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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig L.	23-003
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Denning, William S.		1871 OR

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service): CA

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service	From: 1903	To: 1930
(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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- ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

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Final Return:

PS
14 March 1956
P6-2

Mr. Raymond D. Matthies
Attorney At Law
201 First National Bank Building
Albany, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 21 February 1956 advising Coast Guard Headquarters of the death of William S. Denning, Depot Keeper, former Lighthouse Service, now United States Coast Guard, Retired.

It is requested that a certified copy of the certificate of death be forwarded to Commandant (PS) to complete our records.

At the time of death there was due the estate of the deceased final retired pay. This retired pay ceases at death and there is no law providing for the continued payment of any part thereof to surviving dependents. The forms necessary to effect settlement of the final retired pay are herewith enclosed.

If there will be no legal representative to administer the estate of the deceased, the next of kin, or the person who paid, or will pay the funeral expenses should execute the enclosed Forms No. 1055, claim for the final pay, in the presence of two witnesses, taking care to answer all questions as checked. If a representative is appointed, a copy of the Court Order showing the appointment should be attached to Forms No. 1055. If the funeral expenses have been paid, a bill receipted by the undertaker should be forwarded, otherwise, the undertaker should sign the enclosed waiver form. This information is necessary to support the claim for the final retired pay.

In the event you have in your possession any uncashed retired pay checks, these should be returned to Coast Guard Headquarters for settlement with the claim for the retired pay due on date of death.

When the enclosed forms have been completed, return them to Commandant (PS) in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

Very truly yours,

B. V. BALL
Lieutenant Commander, USCGR
Special Services Division
By direction of the Commandant

Encl:
(1) Form No. 1055
(2) Waiver
(3) Envelope

MJM:jpw return to room 2111 Sta. 2-4

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. COAST GUARD
CGHQ-9964 (Rev. 3-55)

REPORT OF DEATH

OF PERSONS OTHER THAN THOSE CARRIED AS MISSING

To: Chief, Payment and Claims Division.

DATE 1 March 1956

NAME	SERVICE NO.	GRADE OR RATING
DENNING, WILLIAM S.	NONE (FLHS)	~~DEPOT KEEPER RETIRED~~
DATE OF RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF DEATH	ESTABLISHED DATE OF DEATH	
28 February 1956	30 January 1956	

Information concerning death of the above-listed person has been received reporting established date of death as herein set forth.

R.R. CURRY, CAPTAIN, USCG
Chief, Special Services Division

MJon.

(CROSS REFERENCE)

December 30, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department notes from the nominations submitted by the Bureau from the Seventeenth Inspector's office that the legal residence of a number of keepers in the Seventeenth District has been changed. **********.

(Excerpt of letter in file of Eugene B. Alden, Lighthouses.)

Wm L. Denning

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
JAN 29 1916
17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

LIGHT
FEB 10 1916

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
HOUSES
FEB 4 - 1916
17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

APPOINTMENTS
FEB 11 1916

CHIEF CLERK
FEB 11 1916

I, William S. Denning

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

☞ William S. Denning
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 27 day of Jan., A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) J. M. Ogilvy

(Official title) Justice of the Peace in and for King Co.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
Present Keeper, LHS	$804 per an.	Robinson Point Light Station, Wash.

State of Washington, } **ss.**
COUNTY OF KING.

No. 552

I, W. K. SICKELS County Clerk of King County, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of Washington of the County of King, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that J. M. Ogilvy the person subscribing the annexed acknowledgment and before whom the same was taken, was at the date thereof, to-wit the 27th day of January 1916 and is now a duly elected and qualified and acting Justice of the Peace in and for Maury Precinct in said County and State; that by virtue of his said office, he is authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds and other instruments of writing and to administer oaths.

I do further certify that I am acquainted with the hand-writing of the said J. M. Ogilvy and verily believe the name subscribed to the said annexed instrument is his proper and genuine signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Seattle, this 2 day of February, A. D., 1916

SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

W. K. SICKELS Clerk

By [signature] Deputy

CARDED

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED RATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1916.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By increase in compensation from $756 per annum.)

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

C Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Washington.

JAN 3 - 1916 BUREAU OF NAVIGATION DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHANGE REPORTED JAN 1916 U. S. COMMISSION

11—1399

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Ore., December 21, 1915.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in pay.

Name, William S. Denning. Legal residence, Washington.*

Position, Keeper, L.H. Service. Salary, $804 per annum.

Location, Robinson Point Light Station, Wash. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Same. Former salary, $756 per annum.

Location, Same.

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

Previous incumbent, Same. Services terminated, December 31, 1915.

Reason, See remarks.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: The above change in pay is one of a general revision of Keepers salaries as per Bureau circular No.142 and specifically authorized by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915.

* Mr. Denning's residence is now Washington.

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

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

CHIEF CLERK
~~Inspector.~~

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

July 8, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 25th ultimo transmitting copy of letter dated May 29, 1914, addressed by the Inspector of the Seventeenth District to William S. Denning, keeper of Robinson Point Light Station, Washington, cautioning him against giving out information detrimental to the interests of the Lighthouse Service.

The Department has approved the course of action taken in the matter and concurs in the Bureau's opinion that no further action is warranted at this time.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

C-M

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 24 1914
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

Wm. S. Denning,
caution.

June 19, 1914

SECRETARY
JUN 29 1914

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to Bureau letter of June 19th in regard to letter of caution to Wm. S. Denning, Keeper Robinson Point Light Station:

LIGHT
JUN 30 1914
HOUSES

Another copy of this letter of caution is forwarded herewith in compliance with Circular No. 188.

LIGHT
JUL6 1914
HOUSES

Full report and recommendation in regard to the light and fog signal plant at Robinson Point was submitted to the Bureau on March 13th on Form 70.

In explanation of this matter the Keeper states the only information given out by him was as to the possible urgent necessity of boiler tube plugs ordered by this office in Seattle, Wash. The master of one of the local steamers was asked by him to hurry their delivery.

It is recommended that the Bureau take no action in the matter.

Beck

Inspector.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT JUN 24 1914 HOUSES

Caution.

Dep. Comnr.
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.

Examiner.
Personnel.
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

APPOINTMENTS JUL 7 1914

May 29, 1914.

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CHIEF CLERK JUN 29 1914 1

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS ANSWERED JUL 8 - 1914 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Mr. William S. Denning, Keeper Robinson Point Light Station.

SECRETARY JUN 29 1914

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 28, 1914, reporting the circumstances under which you gave out the information to shipping interests that the present fog signal at Robinson Point is in a bad condition and liable to go out of commission at any time.

CHIEF CLERK JUN 30 1914 17

You are cautioned that a Keeper should be very careful as to what he says in regard to aids to navigation being obsolete or in a bad state of repair. A Keeper with his very limited knowledge of what action has been taken by his superiors looking to the improvement or repair of aids may by careless remarks subject the Lighthouse Service to unmerited criticism.

SOLICITOR JUN 30 1914

CHIEF CLERK JUN 30 1914

Beck

Inspector.

Copy for Bureau.
HRW-McC.
One inclosure.

LIGHT JUN 30 1914 HOUSES

Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 25, 1914.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Inclosed is the Inspector's letter of June 19, 1914, in explanation of this matter. In view of the circumstances, the Bureau does not consider that further action against the keeper would be justified at this time.

G. R. Putnam

CHIEF CLERK JUL 3 1914

Recommendation of Bureau approved June 30th 1914
A. L. Thurman
Acting Secy

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LIGHT JUL 6 1914 HOUSES

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SERVICE DEC 22 1913 HOUSES
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR 17th LIGHTHOUSE DIST. DEC 4 - 1913
CHIEF CLERK JAN 6 1914
APPOINTMENTS JAN 6 1914

I, WILLIAM S. DENNING

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

☞ William S. Denning
(Appointee signs here)

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

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Wm. S. Richardson

(Official title) Notary Public, in and for State of Oregon.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper, L.H.S.	$756 per an.	Robinson Point Light Station, Wash.
Former [5] Keeper of L.H. Depot, Tongue Point, Ore.	$1200 do	Lighthouse Depot, Tongue Point, Ore.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 17th District

Portland, Oregon, (Address), December 16, 1913. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 11, 1913. (Date)

Henry L. Beck
(Signature, followed by title) 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.

[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.

11—944

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1913.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon, at $1200 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED NOV 25 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE

CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Gustaf Anderson.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1913 U.S. COMMISSION.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 22 1913
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
NOV 17 1913
17th L.H. DISTRICT

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot.
(Depot, Station, or Vessel)

Nov. 15th. 1913., 191

Lighthouse Inspector,

17th. L.H.District,

Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

I have heard that there is soon to be a vacancy in the position of Keeper at the Robbinson Point Light Station, if so, I would respectfully ask for a transfer to the position as Keeper of that station.

Respectfully.

W. S. Denning

Keeper L.H.Depot.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 22 1913 HOUSES

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, (City.) November 17, (Date.) 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENT WRITTEN NOV 24 1913 DEPT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF C: NOV 24 1913

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Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, William S. Denning — Legal residence, Oregon.

Position, Keeper, Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $756 per annum.

Location, Robinson Point Light Station, Wash. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers L.H.

Effective December 1, 1913, {[1]xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS NOV 24 3.25

Former position, Keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon, Lighthouse Service. Former salary, $1200 per annum.
Location, Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, Oregon.

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

Previous incumbent, Gustaf Andersen — Services terminated, November 30, 1913.

Reason, Resignation.

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Family quarters are provided.

Mr. Denning's application for transfer to Robinson Point Lt. Station is herewith transmitted.

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

11-25-13

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Beck
Inspector.

One Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

NOV 22 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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Lighthouse efficiency pennants were awarded in each lighthouse district to the light station showing the highest general efficiency during the fiscal year 1912, as follows:

District.	Light Station.	Keeper.
1	Cape Elizabeth	Frank L. Colton
2	Woods End	Phillip R. Smith
3	Stepping Stones	Ernest Bloom
4	Baker Range	Harry E. Spencer
6	Hillsboro Inlet	Thomas Knight
7	Rebecca Shoal	Thomas M. Kelly
8	Pensacola	George T. Clifford
9	Arecibo	Manuel P. Castillo
10	Tibbetts Point	William E. Montouna
11	Huron Island	Frank F. Witte
	Forty-Mile Point	John E. Smith
12	Pilot Island	Henry Bevry
17	Cape Arago	Wm. S. Denning
18	Point Sur	J. W. Astrom
19	Diamond Head	John Kaukaliu.

(See Lighthouse Service Bulletin, December, 1912.)

Form 111

Per 1

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

ed in the Disbursing Office.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
AUG 8 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF DISBURSING CLERK
RECEIVED
AUG 10 1912
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, WILLIAM S. DENNING

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

William S. Denning
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn to ---------- (See below.) and subscribed before me, this[2] 9th day of July, A. D. 1912.

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4](Name) Andrew V. Wickman

(Official title) Notary Public for Oregon

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper	$1200 per ann.	Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Ore.

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

CARDED.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
AUG 20 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 17th District

Portland, Oregon (Address.), August 2, 1912. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1912. (Date.)

Henry L. Beck
(Signature, followed by title.)

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.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

June 3, 1912.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper of Capa Arago Light Station, Oregon, at $750 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
AUG - - 1912
C. S. COMMISSION.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION.
REPORTED
JUN 3 1912
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Joseph E. Evans.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

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Form 1779. (First sheet.)
June, 1909.

No. 13447

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER.

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United States Civil Service Commission,

Washington, D. C., June 1, 1912

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 3 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

To the

Secretary of Commerce and Labor

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO JUN 3 - 1912 APPTS COMMERCE AND LABOR

In response to your request dated May 29, 1912 for a certificate authorizing the TRANSFER of William S. Denning of FROM the position of Keeper, Cape Arago Station, Oregon at $~~750~~ 62.50 mo per annum in the classified service of the Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce and Labor TO the position of Keeper at $ 1200 per annum in the classified service of the Lighthouse Service, Department of Commerce and Labor to be employed at Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon certification is hereby made that he may be so TRANSFERRED

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle

Secretary.

6/3/12 MWB

See Joseph E Evans to exchange.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION APPOINTMENT WRITTEN JUN - 3 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

May 29, 1912.

Gentlemen:

The Department requests the Commission to authorize the transfer of Mr. William S. Denning from the position of keeper of Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon, at $750 per annum, to that of keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon, at $1200 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. M. PINDELL, JR.

Chief Clerk.

The Civil Service Commission.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT.

Portland, Oregon, May 14, 1912. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, transfer and promotion.

Name, **William S.Denning** Legal residence, **Oregon.**

Position, **Keeper Lighthouse Depot,** Salary, **$1200. per annum.**

Location, **Tongue Point, Oregon.**

Effective ---------- on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, **$750.per annum.**

Location, **Cape Arago Light-Station, Oregon.**

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

Other eligibles considered, --

Letters of declination inclosed, --

Previous incumbent, Joseph E.Evans Services will be terminated, **when relieved.**

Reason, **transfer.** requested

Remarks: Appropriation: **Salaries Lighthouse Service.** 1913

5-29-12

Henry L. Beck

Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

HRW BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1912.

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

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Wrote Com. 5/29/12

Acting Commissioner.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
JUL 18 1911
17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Name Denning, Wm. S. 2. Age 40 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $750.00 6. Where employed Cape Arago Light Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct 24, 1903 8. How appointed (*b*) Through C.S. Exam

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Class. Comp.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? - If so, state the amount -

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Usual duties of position

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes If so, state them

Previous experience at light stations.

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JUL 25 1911
DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

15. Efficiency (*d*):	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	100	2	200	
Quality of work	100	3	300	
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300	
Attendance	100	2	200	
Total		10	1000	
Average percentage			100	

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

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

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) No. Works overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Underpaid $50.00 per annum. The reduction in pay of recently appointed keepers has created dissatisfaction and does not seem warranted when the excessive cost of provisions and other necessaries are considered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (*e*)

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

H. C. Clark
Chief Clerk

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

Henry L. Beach
Insp.

C. B. Putnam
Chief of Bureau or Office.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 14 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Cape Arago Light-Station. Oreg.
3. Name Denning, William S. 4. Where born Oregon.
5. Age 38. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $62.50 P.M. 8. When appointed (a) October 24, 1903.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from — State Oregon. Congressional District First. County Coos. Card states Lane O.R.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service ~~None.~~ War Department, April 1891 to 1895 as fireman and laborer.
14. Duties (describe fully) Keeper.
15. Efficiency — Quantity of work (d) 10/10; Quality of work (e) Good.; Interest manifested in work (f) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Recently promoted.

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Captain, U. S. N.
Naval Secretary

Lieut. Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.
Engineer Secretary.

Chas. J. Pund.
Inspector, 13th Light-House District. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUL. 6 1909
NO. 6646

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUL 20 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Enclos

I, William S. Denning

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

William S. Denning

[b] Sworn and subscribed before me, this 19th day of June, A. D. 1909.

(Affix official seal here.)

[c] (Name:) Robert E. Strong

(Official title:) Notary Public for Oregon

Official Title.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Keeper. $62.50 per month.	Cape Arago, Oregon.	Oregon.	Oregon.

Office of the Inspector, 13th Light-House District,

Portland, Oregon, (Address.) June 30, 1909. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 1, 1909. (Date.)

(Signed:) Chas. F. Pond

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

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

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

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May 27, 1909.

Mr. William S. Denning Oregon

Keeper of Cape Arago Light-Station, Oregon,

Light-House Service,

Sixty-two and 50/100

month

$62.50

June 1, 1909.

(vice Lars F. Amundson.)

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of Mukilteo Point Light-Station, Washington, at $600 per annum.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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The Light-House Board.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED MAY 27 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAY 27 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE & LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 13th L. H. Dist.,

Portland, Oregon.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer and promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)

of (2) William S. Denning of (3) Oregon
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)

from (4) Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (5) Muckilteo Point Light Station, Washington,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

at (6) $600 per yr. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)

at (8) Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)

(9) $62.50 per mo. (was $800. p.a.) effective beginning (10) June 1, 1909, (~~the date of his entrance on duty~~)
(Salary recommended)

(or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)

in the place of (11) Lars F. Amundson
(State name of *last* person holding position)

who (12) resigned on (13) May 31, 1909. close
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)

Mr. (14) _____ stands No. (15) _____ in list of eligibles,

Class (16) _____, with an average of (17) _____ per cent, and

was considered with (18) _____

(19) letters of declination of _____ herewith.

Respectfully,

Ass't to Inspector.

asst. 5-27-09

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

May 26, 1909.

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

H. T. Mayo

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED MAY 27 1909 TO APPOINTMENTS DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAY 27 1909 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT
Form 111.—Ed. 2-2-1904—1,500

OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

I, William S. Denning

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

William S. Denning

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 1 March '07

E. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1907.

[c] Name: Benj. W. Sherwood

Official title: Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Everett, Wash.

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Ass't Keeper	Muckilteo Point, Wn.	Oregon	Oregon.

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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

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TO APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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March 27, 1907.

Mr. William S. Denning, of Oregon, is hereby appointed

Assistant Keeper of Muckilteo Point Light-Station, Washington,

in the Light-House Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning March 1, 1907, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (Vice David O. Kinyon)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington, at $600 per annum.)

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
MAR 28 1907
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

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U. S. COMMISSION.

Assistant Secretary

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. William S. Denning of Oregon, from the position of First Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness, Wash., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, to that of Assistant Keeper of Muckilteo Point, Wash., Light-Station, at the same rate of pay, to date from 1 March, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. David C. Kinyon, resigned. Feb 28/07

3-27-07

Respectfully,

Jno. L. Clay

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

Geo. B. Cortelyou

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Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Mr. William Sherridan Denning

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? William S. Denning

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

Acosta	Oregon	Lane	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? Douglas Co Oregon

6. When were you born?

Mar	25	1871
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
	No.			

