G.	
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks: In accordance with the Comptroller General's Decision B-70029 dated 10-23-47, which reversed Decision A-31584 of 5-28-30, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changes the rate of your retirement pay from $1103.44 to $1283.44, and this notice is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Justification:

Total Service: 32 years, 6 months, 16 days.

Computation: ($1711.26 x 30.0000 ÷ 40 = $1283.44

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 2-6-1879

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Del.

SEX: Male

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT? Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

H. L. Morgan
H. L. MORGAN
Chief, Civilian Personnel Division
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

DATE APPROVED XXXXXXXXXX

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FILE LKZ.

3 May, 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, Retired,
Route #1, Capital Trail, Marshallton, Delaware.

Subject: Retired pay; payment of.

Reference: (a) Navy Department letter, 8 April, 1944.

Inclosures: (A) Form N.C.G. 9671-B.
(B) Standard Form 1099 - Signature Card.
(C) Form W-4.

1. Having been transferred to the retired list of the Lighthouse Service, Coast Guard, effective, 1 May, 1944, your pay accounts will henceforth be carried at Headquarters.

2. Checks in settlement of your retired pay will be forwarded to you after the close of each month upon the receipt of dated and signed Form 9671-B, one of which is inclosed for use at the end of the current month. Since this form is submitted as evidence of your existence and right to retired pay, it must not be signed prior to the last day of the month and should not be predated. If address is changed, the new address for mailing your pay check should be submitted on this card at the end of the month in which the change occurs.

3. Inclosure (B) must be signed in the space provided therefor and returned to the Allotment Disbursing Officer for transmittal to the General Accounting Office. The name appearing on your pay checks will be identical to that appearing in the upper left corner of this card. The card must be signed in the same manner, using first name and middle initial.

C. L. HERNDON,
By direction.

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SG:

(PCP)
CG-023

25 April, 1944

Mr. Robert B. Davidson
Route #1, Capital Trail
Marshallton, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Davidson:

My attention has been called to the fact that you are retiring from the Coast Guard at the close of 30 April, 1944, after rendering more than thirty-two years of honorable service in the former Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

I take pleasure in congratulating you upon your long and efficient service, and entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure afforded by relief from active duty.

Very truly yours,

R. R. WAESCHE
Vice Admiral, USCG
Commandant

CC: DCGO, 4th ND

U. S. COAST GUARD
MAIL SECTION (4)
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FILE LKZ

20 April, 1944

To: DCGO, 4th Naval District

Subj: Retirement of Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Delaware

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

2. In order to preclude the possibility of overpayment, it is requested that Headquarters be advised as early as practicable by letter, in duplicate, as to the payroll (stating D. O. Voucher Number, name of disbursing officer, and symbol number) on which this person was paid for his last (final) active duty. In furnishing this information, state also the period covered by the final payment and the amount thereof.

3. It is also requested that Headquarters be advised as to this person's total taxable income for the current calendar year to and including the last day for which carried for active duty pay.

Carl E. Herrick

CARL E. HERRICK
By direction

Incl
Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement

Mailing Address: Mr. Robert B. Davidson
Route #1
Capital Trail
Marshallton, Delaware

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

PHILADELPHIA 6, PA.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
REFER TO FILE 703-520

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C.G. HEADQUARTERS
MAIL SECTION

1 May, 1944

To: Commandant (PCP)

Subj: DAVIDSON, Robert B., Keeper, Mahon River Light Station; retirement of

1. Reference is made to HQ letter of 20 April, 1944 (no file) forwarding Form 2249 approving the retirement of subject employee.

2. Davidson was last paid on Voucher No. 16212, settled in the April, 1944 accounts of P. R. Thompson, Special Disbursing Agent, Symbol No. 55-170. This payment covered the period of 1 April, 1944 to and including seven (7) hours on 20 April, 1944 and was based on the following:

Gross Amount Earned:	$102.54
Less: Tax Withheld:	1.70
Net Amount Paid:	$100.84

3. Subject employee's total taxable income for the current calendar year to and including seven (7) hours on 20 April, 1944 is $567.54 of which $29.30 has been withheld for income tax purposes.

W. J. Kilkenny

W. J. KILKENNY
By direction.

File.

20 April, 1944

To: DCCO, 4th Naval District

Subj: Retirement of Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Delaware

1. The inclosure is approval of retirement under the Lighthouse Service Retirement Law.

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Carl E. Herrick

CARL E. HERRICK
By direction

Incl
Form 2249, Department Notice of Retirement

Mailing Address: Mr. Robert B. Davidson
Route #1
Capital Trail
Marshallton, Delaware

RSM

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STOCK FORM 2249
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UNITED STATES ~~TREASURY~~ DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION

TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL Date April 8, 1944

Name: Davidson, Robert B., Mr.

From: U. S. Coast Guard Bureau No.: 471
(BUREAU OR DIVISION)

Nature of Recommendation

Retirement (Optional)

Effective: Close April 30, 1944

	FROM 7060	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade	Range $1380-1740	
Salary	$1560 p.a.plus $240 p.a.Qtrs.	
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Post of Duty	Mahon River Lt. Sta.,Del.	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, C. G.	
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

The annual rate of retired pay is $1103.44.

Justification:

Total Services: 32 years, 6 months, 16 days.

Computations: ($1471.26 x 30 ÷ 40) $1103.44.

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CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION
Regular

DATE OF BIRTH
2-6-1879

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Delaware

SEX
Male

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE?
No

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?
Lighthouse Act 6-20-18

DATE OF OATH

Consideration given all other eligible employees
Certified as to sufficiency of Appropriated Funds
Certified as to validity of recommended vice vacancy or additional identical action

E. L. Kangas
E. L. KANGAS, Admin. Asst.
Civilian Personnel Division
(BUREAU OR DIVISION HEAD)

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

(FOR USE OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. ~~TREASURY~~ DEPARTMENT)
NAVY

APR 18 1944

amended to include quarters as per Comptroller General's decision B70029 dated 10-23-47

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Pay	4	20	1939	4	19	1944	5 yrs	Data	7356.33
quarters	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	240 ea	1200.00
									8556.33

Total compensation for last five years of active service 8556.33 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1711.26 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1711.26 × years 30 ÷ 40) = 1283.44 RR ✓

(Not exceeding 80)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

~~Superintendent of Lighthouses,~~

Date 11 November, 1943

District Coast Guard Officer
Fourth Naval ..... District

Philadelphia, Pa.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective 1 May, 1944, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Robert B. Davidson

ROBERT B. DAVIDSON
(Name)
Keeper
Mahon River Light Station
(Designation)

District Coast Guard Office
~~Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses~~
Fourth Naval District
City Philadelphia, Pa. *Date* 25 November, 1943

Commandant, USCG
Submitted to ~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1103.44 per annum, effective at the close of 30 April, 1944.

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

H. E. ABBOTT
Lieutenant Commander USCGR
~~Superintendent of Lighthouses.~~
By direction

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.*, ...

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name DAVIDSON, Robert Blizzard Date of birth February 6, 1879

Designation Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Little Creek, Delaware

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							Suspended 10-5 to 11-19-18. LWOP 1 hr on 4-20-44. Weekly tour of duty is 44 hours.
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
U. S. Lighthouse Service	9	20	1911	6	30	1939	
U. S. Coast Guard	7	1	1939	4	19	1944	
			6 mo, 16 da				
Total service		32 years, ~~5 months, 15 days.~~					

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number Days in Pay Status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Keeper	4	20	39	4	19	40		1440.	1440.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	40	4	19	41		1440.	1440.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	41	4	19	42		1440-1500	1443.16 ✓
Keeper	4	20	42	4	19	43		1500.	1500.00 ✓
Keeper	4	20	43	4	19	44		1500-1560	1533.17 ✓
									7356.33 ✓

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7356.33 ✓

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1471.26 ✓

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1471.26 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1103.44 OK LB

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT (pcp)

REFER TO FILE 75

25 November, 1943

To: The Commandant (PCP)

Subj: Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station; retirement of

1. The inclosures are forwarded herewith for HQ's information and action.

2. HQ is advised that the terminal date, used in computing the record of all active Government service and the statement by fiscal years of basic pay received during last five years of active service, is 19 April, 1944, since Mr. Davidson will not be in a leave with pay status for a full day on 20 April, 1944.

3. As of 1 December, 1943, subject-named employee is entitled to one hundred eight (108) days and seven (7) hours of annual leave, including that leave which will accrue while in a leave status. The leave will expire after seven (7) hours on 20 April, 1944. It is, therefore, recommended that he be retired effective at the close of 30 April, 1944.

4. The last day on which subject-named employee will work is 30 November, 1943.

5. The weekly tour of duty established in this case is forty-four (44) hours per week.

H. E. ABBOTT
By direction

Incl.
1. Form 9, in duplicate
2. Form 2806

CC: Pay

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

PHILADELPHIA 6, PA.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
DISTRICT COAST GUARD OFFICER
FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT (pcp)
REFER TO FILE 75

7 January, 1944

To: The Commandant (PCP)

Subj: Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station; address of

For HQ's information, it is advised that subject-named employee desires that his checks, upon retirement, be mailed to him at:

Route #1
Capital Trail
Marshallton, Delaware.

H. E. ABBOTT
By direction

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~

~~BUREAU OF~~

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, ~~DISTRICT~~

Philadelphia, Pa., 16 August, 1939.

From: Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.

To: Commandant, via Commander, New York District.

~~COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES~~

It is proposed to transfer ~~the following-named~~ employee as indicated, on or about 1 September, 1939.
(See instructions on reverse side)

Name, Robert B. Davidson Position, Keeper

From Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Del. To New Castle Range Front Light Station, Del.

Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1320.-$1680.) Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1320.-$1680.)

Previous incumbent and pay, Milton A. Duffield, $1500. p.a. $240 Qrs.

to be

Services terminated, 31 August, 1939 Reason, To be transferred to Deepwater Point Range Front Light Station, N.J.

Family quarters valued at $240. p.a. are provided at both of the above light stations.

G. W. Hitchens

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with ----------
(Enter effective date in this space if transfer has been actually completed)

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

This or when others acted on

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division.

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UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 1 October, 1943

Name: Davidson, Robert P.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 471

Effective: 1 October, 1943

Promotion

	FROM	TO
Position	7068	Keeper 7068
Grade	Range $1380-1740	Range $1380-1740
Salary	$1500 p.a. plus $240 trs.	$1500 p.a. plus $240 trs.
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Philadelphia, Pa.
Post of Duty		Delaw River Lt. Sta., Del.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, U.S.
Allotment		

FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

The action herein represents an administrative increase in salary effective as indicated above.

Justification:

Mr. Davidson was last promoted 1 April, 1943, in the amount of $60. His service and conduct are satisfactory. The position occupied by this employee is not temporary. His current efficiency rating is good - 3.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 2-6-1879

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Del.

SEX: M

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE?

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?

DATE OF OATH

Charles Rozet
dsf

BUREAU OR DIVISION PERSONNEL FILES

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

OCT 23 1943

TO: THE HONORABLE, THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

The following changes in compensation, involving 328 keepers and a total salary increase of $19680.are recommended to become effective 1 April, 1942.

The promotions herein are in accordance with the established practice of many years past and will not result in a deficit. Such personnel are not covered by Public Law No. 200, approved 1 August, 1941. These promotions are chargeable to the appropriation "17-2021208 Civilian Employees, Coast Guard (Navy), 1942."