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: "Appointed before position was classified;" "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position and salary, if known.)

Assistant Keeper L. H. Service Mar 10. 1900

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

No.

11. Have you ever held any position in the civil service of the United States prior to the time of your present appointment? (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.)

Before position was classified served in War Dept on harbor works at Oso Bay from April 1891 to 1895 as fireman and laborer.

12. 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.		

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

For Eighteen Mos prior to my appointment followed Steam Engineering and Carpentering.

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

Public and high Schools. Completed Business Course.

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

Accountant. Steam Engr. and Carpenter.

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

U. S. Engr. Department at Large, July 2nd 1903.
U. S. Light House Civil Service, Mch. 10th 1903.

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

Yes.

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

Witness:

(Signature) William L. Deputy.

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Heceta, City or town.

Number and street.

Oregon
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded 30 Sept., 1904.

(Signature) O. Spaulding

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N. Light-House Inspector.

PART II.

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

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

Light-House Service. (Bureau or Service.) Heceta Head, Oregon. (Place (city, town, or station).) Thirteenth. (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. 20 October, 1903.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. 24 October, 1903.

5. What is his salary? $550.00 per annum.

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keeper of Light-Houses, 1904.

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

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

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau, or Service, position and salary, if known.)

Appointed from eligible list dated 10 March, 1903.

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

(Signature) O. Spaulding

Date: 30 Sept., 1904.

(Official title) Commander, U. S. N., Light-House Inspector.

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Light-House Establishment
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED JUN 1-1905 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED JUN-1 1905 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE.

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.)

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

William S. Dessing

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1905

[c] Name: O. F. Seal

Official title: Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Dungeness.

Affix official seal.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Asst Keeper	New Dungeness	Oregon	Oregon

[a] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.
[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date May 15, 1905.
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J. B. Johnson
Chief Clerk.

RECEIVED JUN 1-1905 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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CARDED.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—ABSOLUTE DA

Department of Commerce and Lab
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

April 27, 1905.

Mr. William S. Dennis , of Oregon , is hereby appointed

First Assistant Keeper at New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington ,

in the Light-House Service ,

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum ,

this appointment to take effect May 15, 1905, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Thomas E. Stanfield.

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

(By transfer and promotion from Second Assistant Keeper at Heceta Head Light-Station, Oregon, at $550 per annum.)

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MAY — 1905
C. S. COMMISSION.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
REPORTED
APR 28 1905
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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The Light-House Board.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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File No. 6646.

25 April '05.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
APR 26 1905
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

Oregon

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer and promotion of Mr. William S. Denning from the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Heceta Head, Oreg., Light-Station, to that of First Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness, Wash., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, to date from 15 May '05, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Thomas E. Stanfield, transferred and promoted. 5/15/05

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Respectfully,

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Captain, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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APR 27 1905
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS,
Form 221.—Ed. 5 27 1903 5,000.

INFORMATION AS TO THE PERSONNEL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., May 26, 1903.

To Supervising Officers of the Treasury Department and Others concerned:

You are hereby directed to have each new appointee or employee in your office at the time of taking the oath, in his own handwriting, answer in full all of the following inquiries, and date and sign the paper at the end. You will then forward the paper to the Department.

ROBERT B. ARMSTRONG,
Acting Secretary.

STATEMENT OF APPOINTEE OR EMPLOYEE.

In what service in or under the Treasury Department are you to be employed?

Department of Commerce and Labor.

In what bureau, office, or division of that service are you to be employed?

Light House Department.

What is the designation of the office or position to which you have been appointed?

2nd Assistant Keeper.

What is the rate or amount of compensation, pay, or emolument which you are to receive per diem, per month, or per annum? $600.00 per Annum.

Where were you born? (Give town and State.) Lewiston Idaho. Oregon

In what year were you born? 1871.

Are you married or single, widow or widower? Married.

Where is your legal residence? (Give town, county, Congressional district, and State.)

Necanicum Land Co. Or. 2nd Congressional district.

Did you render military or naval service in the War of the Rebellion, or in the Spanish-American War? If so, in what capacity and in what organization?

Did not.

Have you any relatives in the service of the Government? If so, state the relationship and service in which employed.

None.

Have you ever before been employed in the Treasury service? If so, give date of original appointment and a statement in chronological order showing place or places occupied, length and time of service in each place, and compensation received therein.

No.

Signature of appointee or employee William S. Denning

Date Nov 27" 1903.

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Disbursing Office.

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Department of Commerce & Labor,
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
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MAY 10 1904
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND LABOR

OATH OF OFFICE.

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
MAY 10 1904
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

William L. Denning

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of April A. D. 1904

Frank C Vader
Notary Public
for Oregon

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
2nd Ass't Keeper	Heceta Head, Oregon	Oregon	Oregon.

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

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
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MAY 10 1904
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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CARDED.

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

6646

April 18, 1904.

Mr. William S. Denning, of Oregon,

having satisfactorily served a probationary period of six months,

is hereby absolutely appointed Second Assistant Keeper of Heceta Head Light-Station, Oregon,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum,

this appointment to take effect April 24, 1904, ~~or as soon thereafter as oath of office is taken.~~

Reptd to Disb Clk APR 18 1904.

Clarence O Murray
Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190 .

Change reported to Civil Service Commission.

The Light-House Board.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED APR 14 1904 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

LETTER ASKING FULL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

TT.
File No.6646.

13 April, 1904.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED APR 15 1904 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

The Board has the honor to ask the full appointment of Mr. William S. Denning as Second Assistant Keeper at Heceta Head, Oregon, Light-Station, to date from 24 April, '04, with pay at the rate of $550. a year.

Mr. Denning received probationary appointment by Department letter of 7 Nov. '03, to date from 20 Oct. '03. He entered upon duty under said appointment on 24 Oct. '03, and his full appointment is recommended by the Inspector of the 13th Light-House District.

Respectfully,

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

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN APR 14 1904 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

APPROVED
APR 14 1904
Lawrence O. Murray
ACTING Secretary

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED APR 15 1904 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

KEYED

Department of Commerce & Labor.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 111.—Ed. 6 19 1901 1,500.

OATH OF OFFICE.

PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES.

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

William S Denning

O.D.L. Oct. 24, 03

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2nd day of December A. D. 1903

Frank C Vaden

Notary Public for Oregon

CARDED.

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Heceta	Heceta Head	Douglas Co. Or	Oregon

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

NOV 9 - 1903

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

November 7, 1903

Mr. William S. Denning, of ,

having been examined and found qualified, as shown by Certificate

No. of the Civil Service Commission, is hereby appointed

Second Assistant Keeper of Heceta Head Light-Station, Oregon,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty dollars

per annum, this appointment to be for a probationary period of six

months, beginning October 20, 1903. ~~or as soon thereafter~~

~~as oath of office is taken.~~

CARDED.

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

File No. 6646. 3 Nov., 1903.

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DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. William S. Denning as Second Assistant Keeper of Heceta Head, Oreg., Light-Station, with pay at rate of $550. a year to date from 20 Oct., 1903, in the place of Mr. Harold A. Salisbury, whose promotion has been asked.

Mr. Denning has passed the required Civil Service examination and obtained a rating of 90 per cent. in class Three.

Mr. Joseph V. Watson, one of the three standing higher on the list than Mr. Denning, also passed an examination as Assistant Engineer in the Light-House Service and has been so appointed.

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DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Respectfully,

Approved, November 4, 1903:

NOV 1903
Appointment written.

Geo. B. Cortelyou
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

January 21, 1916.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington.

Referring to Bureau indorsement of January 3, 1916, on Department letter to the Bureau of December 30, 1915, requesting information as to changes in the legal residence of a number of keepers on this district, inclosed herewith is the information desired.

(Signed) Warrack

Inspector.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,

January 29, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

(Signed) J. S. Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Form A-38

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1927.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective July 1, 1927.

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,

JUL 22 1927

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1440 per annum.

To: $1500 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 1 1927 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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17th.

CARDED

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9051

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1380 per annum to $1440 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,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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JUL 15 1925
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CHIEF CLERK

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
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Inc.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
July 13, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUL 21 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Department letter of June 25, 1925, covering notice of change in salary of William S. Denning, Keeper, Robinson Point Light Station, Wash., from $1380 per annum to $1440 per annum, effective July 1, 1925, is returned herewith for correction of his name. His full name is William S. Denning; Department letter reads William Denning.

Warnack
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUL 23 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 18 1925

Enclosure

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending for amendment.

S Conway
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

7-21-25.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. William S. Denning,
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 ENTERED FEB 7 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper
Salary: $1380 ✓
Appropriations: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
General Expenses, Lighthouse Service.

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CARDED
FEB 9 - 1925

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Denning, William L. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1200, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 14 1924 File No. 1095/21.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1918.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 808 per annum to $ 960 per annum effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(Signed) Clifford Hastings,
Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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ON BASIS OF THIS ACTION BE-
LETTER DATED 12-30-18
IN FILE OF 1095-17

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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USE TYPEWRITER. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

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UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT
OCT 30 1916
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Denning, William S.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse

4. Designation of position:

Keeper, Lighthouse Service

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

——

6. Annual earnings:

$802.

7. Kind of appropriation:

~~Stat.~~ LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 804 P. A.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 550 P. A.

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: Months:

Regular— Years: 16 Months: 8

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

Oregon

12. Race:

W.

13. Sex:

M.

14. Date of birth— Month:

March

Year:

1871

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

E4; H3; C3. (business)

16. Marital condition:

M.

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from— Congressional district and State:

1 Washington

County:

King

19. Civil service status:

C.

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE.

21. Place of employment— City:

Robinson Pt. Lt. Sta.

State:

Washington.

11—5869

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

JEL-NDW

JUN 16 1916

Sir:

Referring to report of the assistance rendered by you on May 28, 1916, to four persons whose launch became disabled off Robinson Point Light Station, Washington, you are commended for the service rendered by you on that occasion, which fact will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD
Secretary.

Mr. William S. Denning, Keeper,
Robinson Point Light Station,
Washington.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses).

IGHTHOUSES---Appointment Division's files. WILLIAM C. REDFIELD

Exact copy as signed by

Mailed JUN 16 1916 by

Legal residence of certain keepers.

Office of Inspector, 17th L. H. District,
Portland, Ore., January 21, 1916.

Name	Title	Station	Town	County	State	Cong. Dist.
Eugene B. Alden	Asst. Keeper	Slip Point, Wash.	East Challam,	Challam,	Wash.	2nd
Wm. Denning	Keeper	Robinson Point, Wash.	Portage	King	Wash.	1st
Ray E. Dunson	Asst. Keeper	Cape Arago, Oregon	Empire	Coos	Ore.	1st
[illegible]ars Hansen	Keeper	Cape Disappointment, Wash.	Ilwaco	Pacific	Wash.	3rd
Albert G. Hicks	1st Asst. Keeper	New Dungeness, Wash.	Dungeness	Challam,	Wash.	2nd
George L. Lonholt	Keeper	Patos Island, Wash.	East Sound,	San Juan	Wash.	2nd
Ezra E. Marr	Assistant Keeper	Alki Point, Wash.	Seattle	King	Wash.	1st
Hans P. Score	Keeper	Slip Point, Wash.	East Challam	Challam	Wash.	2nd
Wm. H. Taylor	Assistant Keeper	Patos Island, Wash.	East Sound,	San Juan	Wash.	2nd

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

William S. Denning (Name) — Washington (Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8040

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
2d Asst. Keeper	Prob.	$550	Lighthouse - Hecela Head. Reg	Oct. 24, 1903
" "	Abs.	"	" "	Apr. 24, 1904
1st " "	Trans	600	" New Dungeness Wash	May 15, 1905
Asst "	"	"	" Muckilteo Pt. Wash.	Mar. 1, 1907
Keeper	"	62.50 p.m.	" Cape Arago. Ore.	June 1, 1909
"	"	1,200	" Tongue Pt. "	Aug. 1, 1912
"	"	756	" Robinson Pt. Wash	Dec. 11, 1913
"	"	804	" " " "	Jan 1, 1916
"	Increase	960	" " " "	Nov. 1, 1918
"	Reod.	1,200	" " "	July 1, 1924
"	Act 12/6/24	1,380	" " "	Feb. 1, 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1,440	" " "	July 1, 1925
	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	1500	" " "	JUL 1 1927
"	COMPENSATION Act. May 28, 1928.	1560	" " "	JUL 1 1928
"	COMPENSATION Act. July 3, 1930	1620	" " "	JUL 3 1930
	SERVICES DISCONTINUED	December 15, 1930.		
	(Transferred to Registered System)			
Depot Keeper	From Registered System	2000	L.H. - 17 Dist Seattle, Wash.	11-12-31
"	Chg. salary to include quarters	1860	" "	Feb. 16, 1932
	Retired July 1, 1936 (Age)	$1482.45 pa		

William S. Denning (Name) — Washington (Legal Residence)

11—8940

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 20 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Confidential

June 18, 1938.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

I thought that you would be interested in knowing the decision reached by the Public Health Service in the case of William S. Denning. In view of the statements made by the Bureau to the Public Health Service, I am not surprised at the result.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

Enclosure
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E.G. Goodrich
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1616 Denning, William S.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. Public Health Service
Washington

June 10, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the inquiry contained in your letter of May 2, 1938, as to the right of William S. Denning, a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive medical care and treatment as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service.

Accordingly, you are advised that in view of the showing that his retirement occurred under his employment status as "depot keeper" which status is not within the provisions of the Act of June 24, 1930, the conclusion has been reached that Mr. Denning is not entitled to medical relief under that act, because he was not a light keeper or assistant keeper at the time of his retirement.

Respectfully,

/s/ Thomas Parran
Surgeon General

OFB:MGM

PWD
Let's see Bureau's
submission, please
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ADDRESS
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
AND FILE NO.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1938.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The question has arisen as to the right of William S. Denning, a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive medical care and treatment from the Public Health Service.

The Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat., 807) provides that hospital and out patient facilities shall be available *** under joint regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, to light keepers and assistant light keepers *** and officers and crews of vessels of the Lighthouse Service, who have been or who may hereafter be retired, etc.,***.

Regulations contemplated in the above cited act were issued September 30, 1930, copy herewith. Two groups of employees are specified in the law as beneficiaries of this legislation, (1) light keepers and assistant keepers, (2) officers and crews of vessels. Mr. Denning was retired from the position of depot keeper, which position is not specified in the Act of June 24, 1930, his retirement being effective July 1, 1936; but the record indicates that prior to becoming depot keeper at Seattle, Washington, November 12, 1931, he had had nearly 26 years service as lighthouse keeper, during which period subsequent to the Act of August 28, 1916 (39 Stat., 538) he had been entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service.

The question involved, therefore, is whether the beneficiaries of the Act of July 24, 1930, are to be determined strictly by an employee's status at time of retirement, or whether in the case of an employee who has served in a capacity that would render him eligible to the benefits of the Act, but has subsequently been transferred to a position not specified therein, and is retired therefrom, such employee may carry over his eligibility to such benefits from his earlier status. Upon a preliminary consideration of this question, which came to the Bureau's attention through the Superintendent of Lighthouses, in January, 1937, the Bureau expressed the tentative view that the status at time of retirement governs; but in view of the question being raised again it seems advisable to obtain a

formal determination. The joint regulations issued September 30, 1930, do not specifically cover this point. The question appears to involve a legal interpretation of the Act of June 24, 1930.

The Bureau would be pleased to receive an expression of your views on the question presented.

Very truly yours,

H. D. King,
Commissioner of Lighthouses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1938.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

The other evening you asked me what progress had been made in the consideration by the Public Health Service of the eligibility of William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper of the Lighthouse Service, for medical treatment under the provisions of the Act of June 24, 1930. I have talked with Mr. Harman of the Lighthouse Bureau, and he informed me today that he had inquired of Mr. Kinsey, Administrative Officer in the Hospital Division of the Public Health Service. Mr. Kinsey told Mr. Harman that the case was under consideration by the legal division. The General Accounting Office has been informally consulted, and Mr. Kinsey expects that a decision will be reached sometime during the coming week.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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6/17/38

6/14/38 Mr. Harman says letter from P.H.S. rec'd holding Denning ineligible

April 26, 1938.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's letter of February 8, 1938, in the case of William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper, the Department has directed that his case be presented to the Public Health Service.

L.H. retirement
Sol opinion
Hosp. treatment

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief, Division of Personnel.

5-16-38

Bureau wrote to Surgeon General, Public Health Service on May 2. Had recd no reply

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 18 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Kerlin.

From: Assistant to Colonel Johnson.

I am returning the files of -

William S. Denning
John Pederson
John T. Van Iderstine

which you transmitted with your memorandum of April 1.

I think the crux of the apparent inconsistency which you believe to be in the opinions in these cases is that the two laws; namely, that covering retirement of employees of the Lighthouse Service under the special retirement act; and that providing for free medical treatment, cover two different classes of people.

The latter mentioned law covers those in positions of Lighthouse Keepers, Assistant Lighthouse Keepers and officers or members of the crews of the Lighthouse Service vessels. Denning is not a retired Lighthouse Keeper, Assistant Keeper or officer or member of the crew of a Lighthouse Service vessel and, therefore, is not entitled to the benefits of the Act.

The first mentioned of the two laws, authorizing retirement of certain officers and employees in the Lighthouse Service covers the following: "All officers and employees engaged in the field service or on vessels of the Lighthouse Service except persons continuously employed in district offices or shops, after having been thirty years, etc." Van Iderstine falls clearly in the above classification and is entitled to the benefit of the Lighthouse retirement act.

There is no logical reason why the two laws referred to should cover different classes of people. It just so happens that they do.

M. C. Foster.

APR 1 1938

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1938.

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Foster:

If you could find time to review the attached papers, especially the opinion of the Acting Solicitor of March 23, concerning William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper of the Lighthouse Service, who is seeking medical attention by the Federal Government, I would appreciate very much your views.

It appears that Denning had nearly 26 years service as a Lighthouse Keeper, during which time he was entitled to medical relief without charge by the Public Health Service. From November 12, 1931, to July 1, 1936, the last 5 years of his service, he was a depot keeper and as such would not have been entitled to free medical treatment.

What I have difficulty in reconciling is how the law covering the retirement of employees of the Lighthouse Service under their special retirement act would be construed to cover service at any time during their employment in a type of work entitling them to retirement, yet this law providing for free medical treatment is construed to apply to the type or class of work of employee only at the time of retirement.

TMK

Administrative Assistant
to the Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON

March 30, 1938.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

Following my memorandum of the 29th, concerning William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper, who is seeking medical attention by the Federal Government, and referring to our discussion this morning with respect to Mr. Denning:

Mr. Denning was retired at his option on July 1, 1936. He was born in March, 1871, and will not, therefore, reach the age (70 years) prescribed for compulsory retirement from the Lighthouse Service until March, 1941. He might, therefore, be reinstated or reemployed at any time prior to reaching the age of 70 but would be required to relinquish his annuity while in a duty status. (10 Comp. Gen. 309.)

Personally, I think it would be better to give consideration to his possible reemployment in a position covered by the Act of June 24, 1930, than to attempt to secure for him medical attention under the provisions of that act merely because he was retired from a position subject to the Lighthouse Retirement statute. Should he be recommended for reemployment either as a light keeper or assistant light keeper and the Civil Service Commission should find him ineligible to reenter the service because of his physical condition, he could then be appointed to one of the vessel positions excepted from examination by the recent Executive order. I am afraid that if it should be decided that the Act of June 24, 1930, is applicable to persons who are retired from positions other than those specifically mentioned in that statute, a situation may arise comparable in administrative difficulty to that ensuing from the interpretation of the broadly-inclusive language of the Lighthouse Retirement Act.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1938.

Memorandum for Mr. Kerlin

I have examined and am returning herewith the papers which you sent me having to do with medical treatment by the Public Health Service of William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper, under the provisions of the act of June 24, 1930, extending hospital facilities to certain retired officers and employees of the Lighthouse Service.

Since the statute was intended solely for the benefit of retired light keepers, assistant light keepers, and officers and crews of vessels in the Lighthouse Service, and since statutes which enumerate the things upon which they are to operate are construed as excluding from their effect all those not expressly mentioned, it does not seem to me that Mr. Denning is entitled to the benefits of the act in question.

Under section 20 of the act of September 7, 1916, providing compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, the Employees' Compensation Commission is authorized to consider claims filed within one year after injury by persons who have become disabled as the result of Federal employment. Since Mr. Denning was retired more than a year and a half ago, the Compensation Commission would now be without authority to consider an original claim, even though his Lighthouse employment may be the proximate cause of his condition.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

Enclosure
G:B

June 9, 1936.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Seventeenth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,402.45 per annum, effective beginning July 1, 1936.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

[illegible] 1936

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

JB

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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JUN 13 1936
SHEET NO. 108
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

June 9, 1936.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Mr. Denning:

The Department is notifying you, by separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service, effective July 1, 1936.

For myself personally, and for the Department, I extend sincere thanks for your satisfactory services. I have noted from the Department's records that you entered the Service on October 24, 1903, and served continuously for over thirty-two years. Your long and splendid record should be a source of continuous comfort to you, and I entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

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Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN - 2 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

1936 MAY 28 AM 11 JUN 2 AM 11 04

Date March 18th. 1936.

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN - 5 1936
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

17th. District

Portland, Oregon.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of June 30th. 1936, on the basis of service shown hereon.

Optional Retirement
60 years of age
36 years service

W. S. Denning
(Name)

Depot Keeper.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Portland, Oregon *Date* May 6, 1936

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1402.45 per annum, effective at the close of June 30, 1936

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.

E. C. Merrill *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* June 1, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval in accordance with the Act of June 20, 1918, providing for retirement in the Lighthouse Service.

6/1/36

Acting *Commissioner of Lighthouses.*

FOR USE OF DEPARTMENT

11—10551

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

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 William S. Denning, Date of birth March 25th. 1871.

Designation Depot Keeper. Seattle Lighthouse Depot, Seattle, Washington.

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	Yr.	Mo.	Days
Army	None.								
Navy	None								
Marine Corps	None								
Civilian employment									
U.S.Engineers	5	1	1891	5	15	1895	4	0	15
Lighthouse Service	10	24	1903	6	30	1936	32	8	7
Total service							36	8	~~23~~ (Bm)

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			Rate of Pay	Pay Received
	Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year		
Skilled Laborer	July	1st.	1931	Nov.	11th.	1931	$6.00 day	$690.00
Depot Keeper	Nov.	12th.	1931	Feb.	15th.	1932	$2,000.00	$522,21
Depot Keeper	Feb.	16th.	1932	June	30th.	1936	1,860.00	$8,137.50

Total compensation for last five years of active service $9349.71

Average compensation for last five years of active service $1869.94

Annual rate of retired pay ($ 1869.94 × years 30 (Not exceeding 30) ÷ 40) = $1402.45

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To Dept.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 22 1932
PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 21 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 14 1932
PORTLAND, OREGON

17th Lighthouse District, Department Of Commerce,
(Department or Establishment) (Bureau or Office)

I, William S. Denning, do
(Name in full, printed or typed)

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

William S. Denning
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th. day of April, A. D. 19 32

at Seattle, (City or place) Wash. (State)

Asst. Supt
Marine
Mechn.
Airways
Chf. Clerk
Accounts
Purchasing
Personnel

[SEAL]

CARDED

C. L. Hagen
Master, Lighthouse Service.

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

Position to which appointed Depot Keeper

Date of entrance on duty February 16, 1932

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1689

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

AMENDED Date

February 16, 1932.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Depot Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective February 16, 1932.

Nature of appointment: Change from $2000 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form A-30

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1932.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Depot Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from $2000 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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APR 16 1932
SHEET NO. 4075
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

APR 15 1932

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Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR - 8 1932
APPOINTMENT

Indorsement

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Seventeenth's letter of March 26, 1932 Re: deduction for quarters assigned to keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

1932 APR - 7 - PM 3:44

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APR 14 1932
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
April 5, 1932. CHIEF CLERK

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with a copy of the Superintendent's letter in this matter dated February 25. The Bureau does not consider it administrately desirable to depart from the standard valuation of $240 per annum for quarters occupied the entire year. It is therefore recommended that the range of this position be reduced to $1860-2300, in addition to which the incumbent will have quarters valued at $240. It is also recommended that the pay of depot keeper, W. S. Denning be reduced from $2000 to $1860 per annum. The proposed range for this position in view of the fact that family quarters have now been provided for it is in line with that to which similar positions of depot keeper in other districts have been assigned. Attention is invited to the fact that this position was authorized by Department letter of October 12, 1931 in the range $2000-2600, but no quarters were provided for the position at that time.

Denning has had approximately 29 yrs service

H. D. King
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DCC

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst, to Secy.

APR 14 1932

CAK:ABL

(Copy)

Incl.

February 25, 1932.

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D. C.

1. Further reference is made to 17th radiogram of February 20 and Bureau reply of February 24 relative to deduction of $240.00 per annum for family quarters assigned to W. S. Denning, Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot. There is inclosed herewith blue print which shows the floor plan of the quarters which have been assigned to Mr. Denning. This space was formerly occupied by the Rattan-Wood Chair Manufacturing Company for an office. In addition to the space shown on the blue print there is a basement underneath the same area which can be used for storage space for Keeper's automobile, laundry room, etc. The quarters are on a level with the first floor and adjacent to the main warehouse. The building is of rough, frame construction.

2. In view of the fact that the pay range of the keeper of Seattle Depot is the same as that of the Keeper, Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, exclusive of quarters, it is recommended that no deduction be made from Mr. Denning's pay of $2000 per annum on account of these quarters. It is believed that the keepers of these two depots should receive the same rates of pay exclusive of quarters. To deduct the standard value of $240.00 per annum for quarters would leave $1760 per annum which is neither a multiple of 60 nor 100 which appears to be intended in the classification act and would be insufficient rate of pay for a keeper of a depot of the importance of Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

3. Mr. Denning occupied these quarters effective February 16, 1932.

R. R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

CAK:ABL
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

4/5/32 wrote Dept.

AIR MAIL

1932 MAR -29- AM 9:16

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

March 26, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses

1. No reply has been received to 17th District letter of February 25, 1932 to the Bureau relative to deduction for quarters assigned to the Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot. In this letter it was recommended that no deduction be made but after further consideration, it appears that deduction should be made for the reason that the Government has expended some funds for reconditioning the quarters occupied by the Depot Keeper, and that by reason of the fact that he occupies Government owned quarters, he will be entitled to allowance for fuel, light, water, etc., which will be furnished by the Government, resulting in additional expense. Although the salary range for the Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot is the same as the range of the keeper of Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, it is not considered thatthe duties of the keeper of the Seattle Depot are as great as are the duties of the Keeper of Tongue Point Depot. It is, therefore, recommended that deduction be made for quarters occupied by W. S. Denning, Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot. In view of the fact, however, that these quarters as illustrated by blue print furnished with above referred to letter are not as large and as good in appearance and location as those of the keeper of Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot and at light station, it is recommended that the deduction be made in the sum of $140.00 per annum if this can be done in lieu of the Standard deduction of $240.00 per annum.

This was discussed with the Superintendent before he departed for the conference and he concurred therein.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

E.C.Merrill

E.C.Merrill, Assistant Superintendent

Form 2005
Jan., 1931

No. P-444

CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING CHANGE IN STATUS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C., January 28, 1932

To the

Secretary of Commerce

Sir:

Referring to your request of January 22, 1932, the CHANGE IN STATUS of William S. Denning (Name)

FROM Skilled Laborer, $6.00 per diem (Position, grade, and salary)

in the classified service of the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Field

TO Depot Keeper, $2000 per annum (Position, grade, and salary) in the classified service of the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service, Seattle, Washington

is hereby authorized; he having been rated eligible on Form 375.

Very respectfully,

John T. Doyle,

Secretary

Necessary action already taken in file

Examination

Average

NOTE.—The certificate as issued is subject to the provisions of the act making appropriations for the department, bureau, or establishment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1932.

The Civil Service Commission:

On November 12, 1931, the Department inadvertently appointed William S. Denning as depot keeper at $2000 per annum in the Seventeenth Lighthouse District at Seattle, Washington, by transfer from the position of skilled laborer at $6 per diem under the registered system, without prior approval of the Civil Service Commission.

Authority is requested for this change, effective November 12, 1931. Mr. Denning has been employed in the Lighthouse Service since October 24, 1903.

Form 375, executed by Mr. Denning, is herewith for the Commission's consideration.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JAN 23 1932

F. A. DELONG
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Enclosure
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U. S. LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT
DEC 1 1931
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OATH OF OFFICE

Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes of the United States

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COMMERCE (Department or Establishment) — 17th Lighthouse District, (Bureau or Office)

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

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

William S. Denning
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, A. D. 1931

at Seattle (City or place), Washington (State)

[SEAL]

CARDED

Carl R. Gray
Master, Lighthouse Service.

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

Position to which appointed Depot Keeper 17

Date of entrance on duty OK November 12, 1931

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Form A-30

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1931.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Depot Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Two Thousand dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Transfer from the position of skilled laborer at $6 per diem under the registered system.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 12 1931

EDW. J. GARDNER
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Washington.

CARDED

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

TELEGRAPHIC — OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

APPROVAL REQUESTED

Portland, Oregon (City), October 23, 1931 (Date) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion To newly auth position

Name, William Sherridan Denning

Position, ~~Keeper~~, Depot Keeper

Location, Seattle, Washington

Effective, November 1, 1931

Former position, Skilled Laborer (Registers Register)

Location, Depot, Seattle, Wash.

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $2000 per annum

Proposed range, $2000-$2600 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

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

Former salary, $6.00 per day

Former range, —

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, New position / authorized 10-12-31 OK - but sheet not reqd. Services terminated, — Lt.#3170

Reason, —

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, March 25, 1871

Remarks: Recommendation submitted in accordance with Appointment Division letter of October 12, 1931, authorizing this position. Mr. Denning was former keeper of Robinson Point Light Station and was transferred to position of skilled laborer pending authorization of position Depot Keeper and is believed to have Civil Service status entitling him to promotion to this position.

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

C.A.Knight, Chief Clerk

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Action O. K.

Adm. Asst. to Secy.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, Civil Service Form 375 in duplicate being inclosed. Attention is invited to Department letter of October 12, 1931, authorizing this position, it being necessary to fill this position for the reason that the depot has recently been completed and its operation and maintenance now require the assignment to duty of a depot keeper. While the depot was in course of construction the present nominee was assigned to the depot and is considered the best qualified person available for the position of Depot Keeper.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Form 375
March, 1930

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 31 1931 PORTLAND, OREGON

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR NONCOMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or presentation to the Commission of any such paper, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. All answers must be in ink, or typewriting. If more space is required, an additional sheet securely fastened to this form may be used. Answers on such sheet should be numbered to correspond to questions.

GIVE DATES AND PERIODS OF TIME REQUIRED IN YEARS AND MONTHS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE.

1. What is the exact title of the position to which you are to be assigned? Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

2. Give the place and date of your birth March 25th. 1871.

3. (a) In the space below, give a detailed statement of your education, including dates:

Grammar school From 1878, to 1888,		High school From ..., ..., to ..., ...			College or university From Sept. 1888, to June 1890			
Name and location	Highest grade successfully completed	Name and location	Highest grade successfully completed	Were you graduated? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	Name and location	Number semester hours credit received	Degrees conferred	Major subject
Looking Glass, Oregon.	No grades or High schools at that time				Philomath. Philomath, Ore.	4	None	Business & College course

(b) If you have pursued any postgraduate courses of study, state fully what studies and when, where, and for what length of time they were pursued.....

4. If you have any practical knowledge of a mechanical trade, name the trade or trades, and state the time you have worked at each, and when, where, and under whom, giving places and dates. (If you served an apprenticeship, so state.)

Steam and gas engineering, Fireman and boating. Under the United States Engineer Department, Coos Bay, Oregon, J. S. Polhemus, Ast. Engineer. Boating and Gas engine work, in the Lighthouse Department. In U.S. Engr. Dept. from 1890 to 1895. U. S. Lighthouse Department from October 20th.1903 to the present time.

5. State fully and in detail all the practical experience you have had **in the profession, occupation, or business in which you are to be employed**, or in professions or occupations **of similar character.** State (a) When, giving dates; (b) Where; (c) By whom employed; (d) THE SALARY OR COMPENSATION RECEIVED; (e) Specific nature of duties in each case. (State any branches of a profession or occupation in which you regard yourself particularly expert.)

Keeper, TonguecPoint Lighthouse Depot, Astoria, Oregon.from August 1st. 1912 to December 8th. 1913. at $1200 per annum. December 8th. 1913 to December 1st. 1930 head Keeper of Robinson Point Light Station, Washington. at $1620. Under United States Lighthouse Department. 17th. District.
As Depot Keeper, the issueing of supplies, overseeing work at the Depot, and the keeping of records in connection with the Depot.
As Lighthouse Keeper, supvise and take part in all work in connection with the Light and fog signal, the keeping of records, and all work in connection with the station.

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Form 375
March, 1930

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR NONCOMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Rating _____

Application No. _____

The candidate will carefully fill ALL blank spaces as the purpose for which this application form is filed.

Promotion and Transfer.

(Temporary appointment, transfer, promotion, reinstatement, etc.)

Position Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

(Give exact title of position or examination)

in the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service

(Office where you are to be employed)

N. B.—Candidate will write plainly his full name (and if a woman, whether Miss or Mrs.) and post-office address in the blanks below. The address here given will be treated as the candidate's post-office address until notification of change is made to the Commission in writing.

Name of Candidate, William S. Denning.

Number and Street, Terminal Sta. 220 King

Post Office, Box 3228.

County, Seattle, King.

State or Territory, Washington.

Candidate will not fill the following blanks:

Application _____ *approved* _____, *19*

By whom _____ *approved,* _____

Kind of examination _____

Place _____

Date _____

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6. State what other employments or occupations you have pursued, indicating the nature of the duties in each case. State when, giving dates, where, how long and under whom employed Railway train Conductor, in Freight and Passenger service, from 1896 to 1902. Coos Bay , Roseburg & Eastern Railway Co.

7. If not fully covered in answers to questions 5 and 6, state fully what has been your business or occupation for **each of the past five years**, including a statement in detail regarding your **present** employment. If now unemployed, state how long _____

8. State any additional facts which may tend to show your fitness for the position you seek _____

9. If ever in the United States military or naval service, give dates of enlistment and discharge _____

10. (*a*) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the United States Government service? _____

(*b*) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.	Name each position for which examined, or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
	Engineman	Portland, Oregon	June 1903	yes.
	Boatman	Port Townsend, Wash.	1922	yes.

11. (*a*) Have you any defect of limb, hand, or foot? (If so, describe fully) none.

(*b*) Any defect of sight or hearing? (If so, describe fully) none.

(*c*) Are you physically capable of a full discharge of the duties of the position sought? yes.

12. (*a*) What is the present state of your health? excellent. (*b*) Have you tuberculosis in any form? no.