T. O. Robertson

T. O. ROBERTSON, Chief,
Civilian Personnel Section.

Name	Range	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	E.R.	Date and Amt. Last Promotion	Location
			BOSTON			
Carr, Earl E.	$1440-1800	$1560	$1620	Ex	7-1-38 $60	Block I.
Hallett,Osborne E.	1200-1560	1200	1260	VG	9-4-37 EOD	Boston L.St.
Talbot, Ernest V.	1260-1620	1380	1440	VG	6-16-39 60	Browns Hd.
Seavey, George W.	1440-1800	1500	1560	G	6-16-39 60	Cape Ann
Dawes, William F.	1140-1500	1260	1320	G	6-16-39 60	C.Elizabeth
Coleman, Eugene L.	1380-1740	1500	1560	Ex	6-16-39 60	C.Neddick
Dubois, Joseph H.	1380-1740	1440	1500	G	6-16-39 60	Cape Poge
Powell, Nelson H.	1320-1680	1380	1440	VG	3-1-39 60	Conimicut
Morrison, Myrick R.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	12-16-30 120	Curtis I.
Orne, Simeon A.	1380-1740	1440	1500	Ex	6-16-39 60	Guttyhunk
Mathie, Ernest H.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-28-37 60	Egg Rock
Grieder, Frank A.	1380-1740	1440	1500	G	6-16-39 60	Gay Head
Hill, Arthur G.	1380-1740	1380	1440	G	3-1-38 60	Goose Rock
Kilton, Harold L.	1560-1920	1560	1620	VG	3-1-38 240	Goose Rock
Davis, Phillip A.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	4-3-37 60	Gr. Duck I.
Freeman, James H.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	6-30-39 60	Gr. Duck I.
Mann, Darrell L.	1320-1680	1320	1380	G	3-1-39 60	Gr. Duck I.
Cheney, Hoyt W.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-1-40 60	Halfway Rock
Osgood, Albert F.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	7-1-40 180	Halfway Rock
Strout, Arthur S.	1740-2100	1800	1860	VG	6-16-39 60	Halfway Rock
Cheney, Jasper L.	1260-1620	1320	1380	G	6-16-39 60	Libby I.
Day, Henley C.	1200-1560	1200	1260	G	6-13-30 EOD	Manna I.
Haskins,Archford V.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	9-1-37 120	Nantucket
Vidler, Fred S.	1320-1680	1320	1380	VG	11-16-38 60	Nauset B.
Dobbins, Harry B.	1380-1740	1680	1740	Ex	3-1-39 60	Newburyport
Scharff, John M.	1320-1680	1440	1500	Ex	3-1-39 60	Nobska Pt.
Foss, Morris J.	1260-1620	1260	1320	VG	6-30-39 60	Petit Manan
York, Javan D.	1440-1800	1440	1500	Ex	1-5-38 180	Race Pt.
Stockbridge, Benjamin	1320-1680	1380	1440	Ex	6-16-39 60	Ram I.
Clark, Wm. A., Jr.	1620-1980	1620	1680	VG	7-1-40 60	Ram I.Ledge

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Name	Range	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	E.R.	Date and Amt. Last Promotion		Location
			PHILADELPHIA				
Magee, Orrie B.	$1500-1860	$1500	$1560	G	9-20-37	630	Brandywine
Warrington, Edw.F.	1740-2100	1740	1800	Ex	7-1-40	60	Brandywine
Wilson, Harry T.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-1-40	60	Brandywine
Dennis, Greensbury	1740-2100	1740	1800	VG	7-1-40	120	Fourteen Ft. Bank
Walker, George T.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	7-1-40	60	Fourteen Ft. Bank
Spencer, Harry E.	1320-1680	1560	1620	Ex	6-16-39	60	Listons Range Front
Davidson, Robert B.	1380-1740	1440	1500	VG	3-1-39	60	Mahon River
Smith, Lee R.	1560-1920	1560	1620	VG	10-1-37	60	Miah Maull Shoal
Mitchell, Felix H.	1320-1680	1620	1680	VG	2-2-38	60	OldReedy I.
Richter, George	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	9-1-40	60	ShipJohnSh.
			NORFOLK				
White, Hiram T.	1560-1920	1560	1620	G	5-1-40	180	Bloody Pt.Bar
Newton, James A.	1380-1740	1380	1440	G	1-1-34	300	C.Lookout
Somers, James T.	1620-1980	1620	1680	VG	2-1-39	60	Choptank R.
Sturgis, Zadock W.	1200-1560	1200	1260	G	3-13-39	120	Cove Pt.
Newcomb, James M.	1380-1740	1500	1560	G	3-13-37	EOD	Cove Pt.
Edwards, John R.	1620-1980	1680	1740	G	7-16-38	60	Deep Water Sh.
Cropper, Thomas J.	1440-1800	1560	1620	Ex	3-1-39	60	Deep Water Sh.
McDorman, Walter F.	1620-1980	1680	1740	G	6-16-39	60	Gr.Shoals
Parks, John W.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	10-1-38	60	Gr.Wicomico
Austin, Julian H.	1620-1980	1680	1740	VG	2-1-37	60	Holland I.Bar
Dickerson, Kendrick H.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	3-5-36	EOD	Hooper I.
Kelly, William J.	1680-2040	1680	1740	G	3-1-37	60	Hooper St.
Messick, Harold M.	1500-1860	1500	1560	G	3-11-37	EOD	Hooper St.
Dawson, Samuel C.	1560-1920	1560	1620	Ex	5-16-39	180	Love Pt.
Matthews, Henry L.	1680-2040	1680	1740	G	6-30-39	60	Lower Cedar
Barnes, Franklin S.	1500-1860	1560	1620	VG	3-1-39	60	Lower Cedar
Hanberry, Henry R.	1620-1980	1620	1680	G	5-1-38	60	Maryland Pt.
Oliver, Joseph T.	1440-1800	1440	1500	VG	7-10-38	180	Mathias Pt.
Gaskill, Lloyd V.	1680-2040	1740	1800	VG	6-16-39	60	N.Landing R.
Rollinson, George S.	1620-1980	1740	1800	G	1-1-31	60	Old Plantation Flats
Johnson, George G.	1260-1620	1380	1440	Ex	3-1-39	60	OldPt.Comfort
Lewis, Frank R.	1560-1920	1740	1800	VG	6-16-39	60	Pages Rock
Midgett, John E.	1680-2040	1680	1740	G	4-5-36	120	Pamlico Pt.
Fulcher, Robert W.	1560-1920	1680	1740	G	6-30-39	60	Pt.Lookout

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STANDARD FORM N[illegible]
(Approved by the Presid[illegible]/28/24)
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

OCT 26 1939

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Department or Establishment Treasury Dept. United State Coast Guard **Date** Oct 25. 1939

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Davidson (Surname) Robert (Given name) B. (Middle name)
2. Present address (Number) Little (Street) creek (City) Delaware (State)
3. Legal (voting) residence Delaware. 1st (State and Congressional District) Kent (County) Leipsic (City or town)
4. Where born Delaware (State or foreign country) Magnolia (City or town) When born Feb. 6 (Month Day) 1879 (Year)
5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien
6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √ If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

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

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you One. Wife. 59.
8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY Per annum	DATE APPOINTED Month	Day	Year	DATE SEPARATED Month	Day	Year
Lighthouse	St. John River	Keeper	$ 240.	Sept.	19	1911	Feb.	17	1913
"	Ship John S. Light	2nd asst. K.	$ 456.	Feb.	19	1913	June	29	1914
"	Liston R.R. Light	1st asst. K.	F. 480. L. 1200.	July	1	1914	Jan	24	1927
"	Rudy Island R.R.	Keeper	F. 1260. L. 1440.	Jan	24	1927	Sept.	29	1939
"	Mahone River	Keeper	$ 1440	Oct	1st	1939			

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? If so, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? If so, state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

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

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

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

Enlisted ____ Discharged ____
Rank ____ Rank ____
Organization ____ Organization ____

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13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) .....

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school	High school	College	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	

16. In case of emergency, notify Mary L. Davidson.

Relationship wife Post office address Little Creek, Delaware.

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

Robert B. Davidson.
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

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Form 73 a

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 14 1939

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

~~TREASURY DEPARTMENT~~

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~

~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

New York, N. Y.,
11 October, 1939.

~~DISTRICT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ ~~DISTRICT~~

From: Commander, New York District.
To: Commandant. ~~xxx~~

~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~

Herewith is reported the transfer of the following-named employee:

~~It is proposed to transfer the following-named employee as indicated, on or about~~

(See instructions on reverse side)

Name, Robert B. Davidson Position, Keeper

From Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Del. To Mahon River Light Station, Del.

Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1320.-$1680.) plus $240 p.a. Qtrs. Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1380.-1740.) Plus $240 p.a. Qtrs. (#471)

Previous incumbent and pay, Irvin S. Lynch, ~~$1560. p.a.~~

Services terminated, 30 June, 1939 Reason, Retired for disability

Family quarters valued at $240. per annum are provided at both stations.

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The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with 1 October, 1939.
(Enter effective date in this space if transfer has been actually completed)

F. J. SEXTON, Commander, U.S.C.G.,
By direction.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
~~BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
WASHINGTON

~~the Treasury~~

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

Submitted to the Chief, Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for information.

By direction,

R. J. Gross,
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

~~For the Commissioner~~

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OCT 26 1939
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~~Chief of Personnel Division~~

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September 19, 1938

Secretary of Commerce:

By letter dated June 21, 1938, the Department approved the transfer of Robert B. Davidson to Mahon River Light Station in the Fourth District, vice Irvin S. Lynch who had applied for retirement on account of disability.

As Mr. Lynch was not found to be disabled for useful and efficient service he is being continued on duty, and therefore Department notice to Mr. Davidson is returned herewith for cancellation.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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Enclosure

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1939.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 1, 1939.

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,

EDWIN J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
803 CUSTOMHOUSE
SECOND AND CHESTNUT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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LIGHTHOUSES
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September 15, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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Subject: Irvin S. Lynch.

Reference is made to endorsement on confirmation of Bureau telegram of June 30th, relative to proposed retirement of Irvin S. Lynch, Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Delaware.

Mr. Lynch was examined at the Marine Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and was found to have recovered from his disability. Copy of report is enclosed.

There is returned herewith for cancellation appointment of Robert B. Davidson as successor to Mr. Lynch, which was received in this office June 29th.

Nomination of Mr. Davidson had been submitted after transmission of retirement papers for Mr. Lynch.

G. W. Hitchens
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT.

Phila, Pa. (City), June 9 (Date), 1938.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.

Name, Robert B. Davidson

Position, Keeper

Location, Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware.

Effective, July 1, 1938

Legal residence, Delaware

Proposed salary, $1440.00 per annum

Proposed range, $1380. to 1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

~~the action of the Commissioner, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper, Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation, Delaware.

Location, (Delaware).

Former salary, $1380.00 per annum

Former range, $1320. to $1680. p.a.

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

(Lt. #471)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Irvin S. Lynch Services terminated June 30, 1938.

Reason, Disability retirement recommended.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, February 6, 1879.

Remarks: (See letter attached). Quarters will be provided for family of Robert B. Davidson, at Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware, valued at $240. p.a. Similar quarters were provided at Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation. Pay rates and ranges shown above are net.

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

G. W. Hitchens,

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, attention being invited to the Fourth Superintendent's letter of June 9, accompanying. On account of Mr. Davidson's long service of approximately 27 years, the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views and recommends that an increase of one salary step be made. Since this will be effective July 1, it will coincide with the regular semi-annual promotion period, with which it would be in compliance.

Cancelled by 4th Dist ltr 9/15/38

W. F. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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803 CUSTOMHOUSE
SECOND AND CHESTNUT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 9, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to nomination being forwarded for transfer and promotion of Robert B. Davidson, from Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station to Mahon River Light Station. The pay range at Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station is $1320 to $1680, and the range at Mahon River Light Station is $1380 to $1740.

Mr. Davidson is now receiving $1380 per annum in the former Range and is being recommended to receive $1440, which is the corresponding step of the latter Range. Had this transfer not been anticipated, Mr. Davidson would have been included in the list of Keepers recommended for administrative promotions, which list was forwarded to the Bureau several days ago.

He has had almost 27 years' of service, his last increase in pay having been received July 1, 1928. It is hoped that the Bureau will approve appointment of Mr. Davidson at $1440 per annum. Mr. Irvin S. Lynch, who is being recommended for retirement from Mahon River Light Station, receives $1560. per annum.

G. W. Hitchens,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

January 28, 1932.