(*c*) Have you ever been affected with tuberculosis? No. (*d*) Are you suffering from any disease or physical deformity? (If so, describe fully) _____

(*e*) Have you had any disease, acute or chronic, during the past five years? (If so, describe fully and give length of time incapacitated) no.

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs."

(*Signature of Applicant*) William S. Denning

(Sign your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full)

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE JURAT OR OATH IS OMITTED

JURAT OR OATH

[The following oath must be taken before a NOTARY PUBLIC, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, *before whom the applicant must appear in person.* The OFFICER'S SIGNATURE MUST BE AUTHENTICATED BY OFFICIAL (IMPRESSION) SEAL. If the oath be taken before a justice of the peace or other officer who has not such seal, his official character must be certified by the clerk of court, secretary of state, or other proper officer, under official seal.]

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this 30 day of Oct., 1931, at city [or town] of Seattle county of King, and State [or Territory or District] of Wash

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

(*Signature of officer*) _____

(*Official title*) Assistant Postmaster

December 31, 1930.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of your transfer to the position of skilled laborer at $6 per diem under the registered system of the Lighthouse Service for assignment to duty at the subdepot at Seattle, Washington, the Department has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as keeper at $1620 per annum of Robinson Point Light Station, effective at the close of business on December 15, 1930.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER DEC 31 1930

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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December 16, 1930.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. It is proposed to transfer, effective December 16, 1930, William S. Denning, keeper of Robinson Point Light Station in the 17th District with pay at $1620 per annum (1440 ~~($1140-1800)~~) to a position of skilled laborer at $6.00 per diem under the registered system for assignment to duty at the subdepot at Seattle, Washington, and report is made in order that the Department's records will show this information and allow for the appointment of another keeper vice Denning.

A. D. Harman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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noted:
~~Action O. K.~~
Chief Clerk

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
DEC 21 1930
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Sheet No. 42

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1. Denning (Surname) William (Given name) S (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouses
5. (a) Field Station Office of Supt. of L.H., 17th District
   (b) Subdivision Robinson Point Light Station
   (c) City or town Portage State Wash.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

On duty during day as required for upkeep of station

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day avg. 12; per week 84
   (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 Alternates at night with other keeper 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 $ 900.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum. longevity $60.00 per annum
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 900.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum. longevity $60.00 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, 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
    Rations commuted at rate of $164.25 per annum
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, $ 25.00
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 Philomath; 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. In charge of station, which has two Keepers.	
2. Cares for and operates light and fog-signal, which are supplied with electric current for light and power from a commercial power-station	65%
3. In case of failure of electrical supply furnished from commercial power-station, cares for and operates (1) kerosene-engine driven electrical-generating machinery for illumination for light, and (2) compressed-air oil-engine fog signal apparatus	5%
4. Cares for buildings and grounds, including painting and minor repairs to all structures, including fences and walks	8%
5. Cares for and operates gas motor-boat, employed in obtaining mail and supplies and in saving life and property	5%
6. Building and repairing roads on lighthouse reservation	7%
7. Shows visitors over the station	5%
8. Conducts correspondence with Superintendent and is in charge of station records	5%

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

Upon own responsibility. Is responsible for proper management and operation of station.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? yes
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

In full charge of an Assistant Keeper and assigns work to him.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 10 yrs.

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

May 31, 1923. (Date)

Robert Warnock (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent of L. H.

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

Impracticable to secure signation of this employee on account of his inaccessibility.

(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 none

Experience: If essential, kind and extent 5 years

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 $1140.00 to $1500.00

June 1, 1923. (Date)

Robert Warnock (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent of L. H.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

OREGON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

VITAL STATISTICS SECTION

CERTIFIED COPY OF DEATH RECORD

...L REGISTRAR'S ...BER 16

STATE FILE NO.

DATE RECEIVED

NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT) a. (First) William b. (Middle) Sheridan c. (Last) Denning

PLACE OF DEATH
A. COUNTY: Linn
B. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL location): Albany
C. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place): 1 yr.
D. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location): 1178 W. 11th

3. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission).
A. STATE: Oregon
B. COUNTY: Linn
C. CITY OR TOWN (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL): Albany
D. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location): 1178 W. 11th

4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year)	5. SEX	6. COLOR OR RACE	7A. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)	7B. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE
Jan. 30 1956	Male	White	Married	Jettie Denning

8. DATE OF BIRTH	9. AGE (In years last birthday)	If Under 1 Year: Months	Days	If Under 24 Hrs.: Hours	Min.	10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country)	11. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?
March 25, 1871	84					Oregon	U.S.A.

12. FATHER'S NAME: Jobe Denning

13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: Unknown

14A. USUAL OCCUPATION	14B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY	15. IF VETERAN, NAME WAR	16. INFORMANT'S OWN SIGNATURE
Light House Captain	U. S. Coast Guard	-------	Jettie Denning

17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: 535-12-1481

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION — ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (A), (B), AND (C)

18. CAUSE OF DEATH

* This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthenia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.

		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (A)	Congestive Ht. failure& Cerebro vascular accident	
ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (B)	Auricular Fibrillation	20 yrs
DUE TO (C)		
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.		

19A. DATE OF OPERATION	19B. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

21A. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)	21B. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, forest, etc.)	21C. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)

21D. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour)	21E. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐	21F. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?
m.		

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM Feb. 1955 TO Jan 1956, THAT I LAST SAW THE DECEASED ALIVE ON Jan 29 1956 AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT 8:05 A.M., FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

23A. SIGNATURE (Degree or title)	23B. ADDRESS	23C. DATE SIGNED
H. P. O'Neill M.D.	Albany, Oreg.	1-31-56

24A. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)	24B. DATE	24C. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY	24D. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State)
Removal	Feb. 1, 1956	Washelli Mausoleum	Seattle, Wash.

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG.	REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE	25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1-31-56	J. W. Gilepe, M.D.	Alice C. Fredericksen	Albany, Ore.

STATE OF OREGON }

County of Linn }

This certifies that the foregoing is a correct and complete transcript of a record of death on file with the Linn County Department of Health.

NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

TT.
File No. 6646.

1 May '05.

Major W. C. Langfitt, U.S.A.,
Engineer, 13th Light-House District,
Portland, Oreg.

Sir:

The Board states that, by letter of 27 April '05, the Secretary of Commerce and Labor has transferred, promoted and appointed Mr. William S. Denning as 1st Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness, Wash., Light-Station, to date from 15 May '05, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, in place of Mr. T.E.Stanfield, transferred and promoted.

Respectfully,

Chief Clerk.

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Department of Commerce & Labor.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Form 73.—Ed. 12 18 1902 1,000.

TRANSFER OR PROMOTION OF LIGHT KEEPERS.

No. 33-49.

United States Light-House Establishment,

OFFICE OF

Light-House Inspector,

Thirteenth *Light-House District,*

March 16, *1907*

The Light-House Board.

Sirs:

I have the honor to recommend the transfer *of*

Mr. William S. Denning *from the place of*

First Assistant *Keeper at* New Dungeness, Washington, 600. *to that*

of Assistant *Keeper at* Muckilteo Point, Washington,

from which he has been continuously employed

to date from March 1, 1907, the date of his entry on duty and, *to be paid at*

the rate of $600.00 *per annum, in the place of*

Mr. David C. Kinyon, *who* se

resignation has been accepted.

Respectfully,

P. F. Harlich

Commander, *U. S. N.,*
Light-House Inspector.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

6646

March 27, 1907.

Mr. William S. Denning, of Oregon, is hereby appointed Assistant Keeper of Muckilteo Point Light-Station, Washington, in the Light-House Service, at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum, this appointment to be effective beginning March 1, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Vice David O. Kinyon)

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

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of New Dungeness Light-Station, Washington, at $600 per annum.)

(Signed) Lawrence O. Murray,
Assistant Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT

File No. 6846.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

Washington

Two inclosures.

29 March, 1907.

The Inspector, Thirteenth L. H. District,
Portland, Oreg.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 16 March, '07, the Board incloses herewith Department letter of 27 March, '07, transferring Mr. William S. Denning to the position of Assistant Keeper of Muckilteo Point, Wash., Light-Station,

to date from 1 March, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, with pay at the rate of $600 a year, in the place of Mr. David O. Kinyon, resigned.

When Mr. Denning has taken the prescribed oath the Board requests you to forward it at once to this Office, and state when he entered on duty.

Respectfully,

O. E. Johnson

Chief Clerk.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
MAY 24 1909
NO. 6646

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 13th L. H. Dist.,
Portland, Oregon.
MAY 24

The Light-House Board,
Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1909.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer and promotion
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) William S. Denning of (3) Oregon
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Muckilteo Point Light Station, Washington,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $600 per yr. to (7) Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Cape Arago Light Station, Oregon, at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $62.50 per mo. effective beginning (10) June 1, 1909, (~~[illegible]~~
(Salary recommended)
~~[illegible]~~) (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) Lars F. Amundson
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) resigned on (13) May 31, 1909.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) ..... stands No. (15) ..... in list of eligibles,
Class (16) ....., with an average of (17) ..... per cent, and
was considered with (18) .....
(19) letters of declination of ..... herewith.

Respectfully,

Ass't to Inspector.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

May 26, 1909.

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

H. T. MAYO.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

May 28.09. Appt. forwarded.

NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. .....

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

6646

May 27, 1909.

Mr. William S. Denning, of Oregon, is hereby appointed

Keeper of Cape Arago Light-Station, Oregon,

in the Light-House Service,

with compensation at the rate of Sixty-two and 50/100

dollars per month, effective beginning June 1, 1909,

or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (vice Lars F. Amundson.)

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

(By transfer from Assistant Keeper of Muckilteo Point Light-Station, Washington, at $600 per annum.)

(Signed) ORMSBY McHARG

Acting Secretary.

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The Light-House Board.

WASH. D.C. NOV 30 1909

Date Dept. letter.

Oath sent Dept. July 19, 1909.

P. Q. S. sent Dept.

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LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUL. 6 1909
NO. 6646

Form 93 LETTER TRANSMITTING OATH OR PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 13th L. H. DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon.

June 30, 1909.
(DATE)

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have the honor to inclose herewith, properly filled out, the oath and personal question sheet of Mr. William S. Denning
(STATE CORRECT NAME OF APPOINTEE)
who was appointed Keeper
(STATE OFFICIAL TITLE HERE)
at Cape Arago Light-Station, Oregon,
(STATE OFFICIAL NAME OF AID HERE)
by Department letter of May 27, 1909. Mr. Denning
(DATE)
actually entered on duty under this appointment on June 1, 1909.
(DATE)

Respectfully,

Chas. F. Pond.

Captain, U.S.N.,

Inspector.

2 incl. Received.

Strike out "Personal question sheet" if one has already been furnished.

Oaths and personal question sheets should be sent to this Office for transmission to the Department at the earliest practicable date.

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Date Dept. letter ———

Oath sent Dept. July 19, 1909.

P. Q. S. sent Dept. ———

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUL. 6 1909
NO. 6646
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

December 17, 1906.

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 officer in immediate charge should review the information given by the appointee or employee, and if correct, should forward the form to the Chief of the Bureau without delay. The information called for by the questions in Part II should then be supplied and the form forwarded to the Department.

Oscar S. Straus

Secretary.

Duplicate, file. HB

PART I.

(Part I should be executed 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.)

Mr. William Dr Deming

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

William L. Deming

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

South Slough	Ore	Coos	2nd
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? Looking Glass Douglas Co. Oregon.

6. When were you born?

March	25th	1871
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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.
	No.			

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.)

Through examination for asst. Light House Service Mar. 1903

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

No.

No

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.)

No.

12. 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		

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

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
	Never have		

14. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

Carpenter trade and Steam engineering

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

High School

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

Carpenter and Steam engineer.

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

For U.S. Light-House Service March 10 1903
for the position of Boatman in the U.S.
Customs Service April 15th 1908.

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

Yes.

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. June 14th, 1909

Witness: (Signature) William S. Dunning

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Empire
City or town.
Cape Arago Light-Station,
Number and street.
Oregon.
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 30, 1909.

(Signature) Chas. J. Pond.
(Official title) Captain, U.S.N., Inspector.

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.

Light-House Service. (Bureau or Service.) Cape Arago Light Station, Ore. (Place (city, town, or station).) 13th (District.)

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

3. State the date of appointment. May 27, 1909.

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

June 1, 1909. (date of entrance on duty).

5. State the date of the oath. June 19, 1909.

6. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. June 1, 1909.

7. What is his salary? $62.50 per month.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses.

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 appointee or 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.)

Through examination for Ass't Keeper, Light-House Service, dated March 10, 1903.

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

(Signature) Chas. J. Pond.
(Official title) Captain, U.S.N., Inspector.

Date: June 30, 1909.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

TELEGRAM

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
JUL 27 1912
DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Portland, Oregon, July 26, 1912

Lighthouse Commissioner,

Washington, D. C.

Transfers Evals Denning and Dunson will be made August first, Dunsons nomination forwarded twenty third, should have included traveling expenses.

Beck.

308 P. M.

3:09 tel G M.A.B

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 22 1913

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

12-1-13 Teleg 17.

Portland, Oregon, (City.) November 17, (Date.) 1913.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer.

Name, **William S. Denning** Legal residence, **Oregon.**

Position, **Keeper, Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$756 per annum.**

Location, **Robinson Point Light Station, Wash.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers L.H.**

Effective **December 1, 1913,** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon, Lighthouse Service. Former salary, **$1200 per annum.**
Location, **Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, Oregon.**

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

Previous incumbent, Gustaf Andersen Services terminated, **November 30, 1913.**

Reason, **Resignation.**

Relatives in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Family quarters are provided.

Mr. Denning's applcation for transfer to Robinson Point Lt. Station is herewith transmitted.

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

Beck

Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector.

One Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. NOV 22 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1913.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Fifty-six dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon, at $1200 per annum.)

E O D Dec 11, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

M Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Gustaf Anderson.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

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NOV 28 1913

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 14 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Bureau Light-House Establishment. 2. Where employed Cape Arago Light-Station.
3. Name Denning, William S. 4. Where born Oregon.
5. Age 38. 6. Position Keeper.
7. Compensation $62.50 P.M. 8. When appointed (a) October 24, 1903.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil Service Examination.
10. Appointed from State Oregon. Congressional District First. County Coos. Card says Lane Co.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service ~~None.~~ War Dept, Apr. 1891 to 1895 as fireman and laborer.
14. Duties (describe fully) Keeper.
15. Efficiency Quantity of work (d) 10/10 Quality of work (e) Good. Interest manifested in work (f) Excellent.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Recently promoted.

Chas. F. Pond
Inspector, 13th Light-House District. *Head of Bureau or Office.*

JUN 7 - 1909, 19

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
JUL 18 1911
17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

EFFICIENCY REPORT

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

1. Name Denning, Wm. S. 2. Age 40 (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse 4. Position Keeper

5. Compensation $750.00 6. Where employed Cape Arago Light Station

7. When appointed (*a*) Oct 24, 1903 8. How appointed (*b*) Through C.S. Exam

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Class. Comp.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No

11. Does the employee receive a pension? - If so, state the amount -

12. Other Government service None

13. Duties (describe fully) Usual duties of position

14. Has the employee special qualifications? Yes If so, state them Previous experience at light stations.

15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.
Quantity of work	100	2	200
Quality of work	100	3	300
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	100	3	300
Attendance	100	2	200
Total		10	1000
Average percentage			100

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

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

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) No. Works overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) Underpaid $50.00 per annum. The reduction in pay of recently appointed keepers has created dissatisfaction and does not seem warranted when the excessive cost of provisions and other necessaries are considered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be.

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

20. Remarks: (*e*)

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

H. C. Clark
Chief Clerk

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

Henry L. Beck
Insp.

Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, May 14, 1912. 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 20 1912 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, transfer and promotion.

Name, William S.Denning Legal residence, Oregon.

Position, Keeper Lighthouse Depot, Salary, $1200. per annum.

Location, Tongue Point, Oregon.

Effective ---------- on the actual date of entrance on duty.

Former position, Keeper Former salary, $750.per annum.

Location, Cape Arago Light-Station, Oregon.

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

Other eligibles considered, --

Letters of declination inclosed, --

Previous incumbent, Joseph E.Evans Services will terminated, when relieved.

Reason, transfer.

Remarks: Appropriation: Salaries Lighthouse Service.

Henry L. Beck

Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

HRW WASHINGTON May 25, 1912.

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

11—2314

Acting Commissioner.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

June 3, 1912.

Mr. William S. Denning,
Through
the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper of the Lighthouse Depot at Tongue Point, Oregon,

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Twelve Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By transfer from keeper of Capa Arago Light Station, Oregon, at $750 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

E.D. Aug 1, 1912.

Appropriation: Salaries, Lighthouse Service.

Vice: Joseph E. Evans.

Legal Residence: Oregon.

11—3692

(Cross Reference)

Implies letter rel & data of transfer

For ~~basis of this action~~ see

letter dated June 8, 1912

in file of Joseph E. Evans.

H. S. Denning

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Dep. Commr.
Hydrog.
~~Engr. Corps.~~
Mar. Engr.
Examiner.
~~Personnel.~~
Accounts.
Contracts.
Chf. Clk.
Commr.

LIGHT JUN 3 1914 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

May 29, 1914.

Drop sub form 70 Mar 13 Carrying chge in ll + f.s. $12000, not appd Mar 31 to reimb after allotment 1911 have been made hem.
Suggest he submit rept re Denning matter
Caution.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES ACKNOWLEDGED June 9-14 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Mr. William S. Denning, Keeper Robinson Point Light Station.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 26, 1914, reporting the circumstances under which you gave out the information to shipping interests that the present fog signal at Robinson Point is in a bad condition and liable to go out of commission at any time.