Hon. Daniel O. Hastings,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hastings:

1. In further reference to your letter of January 19 in the interest of Mr. R. B. Davidson, Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Del.:

2. You are respectfully informed that positions of lighthouse keeper are classified in compensation ranges according to the character of the various stations, and that the compensation of individual keepers is advanced within the ranges in accordance with their individual records and the availability of funds. The incumbents of these positions are also advanced as vacancies occur from assistant keepers to principal keepers, and in general the compensation of an individual keeper depends on his service record as compared with other keepers, and for this reason the pay of keepers varies considerably. In these times advances in pay of personnel are not practicable for this service, but the policy of promotions from time to time will be resumed when conditions again permit.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM,
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 26, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to Bureau endorsement, dated January 21, 1932, on letter from Senator Daniel O. Hastings, addressed to the Commissioner under date of January 19, 1932, which letter is returned herewith.

2. Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Keeper of Reedy Island Rear Range Light Station, receives an annual salary of $1,380.00 per year. This station is rated as a class 3 station, having illuminating apparatus of primary importance and no fog signal apparatus. The range of pay for this class station is $1,320.00 to $1,680.00 per annum. Mr. Davidson has been Principal Keeper only since February 1, 1927. The statement, that other men in the service occupying similar positions are receiving $10.00 more per month than he is, is correct, but these other men have had much longer service as principal keepers and have in the past received increases due to their length of service. As a matter of fact, there are about twelve other keepers and assistant keepers who are more deserving of an increase in pay due to length of service, etc. than is Mr. Davidson. He wrote to this office on August 7, 1929, and again on August 7, 1930, asking for increases in pay and complaining each time that other keepers were getting more money that he, and it was explained to him in letters from this office, dated August 9, 1929, and August 13, 1930, the reasons for these other keepers of longer service receiving more money and the fact that those keepers and assistant keepers who are most deserving and who have waited the longest for deserving increases must necessarily come ahead of him whenever there are any funds available for increases in pay.

3. Mr. Davidson's station is properly rated as to class, and there has been no discrimination against him as regards pay compared with other keepers. He was recommended for an increase of $60.00 per annum along with twelve other keepers and assistant keepers in letter from this office, dated May 28, 1931, but no increases were approved by the Bureau at that time.

IRVING L. GILL
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

January 21, 1932

Hon. Daniel O. Hastings,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hastings:

In reference to your letter of January 19, in regard to R. B. Davidson, Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Taylor's Bridge, Delaware.

You are respectfully informed that the matter is under consideration and you will be further advised at an early date.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Supt. .....
Chief Clerk .....
1st Clerk .....
2d Clerk .....
3d Clerk .....
4th Clerk .....
Messenger .....
Mechanician .....
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 26 1932
PHILADELPHIA

January 19, 1932

Hon. George R. Putnam
Bureau of Lighthouses
Hurley-Wright Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner Putnam:-

I am interested in R. B. Davidson, Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Taylor's Bridge, Delaware. He tells me that other men in the lighthouse service, occuping similar positions, are receiving $10. more per month than he is, and he thinks he is entitled to an increase.

Won't you be good enough to look into it and see if there is any merit in his claim.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O. Hastings

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
January 21, 1932

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa. for report and return.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN
Administrative Assistant.

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. [illegible] FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and [illegible])

Bureau No. Lt. 480 *Sheet No.* 4 (b) - 44

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Davidson (Surname) Robert (Given name) B. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Reedy Island Rear Light Station
   (b) Subdivision
   (c) City or town State
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper 1620
8. Present administrative allocation [illegible]
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1620.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ 300.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1320.00

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:
☒ House ☐ Room { ☐ Furnished ☒ Unfurnished } ☐ Heat ☒ Fuel ☒ Light ☐ Laundry ☐ Uniform ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value —

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost none

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From continuous m. to m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer — Winter — (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day —;
number of days per { week / month / year } — (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and type of such duty —

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime — (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months —

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? no (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
(c) How many? —

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

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19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)
Follows printed instructions under general supervision.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? H.B DORAN, supt, sheet no. 4 (a)-1.

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary								High				Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	X 8	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	— (Kind)

Other education (describe): —

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?
Carpenter

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23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time	
14	Lighting and extinguishing incandescent oil vapor light; repairs and adjustments; cleaning and incidental attendance. High tower.
11	Care of tower and grounds, cleaning, painting and repairing. High tower.
6	Getting supplies, etc. Supplies about 14 miles distant.
70	Standing by at station for all other purposes.
100	

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

Robert B. Davidson
(Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See instructions in Form No. 16.

Concur in description, which is very similar for all Keepers.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment Sept. 20, 1911.

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — G? Carleton Kennell, (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Chief Clerk. (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1320. to $1620. p.a.

Sept. 12, 1928 (Date) — B. B. [illegible], (Signature of head of field office or station) — Supt. (Title)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ---------- In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1320, to $1620

SEP 25 1928, 1928 (Date) — H. B. BOWERMAN (Signature of head of bureau or his representative) — Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. (Title)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

RG-EK

March 16, 1927.

Hon. Robert G. Houston,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. In reference to telephone conversation with your office today, regarding the transfer of Mr. Robert B. Davidson from lighthouse keeper at Liston Range Rear Light Station to Reedy Island Rear Light Station:

2. You are respectfully informed that this transfer involved a promotion from assistant keeper to keeper with an increase in pay from $1200 per annum to $1260 per annum, the salary range of the former position being $1020 to $1380, and of the present position $1200 to $1560. Under the classification system governing these positions, promotion from assistant keeper to keeper is ordinarily made at the minimum of the range of the new position, unless the present compensation is equal to this amount when a further adjustment is usually provided for. The classification system for these positions also provides for periodic promotions about once a year, depending on the availability of the funds and the efficiency of the incumbents, and under this promotion system Mr. Davidson will be duly considered for advances in the range of his position.

Very truly yours,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 4th Supt.

Ret

3/16-7 wire to Houston
copy to 4th

Congressman Houston's Secretary, Delaware, Branch 729, called on Mr. Conway's phone at 2:05 p.m., in regard to case transposed? of keeper who has recently been transferred from Reedy Island to Listons Rear, stating that keeper has been informed he cannot receive keeper's salary for two years. Asked that this office advise the Congressman further in regard to this matter.

tp of range?

Robt. B. Davidson was trans. from Listons Range Rear as asst keeper at $1200 to keeper Reedy Island Rear at $1260 effective 2/1/27.

Letter not shipped transfer Kpr Davidson

This appears to be oh with classification system

Former Keeper was receiving $1380.

Listons Rge Rear 1020-1320 — pay 1200
Reedy Is " - 1200 - 1500 - 1260

as name of keeper is not definite suggest telephone Mrs Offie tmrw ab to 4th pf 3/4

Concur
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Asst Bu to write letter

LIGHTHOUSES
1927 JAN 5 AM 9 50
JAN 6 1927

Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Assistant Keeper,
Liston Range Rear Light Station, Del.,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

The Commissioner of Lighthouses has reported to me that you performed a satisfactory detail of duty at the National Sesquicentennial Exposition held during the past year at Philadelphia. I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the services rendered by you, which contributed materially to the success of the Department's exhibit. A copy of this letter will be placed on your official record.

Very truly yours,

Reply to Bulletin. Feb. 1927

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

SEE Bureau memo. of Dec.20,1926 to
Mr. Graves and his letter Dec.24,
1926 re this matter in file 3180.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 4 Supt.

Exact copy as signed by.....

Mailed..... by.....

JSC:EBF

Assistant Keeper
Davidson.

December 2, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. On November 30 while at the Sesquicentennial, Assistant Keeper Davidson informed me that he would like to to be considered for keepership at Cherry Island Rear in the event of a vacancy. He said that he had been at Liston Rear 13 years, and that various difficulties had arisen which made him desirous of effecting a transfer. I informed him that I would bring this matter to the Superintendent's attention, which I am now doing.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

McC.

Inclosure. November 13, 1918.

Subject: Dept. letter Nov. 5,1918, H.E.Spencer, and R.B.Davidson, keepers, Listons Range Rear L. S., charges.

1. Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa., for his information, guidance, and files.

2. Report effective date of Davidson's restoration to duty and pay.

3. Inclosed are originnl and copy of Bureau reprimand to Davidson.

4. Furnish the information called for by Department in regard to the keeper, Harry E. Spencer.

Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of the Secretary.
WASHINGTON.

11/13/18 Reprimanded November 5, 1918.
Copy Asst D in
" 4th Supt

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District dated the 25th ultimo, in the case of keepers Harry E. Spencer and Robert B. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Light Station, which recommendation was approved by the Commissioner on the 1st instant, the recommendation in the case of Davidson is approved as follows:

> That he be promptly reinstated to duty; that his suspension from October 5, 1918, to date prior to his re-entry upon duty be leave without pay: that he be severely reprimanded by the Bureau and that he lose for a period of four months his additional compensation of $10.00 per month.

The necessary action to carry this into effect will be taken by the Bureau and this office advised of the date of his restoration to duty.

In the case of keeper, Harry E. Spencer, as the papers furnished contain no information with regard to certain failings to which it is proposed to call his attention, the Department is unable to reach a conclusion in the matter unless such information is furnished.

A. L. THURMAN
Acting Secretary.

CH/R

McC.

Reprimand. November 13, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Assistant Keeper, Listons Range Rear
Light Station, Del.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.)

1. Referring to report of your altercation with the keeper of Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, on the night of October 4, 1918, during which you struck him on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

2. Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, Arts. 8 and 9, relative to personal character, obedience to orders, etc. All employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, and subordination; they are forbidden to treat their superior officers with contempt, or be disrespectful to them in manner or deportment, and the penalty of dismissal is prescribed for violation of these instructions. In view, however, of your length of service and previous good record, you will not be dismissed from the Service for this offense, but you are severely reprimanded for your conduct, which constituted gross insubordination; your suspension from duty beginning October 5, 1918, will be without pay; and your pay will be reduced for a period of four months at the rate of $10 per month. You are cautioned that a repetition of the offense referred to will result in more drastic action being taken in your case.

3. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
NOV 18 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, reference being made to Dept letter of Nov 5, 1918. The information relative to keeper Spencer, called for in last paragraph of Department letter, will be furnished at a later date.

Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Office of Inspector, Fourth District,

Philadelphia, Pa. November 9 1918 .

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication

(letter) from this office dated October 25, 1918 on the

subject of Charges against Assistant Keeper, Robert P. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Lightstation.

Bureau of Lighthouses, November 13,1918.

Returned to Fourth Superintendent inviting attention to Department letter of November 5, 1918, in this matter indorsed to you on this date, and to Bureau letter of reprimand dated November 13, addressed to Davidson.

Acting Commissioner

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To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space above inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 70, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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DAVIDSON, Robert B.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF MARINE INSPECTION AND NAVIGATION

CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE	CHARGED TO	DATE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 28 1918

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Comm'r.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 25, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Destroy Oct 28

SUBJECT: Charges against Assistant Keeper, Robert P. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Lightstation.

REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau on suspension, dated October 5, 1918.

Herewith are papers in this case, as follows:

Letter from Keeper Spencer of October 10, 1918.

Charges against Assistant Keeper, Davidson of October 16, 1918.

Davidson's reply, dated October 23, 1918.

On October 5, report was made that Assistant Keeper Davidson knocked down Keeper Spencer in tower on night of October 4. After investigation, I suspended Davidson and preferred charges.

The trouble at this place has been caused by Spencer's talk and overbearing manner, and parents taking up the quarrels of children.

On October 4, Davidson being off station, an argument commenced between Miss Davidson and Spencer. It appears that Spencer would take the family to task whenever Davidson was absent.

Regarding Spencer, this office considers him one of the most efficient keepers in this District, but he cannot get along with assistants. He talks too much and is domineering and overbearing. I am convinced that Spencer could not get along with any assistant and I intend to transfer him to a one man station at first opportunity.

Davidson has been in the service seven years; is young and energetic and up to this time has had a clean record. Knowing what I do about the conditions, it is my opinion that Davidson had serious provocation and on account of the extenuating circumstances his dismissal is not recommended. I do recommend however, the following:

1. That he lose pay and allowance from the date of his suspension of October 5, 1918 until his reinstatement, which I recommend as of November 1, 1918.