You are cautioned that a Keeper should be very careful as to what he says in regard to aids to navigation being obsolete or in a bad state of repair. A Keeper with his very limited knowledge of what action has been taken by his superiors looking to the improvement or repair of aids may by careless remarks subject the Lighthouse Service to unmerited criticism.

Beck

Inspector.

HRW-MSC.
One inclosure.

Copy for the information of the Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 25, 1914.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Inclosed is the Inspector's letter of June 19, 1914, in explanation of this matter. In view of the circumstances, the Bureau does not consider that further action against the keeper would be justified at this time.

Why Recommendation of Bureau approved.
(Signed) A. L. Shuman
Acting Secy
June 30, 1914

McC.

Wm. S. Denning,
caution.

June 9, 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Oregon.

Referring to your letter of caution addressed to William S. Denning, keeper, Robinson Point Light Station, for giving out information to shipping interests that the present fog signal at Robinson Point is in a bad condition and liable to go out of commission at any time.

Submit full report to the Bureau in regard to this matter, in duplicate. See Bureau circular 188 in regard to the submission of letters of commendation and caution in duplicate.

Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 24 1914
HOUSES

Dep. Commr,
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Mar. Engr.
Examiner,
~~Personnel~~
Accounts,
Contracts,
Chf. Clk.
Commr,

as below
NOD
Jun 24

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
June 19, 1914

Wm. S. Denning,
caution.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
ANSWERED
JUN 25 1914
DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to Bureau letter of June 19th in regard to letter of caution to Wm. S. Denning, Keeper Robinson Point Light Station:

Another copy of this letter of caution is forwarded herewith in compliance with Circular No. 188.

Full report and recommendation in regard to the light and fog signal plant at Robinson Point was submitted to the Bureau on March 13th on Form 70.

In explanation of this matter the Keeper states the only information given out by him was as to the possible urgent necessity of boiler tube plugs ordered by this office in Seattle, Wash. The master of one of the local steamers was asked by him to hurry their delivery.

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It is recommended that the Bureau take no action in the matter.

Beck

Inspector.

Inc.

HRW-McC.

Wm. S. Denning,
reprimand.

June 25, 1914.

Lighthouse Inspector, Portland, Oregon:

Referring to your letter of June 19, 1914, relative to caution dated May 29, 1914, addressed to Mr. William S. Denning, keeper, Robinson Point Light Station, for giving out information to shipping interests.

The Bureau, in view of the circumstances, approves your recommendation that no further action against the keeper be taken at this time.

LIGHT JUL 9 1914 HOUSES

Dep. Commr,
Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.

Examiner,
~~Personnel.~~
Accounts,
Contracts,
Chf. Clk.
Commr,

July 8, 1914.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Bureau's communication of the 25th ultimo transmitting copy of letter dated May 29, 1914, addressed by the Inspector of the Seventeenth District to William S. Denning, keeper of Robinson Point Light Station, Washington, cautioning him against giving out information detrimental to the interests of the Lighthouse Service.

The Department has approved the course of action taken in the matter and concurs in the Bureau's opinion that no further action is warranted at this time.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 11 1914

To Lighthouse Inspector Portland, Oreg.
for files of his office. By direction of the Commissioner:
Letter of June 19, 1914.

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Chief Clerk.

MCC

C-M

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Ore., (City.) December 21 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in pay.

Name, **William S. Denning.** Legal residence, **Washington.**

Position, Keeper, L.H.Service. Salary, **$804 per annum.**

Location, **Robinson Point Light Station, Wash.** Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Same. Former salary, **$756 per annum.**

Location, Same.

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

Previous incumbent, Same. Services terminated, December 31, 1915.

Reason, See remarks.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: The above change in pay is one of a general revision of Keepers salaries as per Bureau circular No.142 and specifically authorized by Bureau telegram of December 17, 1915.
Mr. Denning's residence is now Washington.
Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

CHIEF CLERK
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1916.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

(By increase in compensation from $756 per annum.)

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 4 1916

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Jan 1/1916

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: Washington.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
June 1, 1916.

LIGHT JUN6 1916 HOUSES

LIGHT JUN16 1916 HOUSES

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Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comsr.
Comsr.

Rescue by Keepers,
Robinson Pt. L.S., Wash.

6/16 Commendation to Keepers
copy to 17th Insp

Abob

Commend
IMB
June 7

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

On May 28, 1916, during a heavy southeast wind a launch containing a man, his wife, and two small children became disabled off Robinson Point Light Station, Maury Island, Wash., and would have been thrown on the beach but that the Keeper Wm. S. Denning and Assistant Keeper Samuel B. Morris went to their assistance in a launch belonging to the latter. The Keepers were successful in towing the launch to a safe anchorage.

The occupants of the launch were taken to the Keeper's dwelling and furnished with food and dry clothing. Repairs were made to the launch - the Keepers assisting - and the storm having abated in the meantime they were able to proceed to Tacoma, Wash.

No claim is made by the Keeper for provisions and clothing furnished.

This case is considered one meriting the commendation of the Department.

Warrack
Inspector.

JEL-NDW

Memorandum for the Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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On June 16, 1916, the Secretary of Commerce commended William S. Denning, keeper, and Samuel B. Morris, assistant keeper, of Robinson Point Light Station, Washington, for assistance rendered by them on May 28, 1916, to four persons whose launch became disabled off Robinson Point Light Station.

RCH/IMG

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 17 1919
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Dep. Comr.
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

July 11, 1919.

Filed, with letter of July 17

Mr. W. S. Denning, Keeper Robinson Pt. Light Station.

This office acknowledges receipt of your letter of July 5, 1919, reporting that the gasoline tug "MAYFLOWER" with 75 passengers on board became disabled off Robinson Point, Washington, and that you, and Wyman T. Albee, Assistant Keeper, in the station launch, picked her up and towed her to Des Moines, Wash.

The assistance rendered by yourself and Mr. Albee to the "MAYFLOWER" is very much appreciated and commended by this office. Note of same will be made in your official record.

Warrack.
Superintendent.

Copy for information of Bureau.

Bureau commendation is not considered as called for in this case.

Warrack
Superintendet.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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File No. 219.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

February 14, 1925.

Mr. William S. Denning, Keeper, Robinson Point Light Station.

1. It affords me great pleasure to notify you of the award to you of the Commissioner's Efficiency Star, you having received the Superintendent's star three years in succession. This award is based on inspections made during the calendar year ended December 31, 1924.

2. At the close of December 31, 1925, you will please return the star to this office.

(Sgd.) Warrack
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(Star under separate cover).

Copy for Commissioner of Lighthouses.

File

Hydro
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Mar. Eng.
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Financial
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File P.

Inc.

LIGHTHOUSES

1925 JUL 18 AM 8 41

July 13, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. Department letter of June 25, 1925, covering notice of change in salary of William S. Denning, Keeper, Robinson Point Light Station, Wash., from $1380 per annum to $1440 per annum, effective July 1, 1925, is returned herewith for correction of his name. His full name is William S. Denning; Department letter reads William Denning.

(Sgd.) Warrack,

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydro
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Mar. Engr.
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Law and Proc.
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comm.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 18 1925

Inclosure

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for amendment.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 56a

GPO 611—9379

RADIOGRAM

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LIGHTHOUSES 3489

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Engr. Constrn
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Personnel
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Law & Prop.
Chief Clerk
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr
Commissioner

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Air Engr.
Chief Engr.

21 SH 46 PORTLAND OCT 29 1930

L H C WASHINGTON

RELT TWENTY FIFTH SEATTLE DEPOT KEEPER RECOMMEND TEMPORARY NEW POSITIONS ADDITIONAL LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER EIGHTEEN SIXTY PER ANNUM WHICH IS PRESENT SALARY W S DENNING RECOMMEND INCLUDING SIXTEEN TWENTY DOLLARS PLUS TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS IN LIEU QUARTERS PAYABLE APPROPRIATION SALARY KEEPERS 091528

TINKHAM 436 A.M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form 56a

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RADIOGRAM

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11/18/30 answered 17th

L H C WASHINGTON

BUREAU RADIO TWELFTH KEEPER SEATTLE DEPOT RECOMMEND DETAIL DENNING TO DEPOT IN PRESENT POSITION KEEPER ROBINSON POINT SAME PAY SIXTEEN TWENTY PLUS ADDITIONAL TWO HUNDRED FORTY IN LIEU QUARTERS PENDING AUTHORITY NEW POSITION DEPOT KEEPER PRESENT ASSISTANT KEEPER ROBINSON POINT TO BE ACTING KEEPER WITH PRESENT ADDITIONAL KEEPER ASSIGNED AS ASSISTANT AT TWELVE SIXTY NOW RECEIVING THIRTEEN TWENTY WITHOUT QUARTERS PERIOD DENNINGS RESIGNATION TO ACCEPT TEMPORARY POSITION SKILLED LABORER MIGHT RESULT IN LOSS OF PRESENT CIVIL SERVICE

EMERGENCY AND CAUSE DIFFICULTIES WITH CIVIL
SERVICE OFFICE HAVING SKILLED LABORER REGISTERED RADIO
REPLY DESIRED 104515

TINKHAM 244 AM

Form 73 CAK:ABL

LIGHTHOUSES 1930 NOV 14 AM 11:57

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, November 10, 1930
(City) (Date), 19---

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & Promotion

Name, William Sherridan Denning,

Position, Keeper,

Location, Sub-Depot, Seattle, Wash.

Effective, December 1, 1930

Former position, Keeper,

Location, Robinson Point Light Station.

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $1860 per annum

Proposed range, ?

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers, Lighthouse Service

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

Former salary, $1620 per annum

Former range, $1440-1800 per annum

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

Previous incumbent, New Position

Reason, -

Services terminated, -

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, March 25, 1871

Remarks: See 17th Radiogram of October 28, 1930 recommending additional position of keeper to serve as keeper of Seattle Subdepot until such time as regular position is authorized.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

R.R. Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Ben wired on this
Sept 11/11
file 34 Ag

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
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RADIOGRAM

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

U. S. L. H. S. 1 *Dist.*

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WASHINGTON D C 3489

NOVEMBER 11 1930

PORTLAND OREGON

TINKHAM PERIOD IMPRACTICABLE TO AUTHORIZE POSITION KEEPER SEATTLE DEPOT AT THIS TIME UNDER APPROPRIATION SALARIES SERVICE OR SALRIES KEEPERS STOP IN LIEU OF YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS THEREFORE BUREAU APPROVES AUTHORIZATION TEMPORARY POSITION SKILLED LABORER AT FIVE TWENTY PER DIEM FROM APPROPRIATION GENERAL EXPENSES IF IT IS DESIRED TO FILL THIS POSITION BY TRANSFER OF KEEPER W S DENNING RESIGNATION FROM THE POSITION OF KEEPER SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BUREAU PROPOSES MAKE PROVISION FOR THIS POSITION UNDER SALARIES SERVICE WHEN PRACTICABLE.

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11/24/30
Radioed
Portland

November 19, 1930.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

In reference to your radiogram of November 16 regarding provision for a position, the duties of which will be to act as depot keeper at the Seattle Depot, and the detail thereto of Lighthouse Keeper, W. S. Denning, whose present pay is understood to be $1860 per annum. The last sentence of your radiogram regarding the loss of Denning's Civil Service privilege is not understood and your further report on this is requested. The Bureau's proposal for the authorization of a temporary position of skilled laborer at $5.20 per diem (this should be $6.00 per diem, on a 313 day basis, in order to be equivalent to Denning's present pay of $1860 per annum) only involves a temporary position in the technical sense, it being proposed, in effect, to make the position permanent when a position of depot keeper can be provided for under the appropriation "Salaries Lighthouse Service". It may be possible, however, to effect Denning's transfer to the position of skilled laborer without requiring a formal resignation from his present position. Unless your further report indicates any special objections to the proposed action it appears advisable to dispose of the matter in that way.

Meanwhile, if an emergency exists Denning may be transferred to act as the depot keeper by detail from his present position for a period not to exceed 30 days, pending final action in the matter. The Bureau does not consider that detail of an employee paid from "Salaries Lighthouse Keepers" to this position can properly be made except for a short period of time. Moreover, the Bureau's proposed arrangement will make possible, after the initial brief detail if necessary, the promotion of the other Keepers to a status commensurate with the duties performed.

Submit further report.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Form [illegible]a

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RADIOGRAM

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Chief Engr.

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L H C WASHINGTON

ADVISE ACTION SEVENTEENTH RADIOGRAM NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH
RELATIVE DETAIL WILLIAM S GENNING KEEPER SEATTLE DEPOT BUILDING
COMPLETED NOVEMBER TWENTY DESIRABLE SOME ONE BE ASSIGNED AS
KEEPER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 155521

TINKHAM 338 AM

Form 73

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LIGHTHOUSES

1930 DEC 8 AM 9-04

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, December 4, 1930, 19
(City) (Date)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer

Name, William Sherridan Denning

Position, SKILLED LABORER

Location, Sub-Depot, Seattle, Wash.

Effective, December 1, 1930

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $6.00 per working day

Proposed range, ---

Appropriation, General Expenses, Lighthouse Service

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Robinson Point Light Station

Former salary, $1620 per annum

Former range, $1140-1800 per annum

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

Previous incumbent, New position

Services terminated, -

Reason, -

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, March 25, 1871

Remarks: See 17th Superintendent's letter of this date.

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

R.R. Tinkham

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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LIGHTHOUSES

1930 DEC 8 AM 9 04

Incl.

December 4, 1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

1. Replying to Bureau letter of November 19, 1930, relative to the transfer of Lighthouse Keeper William S. Denning, as Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot, the Bureau is advised that Mr. Denning accepts transfer as skilled laborer at the Seattle Lighthouse Depot at $6.00 per day, on the basis of 313 working days, pending authorization of a regular position of Depot Keeper, payable from Salaries, Lighthouse Service, it being understood that when this position is authorized he will be appointed to same, or in any case he would not lose his present classified Civil Service status. Form 73, Nomination for his transfer from Keeper, Robinson Point Light Station to Skilled Laborer, Seattle Lighthouse Depot is inclosed herewith with recommendation that it be made effective December 1, 1930, the date of his actual assignment to the duties of keeper of this Depot.

2. In explanation of last sentence of Superintendent's radiogram of November 15, the Bureau is advised that this was mentioned on account of the fact that it might be possible that the Civil Service District Manager might have a register of eligibles for skilled laborers from which he might consider the selection should be made and raise objection to employment of Mr. Denning as skilled laborer, when reported from month to month through his office on Form 82, Report of Registered and Temporary Employees. This was mentioned as a possibility only but it is very likely that his present Civil Service status would qualify him for holding the position of skilled laborer without additional examination.

3. Telegraphic advice is requested as to Bureau action in this case.

R.R.Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

December 16, 1930.

Secretary of Commerce:

1. It is proposed to transfer, effective December 16, 1930, William S. Denning, keeper of Robinson Point Light Station in the 17th District with pay at $1620 per annum ($1140-1800) to a position of skilled laborer at $6.00 per diem under the registered system for assignment to duty at the subdepot at Seattle, Washington, and report is made in order that the Department's records will show this information and allow for the appointment of another keeper vice Denning.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DC

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	
100%	My duties as Keeper consists of the following, I stand two six hour watches each day, (seven days each week) operating the light and fog signal. Six hours at night, and six hours in the day time. During the day watch, if the signal is not in operation, the watch is taken up with other station duties, such as painting the buildings, and fences, cleaning the machinery and working equipment of the station, and keeping the grounds in order. I recieve and keep a record of all supplies, and equipment, make out monthly reports, annual reports, and annual requisitions for the necessary supplies of the year. I attend to all correspondence in connection with the station, Supervise and take part in all station work, give instructions to my (one) assistant in the preformance of his duties. I am held responsible for the efficent operation of the station, and its equipment. I am required to remain at all times on the station, except when on leave, or going for mail and supplies. When not on watch, I am subject to call at any time, day or night should I be needed.

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.

W. S. Denning
(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.

I concur in the above. The light and fog signal at this station are semi-automatic in their operation. Electric current is supplied by a commercial power company to operate both. In case of failure of electric current, the keeper must put in operation a kerosene engine driven electric generator to supply current for the light and oil-engine driven air-compressors for the fog signal. He is responsible for the care of the above equipment as well as the station buildings and grounds. The buildings include concrete light and fog-signal building, two frame dwellings, boat-house, oil-house, barn and garage.
Commended twice for rendering assistance to boats in distress. Awarded efficiency star six times.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? about 15 years.

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. 18, 1928 (Date) — Carl F. Ganong, (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Asst. Lighthouse Engineer. (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 $1500.00 to $1800.00

Sept. 20, 1928 (Date) — ROBERT WARRACK (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent of Lighthouses (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 $1440, to $1740

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

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1928

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 14—FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled out in accordance with the instructions given in P. C. B. Forms Nos. 15 and 16)

Bureau No. Lt. 402 *Sheet No.* 17-(b)-60

Space reserved for the use of the Board

1. Denning (Surname) William (Given name) S (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field station Robinson Point Light Station
   (b) Subdivision 17th Lighthouse District
   (c) City or town Portage State Wash.
6. Pay roll title Light Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper
8. Present administrative allocation $1440-$1740
9. Present gross rate of pay $ 1800.00
10. Deduction for allowances $ 240.00
11. Net rate paid in cash $ 1560.00

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 ☐ Uniform ☐ Laundry ☐ Meals per day: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value Free medical treatment, Pub.Health Serv., estimated annual value, $9.00. Retirement under U.S.Service retirement law. uniform, $40.00

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 As required during day for upkeep of station.

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From ____ m. to ____ m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work?
Summer 84 Winter 84 (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 Alternates with other Keeper at night.

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime no overtime pay (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months none

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering)
Directs and supervises the work of the Assistant Keeper.
(c) How many? one

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.

Chas. Fillinger, Assistant Keeper, Sheet No. 17 (b)-61.

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 general instructions but executes details of his work virtually on his own responsibility. His work is inspected at least twice each year by the Superintendent, Ass't.Superintendent or Assistant Lighthouse Engineer.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? Carl F.Cumong, Ass't.Lighthouse Engineer, Sheet No. 17-(a)-3.

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	8	X 1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	(Kind)

Other education (describe): Business course.

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?
One year Keeper of Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot; over three years Asst.Keeper at Quillayute Light Station, Washington; about five years First and Second Assistant Keeper at Umatilla Reef Light Station, Washington, and Heceta Head Lt.Station, Oregon. Experience as Accountant, steam engineer and carpenter.

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Form 375
March, 1930

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR NONCOMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Rating .....

Application No. .....

The candidate will carefully fill ALL blank spaces

State the purpose for which this application form is filed.

Promotion and Transfer

(Temporary appointment, transfer, promotion, reinstatement, etc.)

Name of Candidate, } William S. Deming.

Number and Street, Terminal Sta. 220 King

Post Office, Box 3228.

County, Seattle,

State or Territory, Washington.

Kind of examination .....

Place .....

Date .....

Candidate will not fill the following blanks:

Application ..... *approved* ....., *19*

By whom ..... *approved,* .....

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 1930 6—12236

Position Boat Keeper

(Give exact title of position or examination)

in the Department of Commerce, Lighthouse Service

(Office where you are to be employed)

N. B.—Candidate will write plainly his full name (and if a woman, whether Miss or Mrs.) and post-office address in the blanks below. The address here given will be treated as the candidate's post-office address until notification of change is made to the Commission in writing.

6. State what **other** employments or occupations you have pursued, indicating the nature of the duties in each case. State when, giving dates, where, how long and under whom employed Railway train Conductor, in Freight and Passenger service, from 1896 to 1902. Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway Co.

7. If not fully covered in answers to questions 5 and 6, state fully what has been your business or occupation for **each of the past five years**, including a statement in detail regarding your **present** employment. If now unemployed, state how long .....

8. State any additional facts which may tend to show your fitness for the position you seek .....

9. If ever in the United States military or naval service, give dates of enlistment and discharge .....

10. (*a*) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the United States Government service? .....

(*b*) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.	Name each position for which examined, or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
	Engineman	Portland, Oregon	June 1903	yes.
	Boatman	Port Townsend, Wash.	1922	yes.

11. (*a*) Have you any defect of limb, hand, or foot? (If so, describe fully) none.

(*b*) Any defect of sight or hearing? (If so, describe fully) none.

(*c*) Are you physically capable of a full discharge of the duties of the position sought? yes.

12. (*a*) What is the present state of your health? excellent. (*b*) Have you tuberculosis in any form? no.

(*c*) Have you ever been affected with tuberculosis? No. (*d*) Are you suffering from any disease or physical deformity? (If so, describe fully) .....

(*e*) Have you had any disease, acute or chronic, during the past five years? (If so, describe fully and give length of time incapacitated) no.

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the statements made by me in answer to each and all of the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs."

(*Signature of Applicant*) William S. Deming

(Sign your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full)

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE JURAT OR OATH IS OMITTED

JURAT OR OATH

[The following oath must be taken before a NOTARY PUBLIC, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, *before whom the applicant must appear in person.* The OFFICER'S SIGNATURE MUST BE AUTHENTICATED BY OFFICIAL (IMPRESSION) SEAL. If the oath be taken before a justice of the peace or other officer who has not such seal, his official character must be certified by the clerk of court, secretary of state, or other proper officer, under official seal.]

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this 30 day of Oct, 1931, at city [or town] of Seattle county of King, and State [or Territory or District] of Washington.

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

(*Signature of officer*) .....

(*Official title*) Assistant Postmaster.

Form 375
March, 1930

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 31 1931 PORTLAND, OREGON

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OR NONCOMPETITIVE EXAMINATION

Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or presentation to the Commission of any such paper, is a violation of the law and punishable as such. All answers must be in ink, or typewriting. If more space is required, an additional sheet securely fastened to this form may be used. Answers on such sheet should be numbered to correspond to questions.

GIVE DATES AND PERIODS OF TIME REQUIRED IN YEARS AND MONTHS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE.

1. What is the exact title of the position to which you are to be assigned? Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

2. Give the place and date of your birth March 25th. 1871.

3. (a) In the space below, give a detailed statement of your education, including dates:

Grammar school From 1878, to 1888,		High school From ____, ____, to ____, ____			College or university From Sept. 1888, to June 1890			
Name and location	Highest grade successfully completed	Name and location	Highest grade successfully completed	Were you graduated? (Answer "Yes" or "No")	Name and location	Number semester hours credit received	Degrees conferred	Major subject
Looking Glass, Oregon.	No grades or High schools at that time				Philomath. Philomath, Ore.	4	None	Business & College course

(b) If you have pursued any postgraduate courses of study, state fully what studies and when, where, and for what length of time they were pursued

4. If you have any practical knowledge of a mechanical trade, name the trade or trades, and state the time you have worked at each, and when, where, and under whom, giving places and dates. (If you served an apprenticeship, so state.)

Steam and gas engineering, Fireman and boating. Under the United States Engineer Department, Coos Bay, Oregon, J. S. Polhemus, Ast. Engineer. Boating and Gas engine work, in the Lighthouse Department. In U.S. Engr. Dept. from 1890 to 1895. U. S. Lighthouse Department from October 20th.1903 to the present time.

5. State fully and in detail all the practical experience you have had **in the profession, occupation, or business in which you are to be employed,** or in professions or occupations **of similar character.** State (a) When, giving dates; (b) Where; (c) By whom employed; (d) THE SALARY OR COMPENSATION RECEIVED; (e) Specific nature of duties in each case. (State any branches of a profession or occupation in which you regard yourself particularly expert.)

Keeper, Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, Astoria, Oregon. from August 1st. 1912 to December 8th. 1913. at $1200 per annum. December 8th. 1913 to December 1st. 1930 head Keeper of Robinson Point Light Station, Washington. at $1620. Under United States Lighthouse Department. 17th. District.
As Depot Keeper, the issueing of supplies, overseeing work at the Depot, and the keeping of records in connection with the Depot.
As Lighthouse Keeper, supvise and take part in all work in connection with the Light and fog signal, the keeping of records, and all work in connection with the station.

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October 12, 1931.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of October 6, the Department has authorized a position of depot keeper, salary range $2000-$2600, and a position of watchman, range $1260-$1620, for the new Seattle Lighthouse Depot, Seventeenth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

WM. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

to file with memo of amendment

extra copies sig sent to dist for conform to personnel files

to dist 10/14

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10/27 Rec'd 17th to pub. 375

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CAK :ABL

TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL REQUESTED.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon (City), October 23, 1931 (Date), 19....

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William Sherridan Denning

Position, ~~x Keeper~~, Depot Keeper

Location, Seattle, Washington

Effective, November 1, 1931

Former position, Skilled Laborer

Location, Depot, Seattle, Wash.

Legal residence, Washington

Proposed salary, $2000 per annum

Proposed range, $2000-$2600 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Lighthouse Service

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

Former salary, $6.00 per day

Former range, —

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

Previous incumbent and his pay, New position authorized 10-12-31 / Services terminated, -
Lt.#3170

Reason, -

Members of family in Government service, None

Date of birth, March 25, 1871

Remarks: Recommendation submitted in accordance with Appointment Division letter of October 12, 1931, authorizing this position. Mr. Denning was former keeper of Robinson Point Light Station and was transferred to position of skilled laborer pending authorization of position Depot Keeper and is believed to have Civil Service status entitling him to promotion to this position.

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

C.A.Knight, Chief Clerk

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1931

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved, Civil Service Form 375 in duplicate being inclosed. Attention is invited to Department letter of October 12, 1931, authorizing this position, it being necessary to fill this position for the reason that the depot has recently been completed and its operation and maintenance now require the assignment to duty of a depot keeper. While the depot was in course of construction the present nominee was assigned to the depot and is considered the best qualified person available for the position of Depot Keeper.

H. D. KING

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

11—2314

Commissioner of Lighthouses

H-M

WASHINGTON DC OCTOBER 27 1931

SUPERINTENDENT LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND OREGON

YOUR NOMINATION OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE FOR PROMOTION
WILLIAM S DENNING TO DEPOT KEEPER AT TWO THOUSAND ANNUM PERIOD
SUBMIT FORM THREE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE IN TRIPLICATE PROPERLY EXECUTED
BY DENNING

PUTNAM

Confirmation

RECEIVED AT

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

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Reply

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

ANSWER REQUESTED WASHINGTON DC

QUARTERS NOW PROVIDED W S DENNING KEEPER SEATTLE LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT

ADVISE WHETHER DEDUCTION SHOULD BE MADE FROM PRESENT SALARY RANGE

SAME AS TONGUE POINT KEEPER EXCLUSIVE QUARTERS

TINKHAM.

Per

1932 FEB-23- AM 9:06

LIGHTHOUSES

CAK:ABL

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 MAR - 1 - AM 11:37

Incl.

February 25, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

1. Further reference is made to 17th radiogram of February 20 and Bureau reply of February 24 relative to deduction of $240.00 per annum for family quarters assigned to W. S. Denning, Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot. There is inclosed herewith blue print which shows the floor plan of the quarters which have been assigned to Mr. Denning. This space was formerly occupied by the Rattan-Wood Chair Manufacturing Company for an office. In addition to the space shown on the blue print there is a basement underneath the same area which can be used for storage space for Keeper's automobile, laundry room, etc. The quarters are on a level with the first floor and adjacent to the main warehouse. The building is of rough, frame construction.

2. In view of the fact that the pay range of the keeper of Seattle Depot is the same as that of the Keeper, Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, exclusive of quarters, it is recommended that no deduction be made from Mr. Denning's pay of $2000 per annum on account of these quarters. It is believed that the keepers of these two depots should receive the same rates of pay exclusive of quarters. To deduct the standard value of $240.00 per annum for quarters would leave $1760 per annum which is neither a multiple of 60 nor 100 which appears to be intended in the classification act and would be insufficient rate of pay for a keeper of a depot of the importance of Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

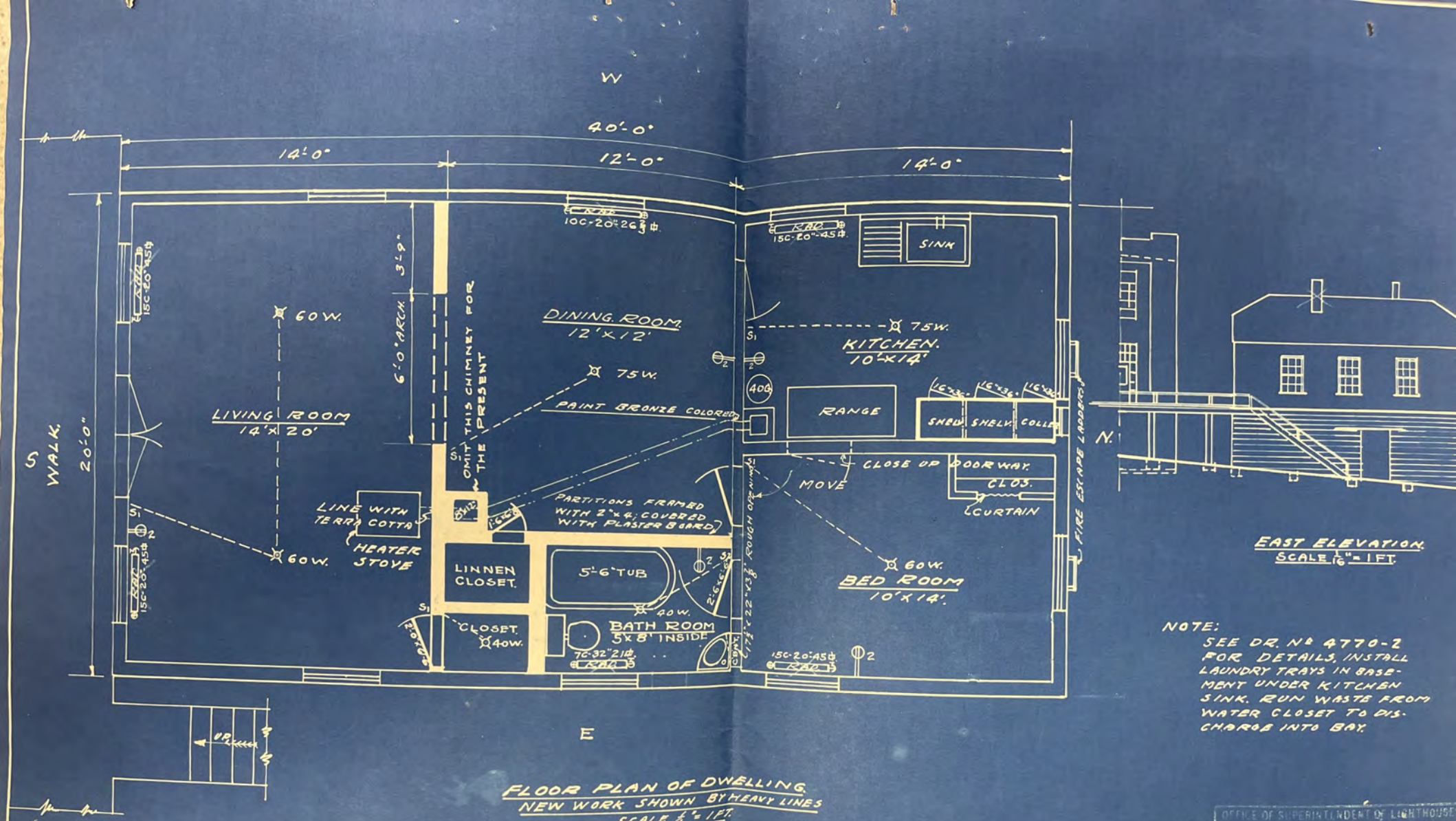
3. Mr. Denning occupied these quarters effective February 16, 1932.

R.R.Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RG:EMF Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., March 28, 1932.
Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oreg., requesting further report as to whether or not the ranges for the depot keeper and the assistant depot keeper at Tongue Point should not be lowered. It is noted that the range of the keeper is $2000-$2600 and the range of the assistant keeper is $1500-$1860, these ranges being net and the keepers having family quarters in addition.

For the Commissioner:

W. P. HARMAN,
Administrative Assistant.



NOTE:
SEE DR. Nº 4770-2 FOR DETAILS, INSTALL LAUNDRY TRAYS IN BASEMENT UNDER KITCHEN SINK. RUN WASTE FROM WATER CLOSET TO DISCHARGE INTO BAY.

FLOOR PLAN OF DWELLING.
NEW WORK SHOWN BY HEAVY LINES
SCALE 1/4" = 1 FT.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
17TH DISTRICT, PORTLAND, OREGON.
SEATTLE L. H. DEPOT KEEPER'S DWELLING.
SCALE AS SHOWN
APPROVED 11-13-31
Merrill
DRAWN BY P.H.R.
TRACED BY "
CHECKED BY
NO. 4770-1.

Spencer
1,000

OK
Pris

W. J. Denning, Supt Keeper Seattle.

Spoke to Supt Tinkham about this last week. He says Seattle depot is equal to Tongue Point, since latter become the distr main depot. He therefore considers the range should be the same, that is, 2000 – 1600 (Exclusive of quarters)
In view of this would suggest OK to
Dept as per by Supt

P/2--

The effect of recmdn is to raise the range 240, by adding the value of quarters
Rec OK if both depots are to be regarded as on a parity
WAH 3/22

Rec. both on parity. Concur with 17th Supt.
D 3/22

Concur as to range recd for Seattle
but rec: ask Supt. whether
ranges at Tongue Pt. shd not be
lowered. JC

CAK:ABL

LIGHTHOUSES

AIR MAIL 1932 MAR -29- AM 9:16

March 26, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses

1. No reply has been received to 17th District letter of February 25, 1932 to the Bureau relative to deduction for quarters assigned to the Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot. In this letter it was recommended that no deduction be made but after further consideration, it appears that deduction should be made for the reason that the Government has expended some funds for reconditioning the quarters occupied by the Depot Keeper, and that by reason of the fact that he occupies Government owned quarters, he will be entitled to allowance for fuel, light, water, etc., which will be furnished by the Government, resulting in additional expense. Although the salary range for the Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot is the same as the range of the keeper of Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot, it is not considered thatthe duties of the keeper of the Seattle Depot are as great as are the duties of the Keeper of Tongue Point Depot. It is, therefore, recommended that deduction be made for quarters occupied by W. S. Denning, Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot. In view of the fact, however, that these quarters as illustrated by blue print furnished with above referred to letter are not as large and as good in appearance and location as those of the keeper of Tongue Point Lighthouse Depot and at light station, it is recommended that the deduction be made in the sum of $140.00 per annum if this can be done in lieu of the Standard deduction of $240.00 per annum.