2. That he be severely reprimanded by the Bureau.

3. That he lose for a period of four months his additional compensation of $10. per month.

It is also recommended that the Bureau send a letter of caution to Spencer that he should not permit his wife to interfere with his duties as keeper, that he should talk less and not encourage gossip, and that he must treat assistants with more consideration and cultivate a method of getting along with others

T. J. ROUT

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 1 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 7, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Dept recd reports

I have to state that on October 5 I suspended assistant keeper, R. B. Davidson of Listons Rear Lightstation; see enclosed copy of letter to him.

It appears that on the night of October 4, the two men had an argument and the assistant keeper struck the keeper while in the tower.

Charges will be preferred against Davidson and full report submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

T. J. ROUT

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
OCT 14 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED RATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
DEC 29 1915
HOUSES

December 27, 1915.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

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, ~~Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Four Hundred and Ninety-two~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

EBD
Jan 1, 1916.
JW

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: Delaware.

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DEC 29 1915

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 23 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT.

Philadelphia, Pa., December 21st, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase of pay.

Name, **Robert B. Davidson,** Legal residence, **Delaware.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper,** Salary, $492.00 per annum.

Location, **Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.** Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

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

Former position, Assistant Keeper, Former salary, $480.00 per annum.

Location, **Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware.**

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

Previous incumbent, x x x x Services terminated, x x x x

Reason, x x x x

Members of family in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: Recommendation made in accordance with Bureau letter of 17 Dec.'15.

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

T. J. Rout.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 13 1914

June 12, 1914.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEAMEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Herbert C. Wilson.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 10 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., June 8th, 1914.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, **Robert B. Davidson** Legal residence, **Delaware.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$480.00 per annum.**

Location, **Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.** Appropriation, **"Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."**

Effective **July 1, 1914,** ~~xxxx

February 10, 1913.

Sir:

In view of your probationary appointment as second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum, your services as laborer in charge of St. James River Range Lights, Delaware, at $240 per annum, have been discontinued without prejudice, effective at the close of the date immediately preceding that on which you enter upon duty in the first-named position.

E.O.D. Feb. 17, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Last day service Feb 16, 1913. gf

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 10, 1913.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

E.O.D. Feb. 17, 1913. 9A

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Furman L. Fenton.
Legal Residence: Delaware.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3, 1913

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 12 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, Robert B. Davidson Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Second Assistant Keeper Salary, $456.00 per annum

Title of appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

Location, Ship John Shoal Light-Station, Delaware Bay, N.J.

Effective February 12, 1913 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, x x x x Former salary, x x x x

Location, x x x x x x

Rank in list of eligibles, 7 Rating, Keeper, and Asst. Keeper Percentage, 89.00

(Declined) (Did not reply) (Accepted)

Other eligibles considered, Farley & Stubbs, LeKites & Gray, Richards.

Letters of declination inclosed, Farley & Stubbs.

Previous incumbent, Furman L. Fenton Services terminated, January 31, 1913.

Reason, Promoted to 1st Asst.Kpr., Ship John Shoal Lt.Sta., Feb. 1, 1913.

Remarks: Prior service as Laborer-in-Charge, St.Jones River Range Lights, Del., @ $240.00 per annum,— non-competitive.
One member of family in Government Service.

T. J. ROUT.

2 Inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 7 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

Acting Commissioner

TSC

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT-PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

September 25, 1911.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Laborer in charge of St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware,~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service,~~

at a salary of ~~Two Hundred and Forty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective ~~September 20, 1911~~, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, of the Civil Service Rules.)

By direction of the Secretary:

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Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William E. Davidson, Jr.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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Form 73.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES SEP 22 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 20, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Appointment

Name, **Robert B. Davidson** Legal residence, **Delaware**

Position, **Laborer-in-Charge** Salary, **$240. p.a.**

Location, **St.Jones River Range Lights, Delaware.**

Effective **September 20, 1911,** /// the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, x x x x x x Former salary, x x x x x x

Location, x x x x x x x x x

Rank in list of eligibles, x x x x x x Rating, x x x x Percentage, x x x x

Other eligibles considered, x x x x x x x x

Letters of declination inclosed, x x x x x x x x

Previous incumbent, Wm. E. Davidson, Jr. Services terminated, **September 19, 1911.**

Reason, **Transferred to position of 2nd Asst.Kpr. at Ship John Shoal Lt.Sta., N.J.**

Remarks: **Mr. Robert B. Davidson has been selected in accordance with the provisions of Schedule "A", Subdivision 2, Section 6, Civil Service Rules.**

To be paid from "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912."

H. S. Mackenzie

Commander, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 22 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

11—2314

C. A. Leeuwer

Acting Commissioner

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REV. 12-4...

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared

U. S. COAST GUARD
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MAY 19 1948

Civilian Personnel Section
New York 4, N. Y.

Name:

From:

Bureau No.:

Effective:

	FROM	TO
Position		
Grade		
Salary		
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		
Post of Duty		
Appropriation		
Allotment		

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MAY 19 1948
COMMANDER
THIRD C. G. DISTRICT

FIELD ☑ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

In accordance with the Comptroller General's decision [illegible] dated 10-23-47, which reversed decision A-[illegible] of 5-21-36, your retirement pay has been recomputed on the basis of the average gross pay (which includes the valuation of quarters for the period occupied) received during the last five years of your active duty. The computation on this basis changed the rate of your retirement pay from $[illegible].44 to $[illegible].44, and this action is issued in order that you may have accurate information as to the rate of retirement pay which you are authorized to receive.

Justification:

Total Service: 28 years, 6 months, 16 days.

Computation: [illegible] x 30.000 ÷ 40 = $[illegible].44

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION

DATE OF BIRTH

LEGAL RESIDENCE

SEX

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?

DATE OF OATH

ACCOUNTS AND COLLECTIONS, EXAMINING

DATE APPROVED BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
5-14-48

DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared April 5, 1944

Name: Davidson, Robert B., Jr.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 471

Retirement (Optional)

Effective: Close April 30, 1944

	FROM 7040	TO
Position	Keeper	
Grade	Range $1380-1740	
Salary	$1560 p.a. plus $240 p.a. Clrs.	
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.	U. S. Coast Guard	
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Post of Duty	Fenwick Island Light Station, Del.	
Appropriation	Civilian Employees, U. S. C. G.	
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☐ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

The annual rate of retired pay is $1103.44.

Justification:

Total Services: 32 years, 6 months, 16 days.

Computations: ($1471.36 x 30 ÷ 40) $1103.44.

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION

DATE OF BIRTH

LEGAL RESIDENCE

Delaware

SEX

Male

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.

VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE?

No

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?

Lighthouse Feb 6-30-16

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Form 9

NAVY DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
U. S. Coast Guard

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

[redacted]
Superintendent of Lighthouses,
District Coast Guard Officer
Fourth Naval District
Philadelphia, Pa.
(City)

Date 11 November, 1943

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective 1 May, 1944, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Robert B. Davidson,
ROBERT B. DAVIDSON
(Name)
Keeper
Mahon River Light Station
(Designation)

District Coast Guard Office
Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses
Fourth Naval District
City Philadelphia, Pa. *Date* 25 November, 1943

Commandant, USCG
Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1103.44 per annum, effective at the close of 30 April, 1944

It is certified that the record of service and pay shown on Page 2 is correct as shown by the records of this office, and that all Government service shown has been verified.

H. E. ABBOTT
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
By direction
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, *Washington, D. C.*, ...

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

(In case of disability retirement, execute medical certificate on Form 9a)

Name DAVIDSON, Robert Blizzard Date of birth February 6, 1879

Designation Keeper, Mahon River Light Station, Little Creek, Delaware

RECORD OF ALL ACTIVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE

(Including military, naval, and civilian service. Each department, branch, or independent office in which applicant served in a civilian capacity should be listed separately)

	Beginning			Ending			Remarks
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	
Army							Suspended 10-5 to 11-19-18. LWOP 1 hr on 4-20-44. Weekly tour of duty is 44 hours.
Navy							
Marine Corps							
Civilian employment							
U. S. Lighthouse Service	9	20	1911	6	30	1939	
U. S. Coast Guard	7	1	1939	4	19	1944	
Total service		32 years, 5 months, 15 days.					

Does applicant receive or has he applied for a pension from the Government under any law? No If so, give number of pension certificate or of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the War Risk Insurance Act? No If so, give number of claim:

Does applicant receive or has he applied for compensation under the Federal Compensation Act, as amended? No

If so, state the compensation received:

STATEMENT BY FISCAL YEARS OF BASIC PAY RECEIVED DURING LAST FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENT

(Compute service on basis of 30 days a month. Do not include periods of leave without pay, rations, quarters, or other allowance)

Designation	Beginning			Ending			Number days in pay status (P. D. or P. H. personnel)	Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year			
Keeper	4	20	39	4	19	40		1440.	1440.00
Keeper	4	20	40	4	19	41		1440.	1440.00
Keeper	4	20	41	4	19	42		1440-1500	1443.16
Keeper	4	20	42	4	19	43		1500.	1500.00
Keeper	4	20	43	4	19	44		1500-1560	1533.17
									7356.33

Total compensation for last five years of active service 7356.33

Average compensation for last five years of active service 1471.26

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1471.26 × years 30 ÷ 40) = $1103.44
(Not exceeding 30)

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DEPT. STOCK FORM 2249
REV. 12-41

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO:

Date Prepared 1 October, 1943

Name: Davidson, Robert B.

From: U. S. Coast Guard

Bureau No.: 472

Promotion

Effective: 1 October, 1943

	FROM 7910	TO 7910
Position		Keeper
Grade	Range $1380-1740	Range $1380-1740
Salary	$1560 p.a. plus $240 ;ivs.	$1560 p.a. plus $240 ;ivs.
C. S. C. No.		
Bureau or Div.		U. S. Coast Guard
Organizational Subdivisions		
Headquarters		Philadelphia, Pa.
Post of Duty		Cohen River Lt. Sta.,Del.
Appropriation		Civilian Employees, U.S.
Allotment		

FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐ FIELD ☒ DEPRTMTL. ☐

Remarks:

The action herein represents an administrative increase in salary effective as indicated above.

Justification:

CIVIL SERVICE OR OTHER LEGAL AUTHORITY

APPROPRIATION: Regular

DATE OF BIRTH: 2-4-1879

LEGAL RESIDENCE: Del.

SEX: M

NATURE OF POSITION

NEW	ADDTL. IDENT.
VICE VACANCY	VICE

NAME:

C.S.C. NO.:

ACTION NO.:

DATE:

HAS C. S. COMM. ALLOWED VETERAN'S PREFERENCE?

SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT ACT?

DATE OF OATH

DATE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY

10-1-43

SUBORDINATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Standard Form No. 51
Appr. Jan. 5, 1942
C. S. C. Dept. Cir. No. 302

REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

REGULAR (X); INTER( )
PROBATIONARY—1ST ( ) 2D ( )

Classification Symbols		
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of 31 March, 1943 based on performance during period from 1 April, 1942 to 31 March, 1943

DAVIDSON, Robert B. (Name of employee) | Keeper (Title of position) | NAVY (Bureau)

U. S. Coast Guard (Division) | Mahon River Lt. Sta. (Section) | (Subsection or unit) | Philadelphia, Pa. (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE

√ if adequate
— if weak
+ if outstanding

1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.
2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position.
   a. Do not rate on elements in *italics* except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions.
   b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in *italics* or not.
3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.

CHECK ONE

Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐
All others ☑

√ (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
√ (2) Mechanical skill.
(3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
(4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
√ (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
√ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
√ (7) Accuracy of operations.
√ (8) Accuracy of final results.
√ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
(10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
√ (11) Industry.
√ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
√ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? No (Yes or no))
(14) Ability to organize his work.
(15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others.
√ (16) Cooperativeness.
√ (17) Initiative.
√ (18) Resourcefulness.
+ (19) Dependability.
√ (20) Physical fitness for the work.

(21) *Effectiveness in planning broad programs.*
(22) *Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs.*
(23) *Effectiveness in devising procedures.*
(24) *Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates.*
(25) *Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates.*
(26) *Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work.*
(27) *Effectiveness in promoting high working morale.*
(28) *Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs.*
(29) *Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines.*
(30) *Ability to make decisions.*
(31) *Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act.*

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

(A)
(B)
(C)

STANDARD
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or—a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9

	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
Rating official OIC 1440	G	5
Reviewing official	G	5

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (Yes or no) (See back of form)

Rated by D. J. Lucinski (Signature of rating official) | Lieutenant Commander (Title) | 4-5-43 (Date)

Reviewed by E. A. COFFIN (Signature of reviewing official) | Captain (Title) | 5/5/43 (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee 5/14/43 (Date) | Report to employee Good (Adjective rating) | 5 (Numerical rating)

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Standard Form No. 51
Appr. Jan. 5, 1942
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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

REGULAR (X); INTER
PROBATIONARY—1ST ( )

Classification Symbols		
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of March 31, 1942 based on performance during period from April 1, 1941 to March 31, 1942

Robert B. Davidson	Keeper	Navy Department
(Name of employee)	(Title of position)	(Bureau)

Coast Guard	Mahon River Light Station	P	Philadelphia
(Division)	(Section)	(Subsection or unit)	(Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE

√ if adequate
— if weak
+ if outstanding

1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.
2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position.
   a. Do not rate on elements in *italics* except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions.
   b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in *italics* or not.
3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.

CHECK ONE:

Administrative, supervisory, or planning ☐
All others ☑

√ (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments.
(2) Mechanical skill.
(3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures.
(4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
√ (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments.
√ (6) Attention to pertinent detail.
+ (7) Accuracy of operations.
+ (8) Accuracy of final results.
√ (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions.
(10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts.
+ (11) Industry.
+ (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments.
√ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? No) (Yes or no)
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

(A)
(B)
(C)

STANDARD
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form

	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or—a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9

	Adjective rating	Numerical rating
Rating official	VG	3
Reviewing official	VG	3

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes (Yes or no) (See back of form)

Rated by D. P. LUCINSKI (Signature of rating official) Lieutenant (Title) 4/6/42 (Date)

Reviewed by E. A. COFFIN (Signature of reviewing official) Captain (Title) 4-10-42 (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee 4-30-42 (Date) Report to employee Very Good (Adjective rating) 3 (Numerical rating)

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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

WASHINGTON

1 April, 1942.

From: Commandant.
To: District Coast Guard Officer, Fourth Naval District.

Subject: Administrative promotions for certain lighthouse keepers.

1. The Secretary of the Navy, under date of 1 April, 1942, has approved within-grade administrative promotions of the lighthouse keepers listed below under your jurisdiction, effective 1 April, 1942. These promotions are not made under the provisions of Public Law No. 200, approved 1 August, 1941.

2. It will not be necessary to give these employees an official notification of this promotion, but this data should be typed on their Form 2806.

3. In the event that any of the employees named herein have received salary increases subsequent to 1 April, 1942, they are not entitled to and should not receive this promotion. They are, however, entitled to receive this additional compensation from 1 April, 1942 up to and including the day before they received a promotion.

Name	Range	Present Salary	Increase	Location
Magee, Orrie B.	$1500-1860	$1500	$60	Brandywine
Warrington, Edward F.	1740-2100	1740	60	Brandywine
Wilson, Harry T.	1560-1920	1560	60	Brandywine
Dennis, Greensbury	1740-2100	1740	60	Fourteen Ft.Bank
Walker, George T.	1560-1920	1560	60	Fourteen Ft.Bank
Spencer, Harry E.	1320-1680	1560	60	Listons Range Front
Davidson, Robert B.	1380-1740	1440	60	Mahon River
Smith, Lee R.	1560-1920	1560	60	Miah Maull Shoal
Mitchell, Felix H.	1320-1680	1620	60	Old Reedy Island
Richter, George	1500-1860	1500	60	Ship John Shoal

N. R. STILES,
By direction.

Form 3200
U.S. Civil Service Commission

1380-1740
#1440

nonsupervisory

SERVICE RATING FORM

Name **DAVIDSON, Robert B.** Department **Treasury**

U. S. Coast Guard (Bureau) **Philadelphia District** (Division) **Mahon River Light Station** (Section)

On lines below mark employee

✓ if neither weak nor strong point
− if weak point
+ if strong point

1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position.
2. Mark nonsupervisory employees on all elements except those in italics
3. Mark supervisory employees on all elements.

In boxes below rate employee

1 or 2	Excellent
3 or 4	Very good
5 or 6	Good
7 or 8	Fair
9 or 10	Unsatisfactory

I. QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE

Rating Officer | Reviewing Officer

\+ (a) Acceptability of work; thoroughness
\+ (b) General dependability; accuracy
✓ (c) Neatness and orderliness of work
✓ (d) Skill with which the important procedures, instruments, or machines are employed in performing his duties.
____ (e) Effectiveness in getting good work done by his unit.

Rating Officer: 4

II. PRODUCTIVENESS

Base rating primarily on element (a), if know, otherwise on (b) and (c)

✓ (a) Amount of work accomplished
\+ (b) Application of time, interest and energy to duties; industry
\+ (c) Promptness in completing assignments; speed
____ (d) _____ (State any other elements of this class considered)

Rating Officer: 4

III. QUALIFICATIONS SHOWN ON JOB

\+ (a) Knowledge of duties and related information
✓ (b) Ability to learn and to profit from experience
✓ (c) Judgment, sense of proportion, common sense
✓ (d) Initiative and resourcefulness
✓ (e) Cooperativeness; ability to work with and for others
____ (f) _____ (State any other elements of this class considered)
____ (g) Effectiveness in developing and training employees
____ (Custodial only) Ability to perform such physical work as the job requires

Rating Officer: 5

Sum of ratings 13

Rated by **D. J. LUCINSKI** **9/9/41** (date)

Reviewed by **E. A. COFFIN** **9/15/41** (date)

Do you, on the whole, consider the deportment and attitude of this employee toward his work to be satisfactory?

Yes (Yes, no, or fairly so)

CONDUCT REPORT

(This space to be used in case the question regarding the employee's attitude and deportment has been answered "No" or "Farily so." In such a case, give a full statement of the particulars in which the employee's conduct has been unsatisfactory.)

U.S. COAST GUARD
RECEIVED
JUN 28 1941
PHILA. DISTRICT

The Hatch Act, 2 August, 1939, provides in Section 9A that "it shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government whose compensation or any part thereof is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any act of Congress to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States," and "any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person."

I, Robert B. Davidson, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)
solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Robert B. Davidson
(Signature of Employee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of June,
1941 at Dover, Kent County, Delaware.
(City or place) (State)

(SEAL)

Hayes L. Lobbage

Notary Public.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Date May 8th, 1941.

From: DAVIDSON, Robert B. - Keeper, Mahon River Light Station.
To: Commandant.

Via: Commander, Philadelphia District.

Subject: Induction into Coast Guard.

Reference: (a) Headquarters' letter 19 April, 1941 (P-75).

1. Receipt is acknowledged of reference (a) on May 7th, 1941.

2. ~~I desire to be enlisted in the Coast Guard in the rate tendered me by reference (a), and I shall make immediate application to the district commander for this purpose.~~

3. I hereby decline enlistment in the Coast Guard in the rate tendered me in reference (a).

Robert B. Davidson
Robert B. Davidson

(Note: With reference to paragraph 2, strike out the paragraph which does not apply to your case.)

1st Indorsement

Philadelphia District
Philadelphia, Pa.
14 May, 1941.

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From: Commander, Philadelphia District.
To: Commandant.

1. Forwarded.

By direction,

S.F. GRAY,
Personnel Officer.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

MAR 15 1939

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 1, 1939.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 1, 1939.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Noted on service record card. B.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert B. Davison,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1260

To: $1380

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PERMANENT 4160 27

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES 1 FEB 1927 PHILADELPHIA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1927.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

LIGHTHOUSES

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1927 JAN 29 PM 2 27

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1200 per annum to $ 1260 per annum, effective February 1, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Noted 7/11/25

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY

KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PERMANENT

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JUL 10 1925

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Robt. B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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4th

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

PERMANENT

LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 5 PM 12 59

January 31, 1925.

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FEB 6 1925 PHILADELPHIA

r. Robert B. Davidson,
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Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Through the
Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper
Salary: $1140
Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

4th

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July

GE[illegible] APPOINTMENT—FIXED [illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
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HOUSES

November 13, 1918.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H. DIST.
NOV 15 1918
PHILA., PA.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

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 Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $492 per annum.
(The above rate includes longevity pay of $60.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

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11/20/18

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position (By increase in compensation)

Legal Residence: Delaware.

Entered 11/25/18 H
Oath fwd. 11/25/18 DH

Has seniority card. DH

file

GC:D

October 16, 1918.

Mr. Robert S. Davidson,
Asst. Keeper, Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
RFD#1, Delaware City, Del.

Sir :

You are hereby charged with quarreling with the keeper of the station and striking him.

The specific charge is that on the night of October 4, 1918 in an interview with the keeper in the base of the tower, which grew into an altercation, you struck the keeper on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

A copy of his letter reporting the affair is attached hereto and made a part of these charges.

Your reply to this charge should be made in writing within three days to this office, transmitted through the keeper.

If you do not desire to make any reply, you should so state in a letter addressed to this office.

T. J. ROUT

Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
Delaware City, Del. October 23,1918.

Superintendent, 4th District,
Philadelphia, Pa..

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to reply to yours of October 16, 1918 in regards to charges made against me by keeper of this station.

First: This charge is absolutely untrue as far as I am concerned and the little colored boy has moved away from this neighborhood.

Second: This keeper has been nagging my wife and children in my absence until I could endure it no longer. On October 4, '18, my wife and I were away and after school my little boy of seven years and this colored boy came into my house, got a pear and started out. The keeper got after him, chased him out and then had another nagging with my children. When I came home I went into the tower to see what was the trouble. I asked him if he intended to come down and he said "yes". Upon reaching the base of the tower he did not give me a chance to speak, but asked me what I thought about this matter. I told him that I thought him very much in the wrong at times by going around and talking to the people of the community about the official business and not saying anything to me about it. He deliberately stuck his face in mine and told me that I had no right to see any of the official mail. I took him by the collar with my left hand and slapped his face out of mine with my right open hand. The button came off his shirt and he fell. The remainder of the second charge is false.

Third: He never said a word about my not hitting him again.

Fourth: If he was dazed, he knew enough before leaving the tower to tell me that either he or I would lose our job, and after wandering over to the neighbors, he sent a neighbor over to watch the light.

Please give this matter your most earnest consideration.

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd.) Robert B. Davidson,
Asst. Keeper.

Respectfully forwarded,
(Sgd.) Harry E. Spencer, Keeper
10/24/18

LIGHT
OCT 17 1918
HOUSES

OCT 17 1918 8 35 AM

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PERMANENT

October 15, 1918.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H.DIST
OCT 18 1918
PHILA. PA

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has approved the action of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed ninety days beginning October 5, 1918, pending the disposition of formal charges to be preferred against you.

This suspension will be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, and if the same are not sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) A. L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Original Mailed to address 10/18/18

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Noted 10/19/18

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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LIGHT DEC 29 1915 HOUSES

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DEC 1915 PHILADELPHIA

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December 27, 1915.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

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, ~~Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Four Hundred and Ninety-two~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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Entd 1/24/16.
Oath fwd. 1/24/16.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

466

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 13 1914

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L.H.DIST. JUN 16 1914 PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 12, 1914.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Herbert C. Wilson.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

11—3692

Entd 6/16/14
Catt fwded 7/3/14

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L. H. DIST. PHILADELPHIA PA. FEB 13 1913

February 10, 1913.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ____, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

F
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Furman L. Fenton.
Legal Residence: Delaware.

11—1394

Ent. 2/13/13
Oath fwd. 2/21/13

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

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LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
SEP 27 1911
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September 25, 1911.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Laborer in charge of St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware,~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service,~~

at a salary of ~~Two Hundred and Forty~~ dollars per ~~annum~~,

effective ~~September 20, 1911~~, on and after which date you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, of the Civil Service Rules.)