This was discussed with the Superintendent before he departed for the conference and he concurred therein.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

E.C.Merrill, Assistant Superintendent

1800-1860-1920-2100-2160
2040-2100-2160
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Don't think it advisable at this time to vary general rule of making deduction of $240 in each case where a family dwelling is furnished by the Govt and occupied the entire year. In this case (assuming that the quarters are furnished after repairs) the procedure would seem to be to allow deduction of $200 from present pay in order to make an actual deduction of $60, and the next range to be used for pay purposes.

pps attached

While it is advantageous to maintain a standard deduction of $240, no objection is known against making an exception in an instance like this. Would suggest OK to Dept to change range from 2000-2200 to 1860-2300 (net) & pay from 2000 to 1860 net

R/31/30

Indorsement

Seventeenth's letter of March 26, 1932 Re: deduction for quarters assigned to keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
April 5, 1932.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce together with a copy of the Superintendent's letter in this matter dated February 25. The Bureau does not consider it administratively desirable to depart from the standard valuation of $240 per annum for quarters occupied the entire year. It is therefore recommended that the range of this position be reduced to $1860-2300, in addition to which the incumbent will have quarters valued at $240. It is also recommended that the pay of depot keeper, W. S. Denning be reduced from $2000 to $1860 per annum. The proposed range for this position in view of the fact that family quarters have now been provided for it is in line with that to which similar positions of depot keeper in other districts have been assigned. Attention is invited to the fact that this position was authorized by Department letter of October 12, 1931 in the range $2000-2600, but no quarters were provided for the position at that time.

H. D. KING

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:DCC

Form A-30

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1932.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Depot Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty dollars per annum

effective upon entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Change from $2000 per annum.

Civil Service authority:

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Washington.

11-8657

see Feb. 16, 1933
Secretive

Name to be certified
Date as 4/16/32
Stm 5/2-8

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

May 2, 1932

Superintendent of Lighthouses: **Portland, Oregon.**

It is requested that the information indicated in the item checked below be furnished the Bureau promptly, with the return of the attached papers, if any.

NAME AND DESIGNATION **WILLIAM S. DENNING -- Depot Keeper**

(1) Give date of entrance on duty, of transfer, or of resignation.
(2) Furnish personal history sheet.
(3) [redacted] oath of office. *
(4) Furnish civil service form 375 in triplicate.
(5) Submit form SS-66, showing last day served by temporary appointee .
(6) Furnish standard form 13 in quadruplicate (abstract of official record).
(7) Furnish documentary evidence of date of birth as prescribed in civil service form 2473, attached.
(8) Submit inclosed nominations through the District Civil Service Secretary.
(9) Miscellaneous.

*** Returned for completion of oath of office, the date on which it was taken not being shown.**

For the Commissioner:

R. J. GROSS
Chief of Personnel Division.

Incl
H-M

District_____ Date_____

Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses:

2806 noted as to endorsement 5/16/32

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1932 MAY -20- AM 11: 43

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREGON

Incl.

May 16, 1932

Commissioner of Lighthouses
Washington, D.C.

1. Inclosed herewith is Form 8, Oath of Office, W. S. Denning, Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot, with date of affirmation inserted as requested.

R.R.Tinkham
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Form A-30

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

AMENDED

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Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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CAK:A

LIGHTHOUSES

1936 MAR 28 AM 11 32

4/2/36 wrote Denning
Copy to 19th

March 24, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are forwarded herewith one copy each of letters of February 7th and March 18th, from W. S. Denning, Keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot relating to computation of retired pay, especially the inclusion of the $20. quarters allowance deduction in same. The requirements in this connection have been fully explained to Mr. Denning, but as is indicated by letter of March 18th, he desires that his case be placed before the Bureau for consideration and decision.

2. When Mr. Denning first occupied the quarters at Seattle Lighthouse Depot it was considered that the usual deduction of $20. per month was excessive. The matter was therefore presented to the Bureau and request made that this office be authorized to deduct a lesser amount, which was approved in effect by increasing Mr. Denning's pay, from $2000. to $2100. per annum and deducting $240. per annum, making his net pay $1860. and the net deduction $140. or $11.67 per month, which is considered quite reasonable from Mr. Denning's standpoint, considering that he received the usual allowances of heat, light and water.

Dec. Mr. Tinkhams Command

3. Upon receipt of Mr. Denning's letter of Feb. 7th, this office requested ruling from the Bureau in its letter of Feb. 18th, relating to the inclusion of quarters allowance in salaries of employees in computing retired pay. The Bureau replied on Feb. 24th by enclosing copy of Comptroller General's decision A-31,584, a copy of which was furnished Mr. Denning, for his information.

O.K. W.H.

4. To satisfy Mr. Denning in his contention in this connection, it is suggested that the Bureau address a letter to him through this office, explaining the matter in full. As is indicated by the latter portion of paragraph 2 of the letter of March 18th, no less will satisfy him.

5. The information which he requested in paragraphs 1 and 2 of his letter of February 7 has been furnished him. His application on form 9 and his request for annual leave referred to in paragraph 1 of letter of March 18th have been received. Form 9 will be forwarded to the Bureau in due course and his request for annual leave is receiving consideration.

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

Seattle Lighthouse Depot,

February 7th. 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

retirement.

1. As the date of my voluntary is to be July 1st. 1936, I am writing to ask the amount of my accrued leave as of July 1st. 1936, as I wish to take all leave due me in advance of my retirement July 1st. under full pay.

2. I am also writing to ask what the exact amount of my retired pay will be, as it seems to me that it should be based on my salary of $6.00 per diem from December 1st. 1930 to November 12th. 1931, and from November 12th. 1931 to February 16th. 1932 at $2,000.00 per annum, and from that date to July 1st. 1936 it should be $2,100.00. The foregoing is based on my interpretation of the Lighthouse Retirement act, and the further fact that the amount held out of my salary each month, was a deduction and not an allowance, or bonus under any possible construction, and again, during the time of the .15% cut in salary during the National Recovery Act, this $20.00 per month, or $240.00 per year deduction was added to my base payof $1.860/00 and a .15% cut on the whole was made, thereby acknowledging that it was a part of my salary, as otherwise the cut would have applied to $1,860.00only, the actual result was to raise my rent $3.00 per month, which surely was not contemplated by the NRA.

3. While it may have no legal bearing on the amount I am to recieve, It must be born in mind that when first coming to Seattle to take charge of the Depot, no quarters were available for the Depot Keeper. I purchased a home in the city on the installment plan. Later at Mr. Tinkhams request, when the miserable inadequate four roomed ~~room~~ quarters were constructed at the depot, I moved there with the understanding that they were in addition to my base pay, but the joker appeared some three moths later when $60.00 was deducted from my pay for rent, without recourse on my part. The move to the depot was to save the government $105. per month for a watchman, as it was Mr. Tinkhams opinion that with my residing on the depot, the watchman could be eliminated,which was actually done for a period of about two years. I had little desire to make the move, although it nominally saved me $20.00 per month, but actually it cost me approximately $1,000.00 the amount which I had paid on my house which was wiped out by the depression, as I was unable to stand $20.00 in addition to the monthly installments, taxes etc. on my home, that is if myself and family were to eat, live and dress otherwise than as Mahatma Gandhi. I hate to state it, but rack-renting Shylock Seattle landlord would have had the nerve to ask $20.00 per month for these quarters, which were not half adaquate, to say nothing of being obligbed to

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

(Depot, Station, or Vessel)

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stay on the reservation when the tenders were absent. Much better and larger quarters could of been obtained in the city at no greater cost, in addition to which there would of been the saving of markets, stores etc. to say nothing of living like a white man. I cannot conceive that any one connected with the Lighthouse Service desires to penalize me $15.00 per month for the balance of my life (at a time when I need it most) by reducing my retirement pay , when the action taken by me was only to save the Government money, and involve both great inconvenience and heavy pecuniary loss on my part.

4. If you are unable to decide, or make adjustments in my retired pay on the basis outlined herein, I would kindly ask that you forward this letter to the Bureau with favorable recomendations. If decision is unfavorable to my contentions, please advise if there will be any objections on the part of the District Office, or Bureau in explaining the whole matter to one of our Senators. I hope that this will not be necessary to do this, as it might result in our service being later placed under the less favorable retirement act, but I believe my contention is both legally and morally just and correct.

W. S. Denning

W. S. Denning,
Depot Keeper.

Seattle Lighthouse Depot,

March 18th. 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Portland, Oregon.

1. Replying to your letter in reply to Depot letter of March 13th 1936 in regard to the date of my retirement, I would advise that I was unaware that it would be necessary for me to fill out Form 9 Application for retirement. Attached you will please find Form 79 Request for Annual Leave and Form 9. filled out as it is my desire to retire at the close of business June 30th. 1936, and to take all accrued leave in advance of that date.

2. As verbally stated to you Saturday March 14th. in your office I desired to leave in such a way as not to discomode the service, and that if so desired, I would willingly stay on for a few months longer and leave with the good name for faithfullness to duty, which I have always tryed to mantain, and shall always feel that I have given to the Lighthouse Service the best that was in me for the past thirty four years, but I cannot but feel that I have been treated unjustly in regard to the matter of quarters and retired pay, for as stated in my former letter, it was my understanding that I was to have the quarters in addition to my base pay at that time, and Mr. Tinkham stated that time, would you consider moveing down to the Depot if the old delapidated building was worked over and placed in a liveable condition, for by soding it was his opinion that the services of a watchman could be eliminated, which was done for a period of about two years thereby saveing the Department over $100.00 per month, and as my reward my salary was cut and my retired pay reduced. I would further state that at the time repairs was made to the house, there was but one entrance, the front door. I could not take the chance of liveing in a house with but the front entrance, I demanded a back entrance, but was informed that there was no funds available for any further expence on the building, I then requested by letter to the Superintendent that I be permitted to do this work with my presonal funds, and my request was granted; I then bought a door, and material for for makeing the opening, and a walk at a cost of $43.50 and hired my own carpenter to complete the work, this in order to put the place in a safe liveable condition, and I am sure that if the Commissioner of Lighthouses had these facts put up to him, that he would readilly see the justice of my contention, and if ~~was~~ possible, he would give me the relief as contended, unless this is done I will pay rent for the quarters under dispute as long as I live. I trust that some effort will be made to adjust this injustice.

Depot Keeper

Mr Tinkham

Have you any comment on this?

Whatever may have been the conditions as to the furnishing of quarters, their true value, etc., there is apparently no alternative but to exclude the official valuation in computing retired pay.

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Re: Quarters for Keeper Seattle Lighthouse Depot:

It is recalled that at the time of the last visit of Mr. Flood as examiner he proposed a reduction in the rental deduction for quarters, not on basis of increasing the Keeper's pay but as an equable adjustment for size of quarters provided, which I considered justified. I have no knowledge of subsequent Bureau action, if any. I recommended promotion in pay for the incumbent Keeper several times but this was not granted.

Look up

When the present property was acquired for the Seattle depot there was no dwelling on the premises nor room to construct one, nor were funds available for a dwelling. The present quarters for the Keeper was formerly the factory office building, and it was the intention from the first to convert this into living quarters for the depot keeper, but no steps were taken toward conversion for a year or two, because the keeper had purchased a house on contract at the time he first reported for duty, this being located in the neighborhood of the depot.

Subsequently, when funds were available, essential alterations were made in the office building to provide living quarters, these being satisfactory to him at the time, and as he had found it impossible to meet the terms of his contract for purchase of his own house he expressed much gratification for being provided with these quarters. There were only himself and wife to be accommodated, and the quarters were adequate for that purpose although not large. There consist of a living room, dining room, kitchen, one bedroom, and bath room, all on one floor.

It had been planned to finish off additional rooms on the lower floor of the building at such time as another keeper is appointed to provide for accomodating his children.

Compared with quarters furnished at light stations and at most depots, those at Seattle are not as satisfactory, and a less deduction would be equable. If such can be made retroactive I would recommend it.

April 2, 1936.

Mr. W. S. Denning,
Keeper, Seattle Lighthouse Depot,
(Through Supt. of Lighthouses, Portland,Oregon).

The Superintendent of Lighthouses, 17th district, has brought to the Bureau's attention your letters of February 7 and March 18, 1936, in regard to your prospective retirement and the computation of retired pay as affected by the value of quarters provided by the Service.

The question as to the effect of including the value of quarters furnished to lighthouse keepers and depot keepers as a part of their compensation upon the computation of their retired pay, in relation to the provision in the Lighthouse Service retirement law excluding any amount on account of subsistence or other allowances, has heretofore received careful consideration and has been submitted to the Comptroller General of the United States, who in a decision dated May 28, 1930, held that the retirement pay should be continued to be computed on the basis of the cash part of the compensation. Accordingly there would not be authority for the Department to compute your retired pay on any other basis. The rule applied with respect to the percentage deductions during the economy period arose in construing a different law.

As to the value of the quarters furnished you, careful consideration has been given to your statements in this respect, but it does not appear that the quarters in question consisting of four rooms and bath, with heat, light and water furnished were excessively valued at $20 per month. It appears also that at the time you went to occupy these quarters they were regarded as being satisfactory and that the arrangement was then an acceptable one for reasons related to your personal affairs. Actually, however, this does not have any direct bearing, as it is necessary in accordance with the Comptroller General's decision to compute retired pay on the basis of the cash portion of the compensation, and this is determined by the appointment issued to you.

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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COPY to 17th Superintendent with copy of Comptroller's decision dated May 28, 1930, referred to above.

Form 9

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

RETIREMENT UNDER ACT OF JUNE 20, 1918, AS AMENDED

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

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Date March 18th. 1936.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,

17th. District

Portland, Oregon.
(City)

I hereby apply for retirement from active duty in the Lighthouse Service effective at the close of June 30th. 1936, on the basis of service shown hereon.

W. S Manning
(Name)

Depot Keeper.
(Designation)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

City Portland, Oregon *Date* May 6, 1936

Submitted to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending retirement at $ 1402.45 per annum, effective at the close of June 30, 1936.

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.

E. C. Merrill *Superintendent of Lighthouses.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, *Washington, D. C.,* June 1, 1936

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval in accordance with the Act of June 20, 1918, providing for retirement in the Lighthouse Service.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting *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 William S. Denning. Date of birth March 25th. 1871.

Designation Depot Keeper. Seattle Lighthouse Depot, Seattle, Washington.

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	Yr.	Mo.	Days
Army	None.								
Navy	None								
Marine Corps	None								
Civilian employment									
U.S. Engineers	5	1	1891	5	15	1895	4	0	15
Lighthouse Service	10	24	1903	6	30	1936	32	8	7
Total service							36	8	23

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:

Computed amended to include quarters as result Comp. Decision B-70029 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			
Skilled Laborer	July	1	1931	Nov	11	1931	6.00pd		690.00
Depot Keeper	Nov	12	1931	Jul	15	1932	2000 pa		522.21
Depot Keeper	Jul	16	1932	June	30	1936	2100 pa		9187.50
									10.399.71

Total compensation for last five years of active service 10.399.71

Average compensation for last five years of active service 2079.94

Annual rate of retired pay ($2079.94 × years 20 ÷ 40) = 1559.96

(Not exceeding 30)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16—35893-1

June 9, 1936.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Mr. Denning:

The Department is notifying you, by separate letter, of your retirement from the Lighthouse Service, effective July 1, 1936.

For myself personally, and for the Department, I extend sincere thanks for your satisfactory services. I have noted from the Department's records that you entered the Service on October 24, 1903, and served continuously for over thirty-two years. Your long and splendid record should be a source of continuous comfort to you, and I entertain the hope that you may long enjoy the leisure which you have so well earned.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

Acting Secretary of Commerce.

LIGHTHOUSES
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June 9, 1936.

Mr. William S. Denning,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act approved June 20, 1918, and upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has retired you from active duty in the Lighthouse Service (Seventeenth District), with retired pay at the rate of $1,402.45 per annum, effective beginning July 1, 1936.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. L. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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September 18, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

Accounts for July, 1936. (Vou.20-3683(3975)

1. Certified copies of Department letters authorizing retirements of W. S. Denning and J. Nielsen are enclosed herewith.

2. It is requested that such letters be furnished the District in triplicate hereafter, to permit forwarding the original to the employee concerned, retain one copy for office files, and provide a copy to be attached to the payroll on which employee is first shown in retired status.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

C. A. KNIGHT
Chief Clerk

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
October 23, 1936

Respectfully forwarded to the General Accounting Office with statement that accounts referred to above are contained in the July, 1936 accounts of the Portland, Oregon Regional Office of G. F. Allen Chief Disbursing Officer.

For the Commissioner:

Acting Chief of Financial Division.

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Encls.

LIGHTHOUSES
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By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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RER Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 17th District
Portland, Oregon
September 18, 1936

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of Department letter authorizing retirement of William S. Denning.

C. A. KNIGHT
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSES
Nov 2 11 26 AM '36

October 29, 1936

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Reference is made to Bureau telegram of October 29th which was reply to 17th District telegram of October 28th, relating to purchase of commodities from a retired keeper or from a firm with which he might be connected or by which he might be employed.

2. The Bureau is advised that this question has arisen in connection with purchases of marine paint made from James Waltridge Paint Company, Seattle, Wash., the bills for which have been signed by W. S. Denning, Manager. The purchases in question were made July 8, 1936, 10 gal. at $2.00, $20.00; and Sept. 10, 1936, 10 gal., $20.00.

3. Mr. Denning was formerly keeper of Seattle Lighthouse Depot, having retired effective July 1, 1936.

4. It is requested that the Bureau advise whether or not this office is authorized to make payment to the James Waltridge Paint Company for paint purchased as above, in view of Mr. Denning certifying the bills as manager.

5. No further purchases will be made from this firm until decision has been reached in the matter.

6. An early reply will be appreciated as payment of the two bills described above is being withheld pending decision.

11/4/36
Telegram

E. C. Merrill
Superintendent of Lighthouses

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ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

LIGHTHOUSES

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

WASHINGTON D C NOVEMBER 4 1936

LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT
PORTLAND OREGON

ADVISE WHETHER FORMER KEEPER DENNING HAS INTEREST IN JAMES WALTRIDGE PAINT COMPANY OR IS MERELY AN EMPLOYEE

PARK

CONFIRMATION

Via McKay

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

IN REPLYING REFER TO
DATE OF THIS LETTER AND
FILE No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

January 4, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Washington, D. C.