By direction of the Secretary:

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Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: William E. Davidson, Jr.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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Ent. 9/30/11 M
Oath fwd 10/10/11 M

File

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APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE MUST FILL THE FOLLOWING

Name (in full) Robert B. Davidson Sex- Male

Present address- Mahon River Light Station Date of birth- Feb. 6. 1879

Give below all places of residence during the past FIVE years

From-- (Month and year)	To-- Month and year)	Number and Street	City and State
Jan. 1927	Sept. 1939	Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station	Fowmont, Del. RD #3

Give, in your own handwriting, the information requested below

Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatsoever?- ~~Yes~~ No
If so, give details in space provided below. (~~Yes~~ or No)

Date of Arrest	Age	Charge	Court & Location	Judge	Disposition

NO ADDITIONAL RECORD FOUND AT F. B. I.

Have you ever been fingerprinted?- yes Where? U. S. Post office, Dover, Del.

When? October 11, 1939 If for the Civil Service, what position? Light House Service.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the above statements are complete and accurate in every detail.

Robert B. Davidson.
Customary payroll signature of employee

U. S. COAST GUARD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October 1939.

Harold Cubbage
Notary Public

My commission expires August 24, 1943

October 26, 1939

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

By direction of the Secretary, you are advised that on October 1, 1939, Robert B. Davidson, Keeper, in the U. S. Coast Guard (Lighthouse Service) at $1440 prt annum, plus $240 per annum for quarters, with headquarters at New York, N. Y., was transferred from Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Del., to Mahon River Light Station, Del.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J M HARPER

Chief, Division of Appointments.

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October 26, 1939

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

(Signed) J M HARPER

Chief, Division of Appointments.

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Form 73a

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REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
~~DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE~~
~~LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE~~

U. S. COAST GUARD
REC'D OCT 14 1939

New York, N. Y.,
11 October, 1939.

~~DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES~~ ~~DISTRICT~~

From: Commander, New York District.
To: Commandant. ~~12~~

~~Commissioner of Lighthouses~~
Herewith is reported the transfer of the following-named employee:
~~It is proposed to transfer the following-named employee as indicated, on the date~~
(See instructions on reverse side)

Name, Robert B. Davidson Position, Keeper

From Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Del. To Mahon River Light Station, Del.

Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1320.-$1680.) plus $240 p.a. Qtrs. Salary and range, $1440.p.a.(Range $1380.-1740.) Plus $240 p.a. Qtrs.

Previous incumbent and pay, Irvin S. Lynch, ~~$1560. p.a.~~ (#471)

Services terminated, 30 June, 1939 Reason, Retired for disability

Family quarters valued at $240. per annum are provided at both stations.

~~To~~

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with 1 October, 1939.
(Enter effective date in this space if transfer has been actually completed)

F. J. SEXTON, Commander, U.S.C.G.,
By direction.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
~~BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES~~
WASHINGTON

~~the Treasury~~
~~Submitted to the Secretary of for his information.~~

Submitted to the Chief, Division of Appointments, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for information.

By direction,

R. J. Gross,
Assistant to the Chief Personnel Officer.

~~For the Commissioner~~

~~Chief of Personnel Division~~

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7/1/39 Transferred from Bureau of Lighthouses, Department of Commerce, and consolidated with United States Coast Guard, under terms of Plan No. 2 of Reorganization Act of 1939, approved by Congress April 3, 1939.

File received - FEB 9 1940

July 1, 1939. Lighthouse Districts No. THIRD AND FOURTH

consolidated with NEW YORK Coast Guard District,

Headquarters NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

See U. S. Coast Guard General Order No. 37, dated June 20, 1939.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Robert B. Davidson (Name) — Delaware (Legal Residence)

DATE OF BIRTH 2-6-1879

STATUS

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
Laborer in chg.		$240	Light House - St. Jones River Range Lts. Del.	Sept 20, 1911
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED without prejudice			Feb. 16, 1913
2d Asst. Kpr.		456	Lighthouse Ship John Shoal New Jersey	Feb. 17, 1913
" "		480	" Leipt's Range Rear Sta - Del.	July 1, 1914
" "		492	" " "	Jan. 1, 1916
	Suspended Oct. 5, 1918 - not exc. 90 days			
Keeper		660	Lighthouse - Listris Rg. Dl.	Nov. 11, 1918
"	Read.	900	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	" Act. 12/6/24	1,140	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1,200	" "	July 1, 1925
"	Trans.	1260	" 4th District Reedy Id. Rge L.S.	
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1380	" "	JUL 1 1928
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1440	" — "	MAR 1 1930

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1939.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective March 1, 1939.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. F. GARDNER

MAR 10 1939

Chief, Division of Personnel.

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
ENTERED ON JOURNAL
MAR 25 1939
SHEET NO. 39-37
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

From: $1380

To: $1440

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE
LETTER DATED 1/18/39
IN FILE F248.8

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
SEP 20 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

September 19, 1938

Secretary of Commerce:

By letter dated June 21, 1938, the Department approved the transfer of Robert B. Davidson to Mahon River Light Station in the Fourth District, vice Irvin S. Lynch who had applied for retirement on account of disability.

As Mr. Lynch was not found to be disabled for useful and efficient service he is being continued on duty, and therefore Department notice to Mr. Davidson is returned herewith for cancellation.

For the Commissioner:

Chief of Personnel Division

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Enclosure

9/21/38

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

~~APPOINTMENT DIVISION~~

WASHINGTON

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

June 21, 1938.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Edw. Gardner

Chief, Division of Personnel.

~~Chief of Appointment Division.~~

CANCELLED

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

JUN 29 1938

June 21, 1938.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

GARDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Superintendent .....
Chief Clerk .....
Assistant Engineer .....
Foreman 4
Voucher Clerk 6
Bill Clerk .....
Costkeeping Clerk .....
Stenographer .....
Messenger .....
Depot Keeper .....
Mechanician .....
Tender .....
Lightship .....

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1938.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

JUN 27 1938

Chief, Division of Personnel.

From: $1380 per annum.

To: $1440 per annum.

Service and grade:

Appropriation (unit): Field.

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 14 1938 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Phila., Pa. (City), June 9 (Date), 1938.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and promotion.* To fill vacancy

Name, Robert B. Davidson

Position, Keeper

Location, Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware.

Effective, July 1, 1938

Former position, Keeper, Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation, Delaware.

Location, (Delaware).

Legal residence, Delaware.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 21 1938 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Proposed salary, $1440.00 per annum

Proposed range, $1380. to 1740 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former salary, $1380.00 per annum

Former range, $1320. to $1680. p.a.

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

- - - - - -

(Lt. #471)

Previous incumbent and his pay, Irvin S. Lynch / 4/1560 Services terminated, June 30, 1938.

Reason, Disability retirement recommended.

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, February 6, 1879.

Remarks: (See letter attached). Quarters will be provided for family of Robert B. Davidson, at Mahon River Lightstation, Delaware, valued at $240. p.a. Similar quarters were provided at Reedy Island Range Rear Lightstation. Pay rates and ranges shown above are net.

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

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G.W. Hitchens,

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

June 13, 1938

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, *attention being invited to the Fourth Superintendent's letter of June 9, accompanying. On account of Mr. Davidson's long service of approximately 27 years, the Bureau concurs in the Superintendent's views and recommends that an increase of one salary step be made. Since this will be effective July 1, it will coincide with the regular semi-annual promotion period, with which it would be in compliance.

Action O. K. 6/16

Chief Clerk

W. P. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No. JUN 11 8 43 AM '38

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
803 NEW CUSTOMHOUSE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 9, 1938

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Reference is made to nomination being forwarded for transfer and promotion of Robert B. Davidson, from Keeper of Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station to Mahon River Light Station. The pay range at Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station is $1320 to $1680, and the range at Mahon River Light Station is $1380 to $1740.

Mr. Davidson is now receiving $1380 per annum in the former Range and is being recommended to receive $1440, which is the corresponding step of the latter Range. Had this transfer not been anticipated, Mr. Davidson would have been included in the list of Keepers recommended for administrative promotions, which list was forwarded to the Bureau several days ago.

$120 (Welch Act).

He has had almost 27 years' of service, his last increase in pay having been received July 1, 1928. It is hoped that the Bureau will approve appointment of Mr. Davidson at $1440 per annum. Mr. Irvin S. Lynch, who is being recommended for retirement from Mahon River Light Station, receives $1560. per annum.

G. W. Stephens,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

+ $1,440

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. Robert B. Davison,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that under the Welch Act your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1928.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1200

To: $1320

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LIGHTHOUSES

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JAN 6 '27

Mr. Robert B. Davidson, Assistant Keeper,
Liston Range Rear Light Station, Del.,
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

Sir:

The Commissioner of Lighthouses has reported to me that you performed a satisfactory detail of duty at the National Sesquicentennial Exposition held during the past year at Philadelphia. I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the services rendered by you, which contributed materially to the success of the Department's exhibit. A copy of this letter will be placed on your official record.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

LIGHTHOUSES - Secretary's files

Final copy as signed _____

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No. 4

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 5 1927
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 2, 1927.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington.
SUBJECT:- Effective dates of transfers, promotions, etc.
REFERENCE:- Bureau end.of Feb.20/20 on copy of Dept.letter of Feb.12/20.

The following changes took effect February 1, 1927:

DAVIDSON, ROBERT B. Transferred, promoted and appointed keeper at Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, at $1260.00 per annum. He was formerly assistant keeper at Liston Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, at $1200.00 per annum.

WILLIAMS, OTIS J. F. Transferred and appointed assistant keeper at Liston Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, at $1200.00 per annum. Before this transfer he was second assistant keeper of Cape May Light Station, New Jersey, at $1140.00 per annum.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CARDED

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
FEB 3 - 1927

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

T. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

2 eff dates

Fwpd 2 to O. J. Williams

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1927.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1200 per annum to $ 1260 per annum, effective February 1, 1927, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JAN 28 1927

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1927 JAN 5 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 24 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Fourth DISTRICT

Philadelphia, Pa., January 20, 1927.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and ~~appointment.~~

Name, Robert B. Davidson. Legal residence, Delaware.

Position, Keeper. Asst. above min - See "Remarks"

Salary, $1260.00 per annum (classification range, $1200 to 1560 p.a.)

Location, Reedy Island Range Rear Light Station, Delaware. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses. Such

Effective February 1, 1927. [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 27 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Former position, (Assistant) Keeper. Former salary, $1200.00 per annum (classification range, $1020 to 1380 pa)

Location, Liston Range Rear Light Station, Delaware.

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

Previous incumbent, Aaron S. Kimmey. (Salary, $1380.00 per annum) Services terminated, January 12, 1927.

Reason, Died.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 28 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, February 6, 1879.

Remarks: A salary of $1260.00 per annum is recommended for Davidson, as the minimum pay of the position to which he is nominated is not greater than his salary as assistant keeper at Liston Rear.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 22 1927

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1-24-27

APPROVED:

ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Robt. B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1140 per annum to $ 1200 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16/D#1

NAME Davidson, Robert S. POSITION Keeper.

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 4th Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Amt. per annum to be Subtracted
660	240	900	XCR	404.25	1304.25	LHS	3	1080			

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

approved 1080

GRADE RECOMMENDED 4

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $ 1020 TO $ 1260

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instruction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 31
2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
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1. Davidson (Surname) Robert (Given name) S. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 4th Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Liston Range Rear Lightstation
   (c) City or town Mt. Pleasant State Del.
6. Pay-roll title Assistant Keeper
7. Customary office title Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day Continuous; per week -
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day -; or per week -
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From - m. to - m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year -
   During what months -
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation -
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $660. per annum; bonus, $240. per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $660. per " ; bonus, $240. per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate --
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☒ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
Subsistence allowance of 45¢ per day - $164.25 p.a.
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
   Kind of equipment Uniform; annual cost, $ 50.00 est.
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
   (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☒ 8
   (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
   (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
   (d) College: Name -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
   (e) Post graduate work: Kind -; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
   (f) Correspondence courses: Kind -; number of lessons ---; number completed ---

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.)

	Percentage of total time given to each task
1. Standing watch - average 6 hrs. per night	25
2. Cleaning and adjusting apparatus - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
3. General work keeping tower and station clean - average 2 hrs. per day	8-1/3
4. Getting supplies - average 1 hr. per day	4-1/6
5. At station standing by for all other purposes - 14 hrs. per day.	58-1/3
	100 %

Station has incandescent oil vapor light in tall tower.
(This station has quarters for family. Supplies about 8 miles distant)

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Under orders of Keeper. In charge of station whenever Keeper is away on official business or on leave.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? No
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

Two employees at this station.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? Since appointment July 1, 1914.

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

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

R R Dorry
(Signature of Preparing Officer)

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

23. I have read the foregoing and I agree to it except as follows:

(Signature of Employee)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE FIELD OFFICE OR STATION

24. Indicate by an "X" in the proper spaces below the qualifications and personal traits considered important for the satisfactory performance of the duties of this position:

	High Degree	Average	Not Essential
Judgment		X	
Accuracy		X	
Initiative (originality and resourcefulness)	X		
Trustworthiness (dependability)	X		
Speed (quickness)			X
Physical Qualities (strength and endurance)	X		

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING		
	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School		
Common School		X

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Ability to operate incandescent oil vapor light.

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 980. to $ 1080.

JUL 10 1923, 1923.
(Date)

R R Dorry
(Signature of head of field office or station)

Superintendent, 4th Lighthouse District
(Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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FEB 4 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper
Salary: $1140

Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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JSJ

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FEB 5 1925

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Davidson Robert B In accordance with authority

of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-

adjusted to $ 900, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated AUG 1 1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form 711

Entered 11/26/18

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H.DIST. NOV 25 1918 PHILA. PA.

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 26 1918

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I, Robert B. Davidson, 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.

NOV 26 1918 8 50 AM

Robert B. Davidson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 22nd day of November, A. D. 1918

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(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. Frank Reybold

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30-1922

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Assistant Kpr.	$492 per annum	Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.
Former [5] Keeper	$660. per annum	do do

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

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

Philadelphia, Penn., (Address) November 25, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov. 20th 12 Pm (Date)

CARDED

For and in the absence of the Superintendent
Chief Clerk.

Robert B Davidson Keeper.
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED [illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
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 Six Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from assistant keeper at $492 per annum.
(The above rate includes longevity pay of $60.)

CHARGED

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 10/23/18 1095/4

By direction of the Secretary:

NOV 14 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: New position (By increase in compensation)
Legal Residence: Delaware.

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APPOINTMENTS
1918 NOV 16 AM 9 15
CHIEF CLERK

November 13, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Assistant Keeper, Listons Range Rear
Light Station, Del.
(Through Superintendent of Lighthouses, Philadelphia, Pa.)

1918 NOV 15 PM 4 16

1. Referring to report of your altercation with the keeper of Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware, on the night of October 4, 1918, during which you struck him on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

2. Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, Arts. 8 and 9, relative to personal character, obedience to orders, etc. All employees of the Lighthouse Service are required to show in themselves a good example of virtue, honor, and subordination; they are forbidden to treat their superior officers with contempt, or be disrespectful to them in manner or department, and the penalty of dismissal is prescribed for violation of these instructions. In view, however, of your length of service and previous good record, you will not be dismissed from the Service for this offense, but you are severely reprimanded for your conduct, which constituted gross insubordination; your suspension from duty beginning October 5, 1918, will be without pay; and your pay will be reduced for a period of four months at the rate of $10 per month. You are cautioned that a repetition of the offense referred to will result in more drastic action being taken in your case.

3. The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

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G T Putnam
(Signed)
Commissioner

Bureau of [illegible], Washington, D.C.
NOV 18 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Reference being made to Dept letter of Nov. 5, 1918, the information relative to keeper Spencer, called for in last paragraph of Department letter, will be furnished at a later date.

Act. Dep. Commissioner

November 5, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District dated the 25th ultimo, in the case of keepers, Harry E. Spencer and Robert B. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Light Station, which recommendation was approved by the Commissioner on the 1st instant, the recommendation in the case of Davidson is approved as follows:

> That he be promptly reinstated to duty; that his suspension from October 5, 1918, to date prior to his re-entry upon duty be leave without pay: that he be severely reprimanded by the Bureau and that he lose for a period of four months his additional compensation of $10.00 per month.

The necessary action to carry this into effect will be taken by the Bureau and this office advised of the date of his restoration to duty.

In the case of keeper, Harry E. Spencer, as the papers furnished contain no information with regard to certain failings to which it is proposed to call his attention, the Department is unable to reach a conclusion in the matter unless such information is furnished.

(Signed) A.L. THURMAN

Acting Secretary.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L.H. DIST.
OCT 25 1918
PHILA., PA.
LIGHT
OCT 23 1918
HOUSES

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Listons Range Rear L & I
Delaware City, Del.
October 23, 1918.

Superintendent 4th District
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to reply to yours of October 16, 1918 in regards to charges made against me by keeper of this station.

First. This charge is absolutely untrue as far as I am concerned, and the little colored boy has moved away from this neighborhood.

Second. This keeper has been nagging my wife and children in my absence untill I could endure it no longer. On October 4, '18 my wife and I were away and after School my little boy of 7 yrs. and this colored boy came into my house, got a pear and started out. The keeper got after him, chased him out and then had another nagging

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with my children. So when I came home I went into the tower to see what was the trouble. I asked him if he were coming down and he said "yes". Upon reaching the base of the tower, he did not give me a chance to speak, but asked me what I thought about this matter. I told him that I thought him very much in the wrong at times by going around and talking to the people of the community about the official business and not saying anything to me about it. He deliberately stuck his face in mine and told me that I had no right to see any of the official mail. I took him by the collar with my left hand and slapped his face out of mine with my right open hand. The button came off his shirt and he fell. The remainder of the second charge is false.

Third. He never said a word about my not hitting him again.

Fourth. If he were dazed, he knew enough before leaving the tower to tell me that either he or I would lose our job.

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and after wandering over to the neighbors he sent the neighbor over to watch the light.

Please give this matter your most earnest consideration.

Yours Respectfully,
Robert B. Davidson
Asst. Keeper.

~~Respectfully Forwarded~~
Jany 0 Spencer
Keeper

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October 16, 1918.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Asst. Keeper, Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
RFD#1, Delaware City, Del.

Sir :

You are hereby charged with quarreling with the keeper of the station and striking him.

The specific charge is that on the night of October 4, 1918 in an interview with the keeper in the base of the tower, which grew into an altercation, you struck the keeper on the head with your fist, temporarily disabling him.

A copy of his letter reporting the affair is attached hereto and made a part of these charges.

Your reply to this charge should be made in writing within three days to this office, transmitted through the keeper.

If you do not desire to make any reply, you should so state in a letter addressed to this office.

T. J. ROUT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT 4TH L. H. DIST.
OCT 11 1918
PHILA., PA.

LIGHT HOUSES

Lestous, Range Rear Light Station,
Delaware City Delaware
October 10th 1918

Superintendent 4th Lighthouse District
Philadelphia Pa

Sir

In replying to your letter of 5th October 1918 I have this to say in full detail inregards to this case.

First ← This started over a colored boy who has made this Station his play ground for over two years coming on the Reservation time after time useing unseemly conduct which is prohibited by the Lighthouse Service upon their Reservations. I have told this boy time after time to go out with the Public Highway and play. still he came in here and done as he please so I just ordered this boy off—

Fowler

– the reservation.
I went to see his father and explain the truble to him and he said if it was going to cause me any truble he would keep him home. he staeyd away for wille (week) and he came again and I told him to go out side and play he said he did not have to go out for me. I ask him who said so. why Mr Dandson said I could come over here and do as I plase.
Second ←
Yes; first match, Asst came on foot of tower ask me if I was coming down. I said yes so when I arrived foot of tower I ask him what he had to say about Elwood playing in there. useing unseemly conduct. and thus made

him mad. I said if you are going to get mad over this thing. why I am going on back up into the tower. and he said no you not then he grab me in the throat and choke me, and use profane language. he didnt reason with me at all. I didnt think for minute he would hit me on Government Reservation

Third ←

It was 8 pm when he struck me on left side of my head and I fell on the basement floor layed there minute or two. and told him not to hit me again. and I have the mark on side of my head where he hit me

Fourth ←

I got up, dazed by his hit and the fall I wondered over to neighbors and was put on cruch. and my wife

- was sent for as she new nothing about it. and they decided to leave Dr. before Dr came they conducted me home layed me on couch until the Dr came. I wanted to go back into tower and finish my watch. and he said for me to go to bed for the night. as I wasnt in no fit condition to go back into the tower. the Dr called twice to see me. That is all that was done until you were sent for.

Give this matter your most earnest consideration and what ever you think best. Do it.

Respectfully

Harry E Keeper

Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO.

LIGHT HOUSES OCT 28 1918

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 25, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Charges against Assistant Keeper, Robert P. Davidson, Listons Range Rear Lightstation.

REFERENCE: Letter to Bureau on suspension, dated October 5, 1918.

Herewith are papers in this case, as follows:

Letter from Keeper Spencer of October 10, 1918.

Charges against Assistant Keeper, Davidson of October 16, 1918.

Davidson's reply, dated October 23, 1918.

On October 5, report was made that Assistant Keeper Davidson knocked down Keeper Spencer in tower on night of October 4. After investigation, I suspended Davidson and preferred charges.

The trouble at this place has been caused by Spencer's talk and overbearing manner, and parents taking up the quarrels of children.

On October 4, Davidson being off station, an argument commenced between Miss Davidson and Spencer. It appears that Spencer would take the family to task whenever Davidson was absent.

Regarding Spencer, this office considers him one of the most efficient keepers in this District, but he cannot get along with assistants. He talks too much and is domineering and overbearing. I am convinced that Spencer could not get along with any assistant and I intend to transfer him to a one man station at first opportunity.

Davidson has been in the service seven years; is young and energetic and up to this time has had a clean record. Knowing what I do about the conditions, it is my opinion that Davidson had serious provocation and on account of the extenuating circumstances his dismissal is not recommended. I do recommend however, the following:

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1. That he lose pay and allowance from the date of his suspension of October 5, 1918 until his reinstatement, which I recommend as of November 1, 1918.

2. That he be severely reprimanded by the Bureau.

3. That he lose for a period of four months his additional compensation of $10. per month.

It is also recommended that the Bureau send a letter of caution to Spencer that he should not permit his wife to interfere with his duties as keeper, that he should talk less and not encourage gossip, and that he must treat assistants with more consideration and cultivate a method of getting along with others

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
NOV 1 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

G R Putnam
Commissioner.

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Appointment Division.

November 4, 1918.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary:

The attached papers furnished by the Bureau of Lighthouses contain no information whatever, upon which that part of the recommendation referring to keeper Spencer, as set forth in the last paragraph of the Superintendent, Fourth Lighthouse District, is based.

I would, therefore, suggest that the recommendation be approved so far as assistant keeper Robert P. Davidson is concerned, and that the Bureau be requested to submit further data with regard to Spencer, to enable the Department to reach a determination in his case.

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENTS

CH/R
Recommendation of Appointment Division approved:

A. L. Thurman
Acting Secretary.

October 15, 1918.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has approved the action of the Superintendent of the Fourth Lighthouse District in suspending you from duty, for a period not to exceed ninety days beginning October 5, 1918, pending the disposition of formal charges to be preferred against you.

This suspension will be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, and if the same are not sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 17 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

(SIGNED) A. J. PEARMAN

Acting Secretary.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHT
OCT 8 1918
HOUSES

October 5, 1918.

Robert B. Davidson, Asst. Keeper,
Listons Range Rear Lightstation,
Delaware City, Del.

(Through Keeper.)

In accordance with Regulations, paragraph #412, you are hereby suspended from duty for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days for insubordination, pending investigation of charges against you, as it is charged that on October 4 you struck the keeper of Listons Range Rear Lightstation, while he was in the tower.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay and allowances if you are exonerated of the charges, or if they are not found to be sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay and allowances; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

This suspension is effective 2 P.M. today.

T. J. ROUT

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
TJR:D

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE No.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 4TH DISTRICT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
October 7, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

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I have to state that on October 5 I suspended assistant keeper, R. B. Davidson of Listons Rear Lightstation; see enclosed copy of letter to him.

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It appears that on the night of October 4, the two men had an argument and the assistant keeper struck the keeper while in the tower.

Charges will be preferred against Davidson and full report submitted to the Bureau as soon as practicable.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
OCT 15 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
OCT 14 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

LIGHT HOUSES
OCT 30 1916

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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DO NOT MAKE ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Davidson, Robert B.

2. Department:

Commerce.

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse.

4. Designation of position:

Assistant Keeper.

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

Assistant Keeper of Listons

Range Rear Light Station, Del.

6. Annual earnings:

$486.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ $492. PA

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 240. 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— Years:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
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11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

Delaware.

12. Race:

W.

13. Sex:

M.

14. Date of birth—

Month: February

Year: 1879

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

E4; H2.

16. Marital condition:

M.

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: At large-Delaware

County: New Castle

19. Civil service status:

C.

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE.

21. Place of employment—

City: Delaware City

State: Delaware.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Form 111
RJC.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L.H. DIST. PHILADELPHIA, PA. JAN 22 1916

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 26 1916

APPOINTMENTS JAN 29 1916

CHIEF CLERK JAN 29 1916

I, Robert B. Davidson, 10,

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.

Robert B. Davidson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 21st day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. Frank Reybold

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst.Keeper.	$492.00 p.a.	Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.
Former [5] Asst.Keeper.	$480.00 p.a.	Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.

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

(Increase in compensation)

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Pa., January 24, 1916.
(Address) (Date)

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

CARDED

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(Signature, followed by title) Chief Clerk.

Inspector, 4th L.H. District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 27, 1915.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
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, ~~Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Four Hundred and Ninety-two~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $480 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 27 1915 DEPT. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE

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: Delaware.

CLEARANCE REPORTED JAN 1916 C. & C. COMMISSION

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN DEC 27 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 23 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., December 21st, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK DEC 24 1915

Action recommended, Increase of pay.

Name, Robert B. Davidson, Legal residence, Delaware.

Position, Assistant Keeper. Salary, $492.00 per annum.

Location, Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del. Appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses."

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

APPOINTMENTS DEC 24 1915

Former position, Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $480.00 per annum.

Location, Listons Range Rear Light Station, Delaware.

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

Previous incumbent, x x x x Services terminated, x x x x

Reason, x x x x DEC 16 1915

Members of family in Government Service, x x x x

Remarks: Recommendation made in accordance with Bureau letter of 17 Dec.'15.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

12-24-15

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L.H. DIST. JUL 2 1914 PHILADELPHIA, PA.

LIGHT JUL 3 1914 HOUSES

I, Robert B. Davidson,

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

CHIEF CLERK JUL 13 1914

Robert B. Davidson
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS JUL 13 1914

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 26th day of June, A. D. 1914.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) William E. Davis

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Assistant Keeper	$480.00 p.a.	Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del.
Former[5] 2nd Asst. Keeper	$456.00 p.a.	Ship John Shoal Lt. Sta., Del. Bay, N.J.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Pa., July 2, 1914.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1st, 1914.
(Date)

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(Signature, followed by title) Inspector, 4th L.H.Dist.

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

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[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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[redacted] GENERAL APPOINTME[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1914.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 12 1914 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Herbert C. Wilson.

Legal Residence: Delaware.

CHANGE REPORTED
JUL 1914
U. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 73

RJC.
#466.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 10 1914

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., June 8th., 191 4.
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK JUN 11 1914 5

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, Robert B. Davidson Ef. not replaced Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 per annum.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUN 12 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS JUN 11 1914

Location, Listons Range Rear Light Station, Del. Appropriation, "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses."

Effective July 1, 1914, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, $456.00 per annum.

Location, Ship John Shoal Light Station, Delaware Bay, N.J.

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

Previous incumbent, Herbert C. Wilson Services terminated June 30, 1914.

Reason, Will be transferred and to Fenwick Island Light Station, Delaware, on or about July 1, 1914.

Relatives in Government Service, x x x x x

Remarks:

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 10 1914

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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Per

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L. H. DIST. FEB 21 1913 PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

October 18, 1912.

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED FEB 25 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED FEB 25 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO FEB 5 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out 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 should 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. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Robert Blizzard Davidson;

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

Robert B. Davidson;

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

Magnolia	Delaware	Kent	1st
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Near Magnolia Delaware

6. When were you born?

Feberuary	6th	1879
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

Mrs Mary L. Davidson, Magnolia, Delaware
(Name; Number and street; City or town; State or Territory.)

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Wm E Davidson.	Brother	C & L	Light House	Asst Keeper Bellevue River Light Station Del.

9. 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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Keeper and asst Keeper Jan. 27 1913

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

None at all

11. 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.
C & L	Lighthouse	Lab in chg St Dome River Range Sta Del.	240 Per Yr	Sept 25th 1911	Feb. 16, 1913

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

No

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

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered None

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

16. 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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Farming and Carpentering

17. 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 and the 9th grade

18. 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.")

Carpenter

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

Keeper and asst Keeper Jan 27 1913

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. February 19th, 1913

(Signature) Robert B. Davidson,

Witness:

P. O. Address: Magnolia
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Delaware
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded FEB 21 1913, 19

(Signature) Rowe

(Official title) Inspector, 4th L. H. District

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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 foregoing questions is employed:
Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Ship John Shoal Lt. Sta., N.J. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Fourth (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Second Assistant Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Feb. 10, 1913.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)
Date of entrance on duty.

5. State the date of the oath. February 15, 1913.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. February 17, 1913.

7. What is his salary? $456.00 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)
Local C. S. Exam. for Keeper and Asst Kpr. Jan. 27-1913.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.
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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out.
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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) J. Lord

(Official title) Inspector, 4th L. H. District.

Date: FEB 21 1913, 19

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February 10, 1913.

Sir:

In view of your probationary appointment as second assistant keeper of Ship John Shoal Light Station, New Jersey, at $456 per annum, your services as laborer in charge of St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware, at $240 per annum, have been discontinued without prejudice, effective at the close of the date immediately preceding that on which you enter upon duty in the first-named position.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED FEB 11 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

CHANGE REPORTED FEB 1913 O. S. COMMISSION.

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per

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 4TH L.H. DIST. FEB 21 1913 PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES FEB 24 1913 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Robert B. Davidson

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.

Robert B. Davidson,
(Appointee signs here.)

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAR 1 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1913.

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4] (Name) Chas. Emlen Royle

(Official title) Notary Public
Camden, Delaware.

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Second Asst. Keeper	$456.00 p.a.	Ship John Shoal Lt.Sta., Del.Bay,N.J.

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

(Prior service as Laborer-in-Charge, St.Jones River Range Lts,Del.)

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Pa., (Address.), February 21, 1913. (Date.)

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CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 17, 1913. (Date.)

J. Pond
(Signature of officer forwarding bond.)
Inspector, 4th L.H.District.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO MAR 1 1913 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

[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.

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

Ent. & noted
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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

February 10, 1913.

Mr. Robert B. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Second Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ....., and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED FEB 11 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED.

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(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Furman L. Fenton.
Legal Residence: Delaware.

CHANGE REPORTED
FEB 1913
O. S. COMMISSION.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GCW-HFM
2 Inc.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3, 1913

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES FEB 7 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, Robert B. Davidson — Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Second Assistant Keeper — Salary, $456.00 per annum

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED FEB 10 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Title of appropriation, "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses,"

Location, Ship John Shoal Light-Station, Delaware Bay, N.J.

Effective February 12, 1913 — {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO FEB 10 1913 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, x x x x — Former salary, x x x x

Location, x x x x x x

Rank in list of eligibles, (7) 5 of those available & 2 of those who will accept — Keeper, and Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 89.00

(Declined) (Did not reply) (Accepted)

Other eligibles considered, Farley & Stubbs, LeKites & Gray, Rickards.

APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED FEB 10 1913 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Letters of declination inclosed, Farley & Stubbs.

Previous incumbent, Furman L. Fenton — Services terminated, January 31, 1913.

Reason, Promoted to 1st Asst.Kpr., Ship John Shoal Lt.Sta., Feb. 1, 1913.

Remarks: Prior service as Laborer-in-Charge, St.Jones River Range Lights, Del., @ $240.00 per annum,-- non-competitive.
One member of family in Government Service.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN FEB 10 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

2 Inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

FEB 7 1913

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner

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

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
OCT 13 1911
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Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
OCT 17 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

May 15, 1909.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

CARDED.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

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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. Robert B. Davidson. (Robert Blizzard Davidson.)

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

Robert B. Davidson.

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

Frederica	Delaware	Kent	1 St
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Magnolia Kent Co Delaware

6. When were you born?

Feb	6th	1879
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Steven Clendaniel
Name.

Number and street.

Frederica
City or town.

Delaware.
State or Territory.

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
William E Davidson Jr.	Brother	~~Light House~~	Lighthouse	Ship John Light

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: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Without examination. Schedule A Sub-division 1 Sec 6 Civil Service rules

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

Have none

12. 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.
Have not					

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

Do not

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

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

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Never Served in Either Service			

16. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Farming and Carpentering

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

17. 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 Schools

18. 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").

Carpenter

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

None

20. 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

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. October 4th, 1911

Witness: [signature]

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Robert B. Davidson

P. O. Address: Bowers
City or town.

Number and street.

Delaware
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded OCT 14 1911, 19

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 4th L. H. District

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed 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 foregoing questions is employed

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Bowers, Del. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) Fourth (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Keeper - St. Jones River Range Lights, Del.

3. State the date of appointment. Sept. 25, 1911.

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Sept. 20, 1911.

5. State the date of the oath. Oct. 4, 1911.

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept. 20, 1911.

7. What is his salary? $240.00 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of L. H. Keepers

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Excepted - (a-1-6)

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

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

"Without examination -" Under provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision I, Section 6, C.S. Rules.

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No.

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N.,
Inspector 4th L. H. District.

Date: OCT 14 1911, 19

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
OCT 17 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

I, Robert B. Davidson

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.

Robert B. Davidson.
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[3] fourth day of October, A. D. 1911.

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Chas Hubert Ridgely

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Laborer-in-Charge	$240.00 per annum	St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fourth District

Philadelphia, Pa., (Address.) October 14, 1911. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on September 20, 1911. (Date.)

H. A. Wiskney
(Signature, followed by title.)
Commander, U.S.Navy, Inspector.

[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.

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

CARDED. Rec'd OCT 17 1911

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

September 25, 1911.

Mr. Robert E. Davidson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

keeper in charge of St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Two Hundred and Forty dollars per annum,

effective September 20, 1911, on and after which date

you have continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

(In accordance with the provisions of Schedule A, Subdivision 1, Section 6, of the Civil Service Rules.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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U. S. COMMISSION

CARDED

Appropriation

Vice

Legal Residence: Delaware.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES SEP 22 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Fourth DISTRICT,

Philadelphia, Pa., September 20, 1911.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 22 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED SEP 22 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Action proposed, Appointment

Name, Robert B. Davidson Legal residence, Delaware

Position, Laborer-in-Charge Salary, $240. p.a.

Location, St. Jones River Range Lights, Delaware.

Effective September 20, 1911, on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, x x x x x x Former salary, x x x x x x

Location, x x x x x x x x x

Rank in list of eligibles, x x x x x x Rating, x x x x Percentage, x x x x

Other eligibles considered, x x x x x x x x

Letters of declination inclosed, x x x x x x x x

Previous incumbent, Wm. E. Davidson, Jr. Services terminated, August 31. September 19, 1911.

Reason, Transferred to position of 2nd Asst. Kpr. at Ship John Shoal Lt. Sta., N.J.

Remarks: Mr. Robert B. Davidson has been selected in accordance with the provisions of Schedule "A", Subdivision 1, Section 6, Civil Service Rules.
To be paid from "Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses, 1912."

9/23/11 mcs

H. A. Ackerman
Commander, U.S. Navy, Inspector.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN SEP 25 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 22 1911

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

FORWARDED TO APPOINTMENTS SEP 22 1911 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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A. Lee Rover
Acting Commissioner

WPN