1. This office is in receipt of report from W. S. Denning, who retired July 1, 1936, from position of Keeper, Seattle Depot, that he is in need of medical treatment and probable hospitalization, and inquiring as to whether or not he is eligible for free treatment by the U. S. Public Health Service.

2. Mr. Denning had been employed at the Depot for about five years prior to his retirement. Previous to that time he had been Keeper and Assistant Keeper at various Light Stations for many years, and had been eligible for free treatment by the Public Health Service. It is requested that the Bureau advise whether he is eligible for such treatment, also whether Keepers and Assistant Keepers of Depots generally are eligible.

E. C. MERRILL
Superintendent of Lighthouses

This is a new situation not previously encountered. I believe Depot Keepers as such are not included among employees for whom treatment by PHS is provided. Treatment of retired employees is restricted to those employees who are entitled to treatment during active service. If Denning is entitled to treatment, it would be on asst of prior status as lighthouse Keeper, but it is doubtful if he retains this right after becoming Depot Keeper.
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3/17/37 Reminded 17th

file 432

Indorsement on letter from 17th, of Jan. 4, 1937, re medical treatment of retired keeper, W. S. Denning.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Jan. 12, 1937.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon. The personnel of the Lighthouse Service who are entitled to medical treatment by the Public Health Service are specified in Regulations 1927, Art. 467, and are limited to light keepers, assistant light keepers, and officers and crews of vessels. Depot keepers and other depot employees are not included. It does not appear that an employee entitled to treatment in one capacity retains the right on transfer to a position not subject to such provision, although record is not found of a decision or prior consideration of that question. For the Bureau's further consideration, advise if Denning, while in active service, ever received Public Health Service treatment after transfer to position of depot keeper, and if so, whether the application clearly conveyed to the medical officer the fact that he was a depot keeper and not a light keeper. Regulations governing medical treatment of retired employees of the Lighthouse Service are contained in Bureau Circular 193, Oct. 8, 1930.

For the Commissioner:

WPH/see

W. P. Harman, Administrative Asst.

CAK:A

LIGHTHOUSES
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May 29, 1937

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Reference is made to Bureau endorsement of Jan. 12, 1937, on 17th District letter of Jan. 4, 1937, relating to medical treatment for W. S. Denning, Retired depot keeper, by the U.S. Public Health Service, reply to which it appears has been inadvertently overlooked.

2. The Bureau is advised that Mr. Denning states he received 4 or 5 treatments from the Public Health Service while he was depot keeper. He states further that each application showed plainly that he was a depot keeper and the U. S. Public Health Service offered no objection to furnishing him the treatment.

3. Although the Public Health Service might have furnished the treatments as stated in this case, it was probably done through oversight or lack of familiarity with the Regulations governing furnishing of medical treatment to employees in the Lighthouse Service.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

C. F. Ganong
Assistant Superintendent

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
May 28, 1937.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon. The Bureau concurs in your views in paragraph 3 above, and no objection will be raised to treatment which Denning has already received. Since depot keepers are not included among the employees specified in the regulations to receive free medical treatment by the Public Health Service, the present case does appear to create a valid precedent for the treatment of depot keepers.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

CHARLES L. McNARY, OREGON
CHAIRMAN

United States Senate

CONFERENCE OF THE MINORITY

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Hon. Daniel C. Roper,
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I shall be very grateful for your advice concerning the situation described in the enclosed letter from Mr. W. S. Demning of Empire, Oregon.

I believe the matter has had your attention heretofore and your assistance and guidance will be appreciated. Will you please return his letter with your reply.

Act of July 30/37 (Public No. 234) relates to contributions personnel only WPA 2/3

Done
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Very sincerely yours,

Chas. L. McNary

McN/KT
Encl.

Copy

Empire, Oregon,

January 27th, 1938.

Honorable Charles L. McNary,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator McNary:

1. I am writing to ask of you if the Act of Congress July 30th, 1937, in regard to the treatment of dependents of the personnel of the Federal Government applies to the Lighthouse Department? If so: Does it apply to the now retired personnel.

2. Since the conference so kindly granted by you to C. B. Hermann, E.A. Brooks, and myself at the Imperial Hotel last November, my health has become impaired, and I should have medical attention, and if possible by the Public Health Service, as my retired pay can only stand a very limited strain. You no doubt will recall that this matter was taken up with you at the time referred to above, as stated to you at that time, I feel that a retired Lighthouse Depot Keeper comes under the Act of August 28th, 1916 (39 Stat. 626) the same as Lighthouse Keepers and Assistant Lighthouse Keepers. I regret to bother you again about this matter but necessity forces me to do so, as I know how valuable your time is at this time to the Nationand the people at large. I trust that when you can find the time to look into this matter you will do so, and assuring you of my appreciation for past favors.

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

W. S. Denning.
Box 22,
Empire, Oregon.

February 8, 1938.

Secretary of Commerce:

The question has arisen as

(Enclosed is copy of recent correspondence with Senator McNary in regard) to the right of W. S. Denning, a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive medical care and treatment from the Public Health Service.

The Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat.,807) provides that hospital and out patient facilities shall be available *** under joint regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, to light keepers and assistant light keepers *** and officers and crews of vessels of the Lighthouse Service, who have been or who may hereafter be retired, etc.,***.

Regulations contemplated in the above cited act were issued September 30, 1930, copy herewith. Two groups of employees are specified in the law as beneficiaries of this legislation, (1) light keepers and assistant keepers, (2) officers and crews of vessels.

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(As stated in letter of February 7, to Senator McNary,) Mr. Denning was retired from the position of depot keeper, which position is not specified in the Act of June 24, 1930, his retirement being effective July 1, 1936; but the record indicates that prior to becoming depot keeper at Seattle, Washington, November 12, 1931, he had had nearly 26 years service as lighthouse keeper, during which period subsequent to the Act of August 28, 1916 (39 Stat.,538) he had been entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service.

The question involved, therefore, is whether the beneficiaries of the Act of July 24, 1930, are to be determined strictly by an employee's status at time of retirement, or whether in the case of an employee who has served in a capacity that would render him eligible to the benefits of the Act, but has subsequently been transferred to a position not specified therein, and is retired therefrom, such employee may carry over his eligibility to such benefits from his earlier status. Upon a preliminary consideration of this question, which came to the Bureau's attention through the Superintendent of Lighthouses, in January, 1937, the Bureau expressed the tentative view that the status at time of retirement governs; but in view of the question being raised again (through Senator McNary) it seems advisable to

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Empire, Oregon,

January 27th, 1932.

obtain a formal determination. The joint regulations issued September 30, 1930, do not specifically cover this point. The question appears to involve a legal interpretation of the Act of June 24,1930, and reference to the Solicitor is suggested.

It is realized that the Secretary of the Treasury (Public Health Service) is also concerned in this matter, and in case the Department's construction of the Act of June 24, 1930, should be in favor of Mr. Denning being eligible to its benefits, it would be taken up with the Treasury Department. If, however, the Department should hold, as a matter of law, that a person in Mr. Denning's status is not eligible to the benefits of the act, it would appear to be unnecessary to pursue the matter with the Treasury Department.

2. Since the conference so kindly granted by you to C. B. Hermann, E. A. Brooks, and myself at the Imperial Hotel last November, my health has become impaired, and I should have medical attention, and if possible by the Public Health Service, as my retired pay can only stand a very limited strain. You no doubt will recall that this matter was taken up with you at the time referred to above, as stat[illegible] that time, I [illegible] a retired Lighthouse Depot [illegible] 28th, 1916 (39 Stat.526) the same as Lighthouse Keepers and Assistant Lighthouse Keepers. I regret to bother you again about this matter but necessity forces me to do so, as I know how valuable your time is at this time to the Nation and the people at large. I trust that when you can find the time to look into this matter you will do so, and assuring you of my appreciation for past favors.

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

W. S. Denning
Box 22,
Empire, Oregon.

C. A. Park
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Empire, Oregon,

January 27th, 1938.

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United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Box 22,
Empire, Oregon.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT OF RETIRED LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE PERSONNEL

(46 Stat. 807)

Pursuant to the Act of Congress approved by the President June 24, 1930 (Public--No.430-71st Congress), the following regulations governing the medical care and treatment of retired personnel of the Lighthouse Service are hereby promulgated:

1. Light keepers and assistant light keepers (who during their active service were entitled to medical relief at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service), and officers and crews of vessels of the Lighthouse Service, who have been or who may hereafter be retired under the provisions of section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize aids to navigation and for other works in the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes," approved June 20, 1918 (U.S.C.,title 33, sec.763), and of Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, shall, upon application and proper identification, be furnished hospital treatment at any Marine Hospital and out-patient treatment at any regularly established relief station of the Public Health Service in charge of a medical officer, but not at a station of the fourth class, or at a place where the only representative of the Public Health Service is a physician appointed specially to furnish medical relief to active personnel of the Lighthouse Service and the Coast Guard.

2. An applicant must present himself, at his own expense, at a Marine Hospital if he needs hospital treatment or at an outpatient office if he needs only office treatment. Transportation of applicants to or from Public Health Service stations of the second and third classes is not chargeable to the public funds.

3. Applicants admitted to Marine Hospitals will be entitled to all facilities available therein; but dental treatment elsewhere except by a salaried dental officer is not authorized, nor is treatment in contract hospitals. At second or third class relief stations expense is not authorized for orthopedic apparatus, medicines except those in stock, or for attending specialists.

Approved, September 20, 1930.

R. P. LAMONT
Secretary of Commerce

Approved, September 30, 1930.

OGDEN L. MILLS
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

April 26, 1938.

5/2/38 wrote P.H.S.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the Bureau's letter of February 8, 1938, in the case of William S. Denning, a retired depot keeper, the Department has directed that his case be presented to the Public Health Service.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GERDNER

Chief, Division of Personnel.

ppr attached

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Pls write P.H.S. in to letter of Feby 8 to dept, omitted portions in ( ) + adding par:

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The Bur would be pleased to receive an expression of yr views on the question presented.

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May 2, 1938.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The question has arisen as to the right of William S. Denning, a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive medical care and treatment from the Public Health Service.

The Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat., 807) provides that hospital and out patient facilities shall be available *** under joint regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Commerce, to light keepers and assistant light keepers *** and officers and crews of vessels of the Lighthouse Service, who have been or who may hereafter be retired, etc.,***.

Regulations contemplated in the above cited act were issued September 30, 1930, copy herewith. Two groups of employees are specified in the law as beneficiaries of this legislation, (1) light keepers and assistant keepers, (2) officers and crews of vessels. Mr. Denning was retired from the position of depot keeper, which position is not specified in the Act of June 24, 1930, his retirement being effective July 1, 1936; but the record indicates that prior to becoming depot keeper at Seattle, Washington, November 12, 1931, he had had nearly 26 years service as lighthouse keeper, during which period subsequent to the Act of August 28, 1916 (39 Stat., 538) he had been entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service.

The question involved, therefore, is whether the beneficiaries of the Act of July 24, 1930, are to be determined strictly by an employee's status at time of retirement, or whether in the case of an employee who has served in a capacity that would render him eligible to the benefits of the Act, but has subsequently been transferred to a position not specified therein, and is retired therefrom, such employee may carry over his eligibility to such benefits from his earlier status. Upon a preliminary consideration of this question, which came to the Bureau's attention through the Superintendent of Lighthouses, in January, 1937, the Bureau expressed the tentative view that the status at time of retirement governs; but in view of the question being raised again it seems advisable to obtain a

formal determination. The joint regulations issued September 30, 1930, do not specifically cover this point. The question appears to involve a legal interpretation of the Act of June 24, 1930.

The Bureau would be pleased to receive an expression of your views on the question presented.

Very truly yours,

WPH-EK

H. D. King
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CHARLES L. McNARY, OREGON
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Hon. J. M. Johnson,
Assistant Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

6/17/38 note McNary.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

On February 9, 1938 you wrote me regarding the desire of Mr. W. S. Denning, Box 22, Empire, Oregon, for medical treatment. You indicated that an additional report would be made but I have received no further word from you.

Today I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Denning and I shall be grateful for your consideration of his appeal. Please return his letter with your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

O. K. V.

Chas. L. McNary

McN/GT

pls note

6/20/30 wrote McKay
com to 12 A.
6/10 in to Dent

W. S. Denning

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Call up June 15/38.

For inquiry of P.H.S. as to action on letter of May 2/38.

6/9 - McKinsey advises matter still under consideration & unable to say when reply may be sent. Still with legal dept
WRK

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Id. called McKinsey, P.H.S. Br. 401 & was advised this matter is with their legal branch, that it was hoped a reply might be made in two or three days & that they would advise us further.

Person in Dept was informed of this, they having made inquiry about it.

WRK

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6/20/38 Wrote McKay
copy to 17th

June 10, 1938.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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advise 17th
& Sen. McNary (for
Dept rly)
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Sir:

Careful consideration has been given to the inquiry contained in your letter of May 2, 1938, as to the right of William S. Denning, a retired employee of the Lighthouse Service to receive medical care and treatment as a beneficiary of the Public Health Service.

Accordingly, you are advised that in view of the showing that his retirement occurred under his employment status as "depot keeper" which status is not within the provisions of the Act of June 24, 1930, the conclusion has been reached that Mr. Denning is not entitled to medical relief under that act, because he was not a light keeper or assistant keeper at the time of his retirement.

WPH
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Respectfully,

(Sgd) Thomas Parran

Surgeon General.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
June 20, 1938.

Submitted to the Solicitor of the Department for information, attention being invited to Bureau letter to the Department under date of February 8, 1938.

For the Commissioner:

W.P.Harman
Administrative Assistant

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JUN 21 1938

Honorable Charles L. McNary,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McNary:

I have your letter of June 15, calling to mind our previous correspondence with reference to medical treatment by the Public Health Service in the case of Mr. W. S. Denning, Box 22, Empire, Oregon.

This matter has been the subject of consideration between the Lighthouse Service and the U. S. Public Health Service, and just prior to the receipt of your present letter the Lighthouse Service was advised by the Public Health Service that Mr. Denning is not eligible for free medical treatment owing to the fact that at the time of his retirement his status was that of depot keeper and not of lighthouse keeper, the provisions of the act applying to lighthouse keepers and not to depot keepers.

In accordance with your request, Mr. Denning's letter is herewith returned.

Cordially yours,

J. M. JOHNSON

J. M. Johnson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

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Chief, Accounting Division 19 June, 1947

Chief, Civilian Personnel Division

William S. Denning, Depot Keeper, retired under Lighthouse Retirement Act

In connection with the inquiry of Senator Gordon and Mr. Denning's letter regarding the computation of his retirement pay on the basis of including the valuation of quarters occupied the record shows that during the last five years of service Mr. Denning occupied quarters for only the period 16 February, 1932 to 30 June, 1936. His retirement pay computed on that basis would amount to $1559.96.

H. L. MORGAN

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Return to 3-2

JUN 24 1947

My dear Senator:

Further reference is made to your letter of May 22, 1947, regarding the report of the Treasury Department on your Bill S.572 relating to the retirement pay of certain personnel of the former Lighthouse Service, and to the inquiry of Mr. W. S. Denning as to whether the decision of the Court of Claims in the Ockenfels case would operate in Mr. Denning's favor.

The Coast Guard is taking steps administratively looking toward the application of the benefits of the Court of Claims' decision in the Ockenfels case in current retirement cases.

Mr. Denning is being contacted directly as to certain essentials before processing his case for the final action of the General Accounting Office. The effective date of any adjustment would be determined by the action of that office on his claim.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JOHN W. SNYDER

Secretary of the Treasury

Honorable Guy Cordon
United States Senate
Room 333, Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Prepared after discussion in Legislative with Mr. Sullivan, Treasury - Tallman, Lehman, Finley - Hall

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(FA-PA)
CG-75

9 July, 1947

From: Commandant
To: W. S. Denning, Keeper (Ret.)
Box 205
Empire, Oregon

Subj: Retired pay

1. Reference is made to your letter dated May 19, 1947, addressed to Hon. Guy Cordon, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C., which was referred to Coast Guard Headquarters for comment. Senator Cordon has been informed that the Coast Guard is taking steps administratively looking toward the application of the benefits of the Court of Claims decision in the Ockenfels case in current retirement cases.

2. The decision of the Court of Claims in favor of the claimant in the Ockenfels case does not operate to supersede or overrule the decision of the Comptroller General dated May 28, 1930 (A-31584), which governs the computation of retired pay in current retirement cases, nor does it require recomputation of those cases now on the retired rolls. No action can be taken toward adjusting these accounts until such time as the Comptroller General indicates that he will concur in the opinions of the Court of Claims expressed in the Ockenfels case.

3. There is presently a keeper of the former Lighthouse Service being processed for retirement as of August 1, 1947, under conditions quite similar to those in your case. It is intended to compute his retired pay on the basis of including the "allowance for quarters" and to submit his case to the Comptroller General for a decision which will be subsequent to the Ockenfels Court of Claims case. Should the Comptroller General allow the computation, the retired pay of all personnel concerned with the point at issue will be reviewed for possible adjustment.

4. Since Coast Guard Headquarters is unable to make any adjustment in your retired pay based on Court of Claims action in any specific case, and because a part of your claim, if allowed, will be chargeable against appropriations which have lapsed, it is suggested that you forward to Coast Guard Headquarters (FA-PA) claim for any amount believed due you from date of retirement through July 31, 1947, by reason of computation of your retired pay excluding "allowance for quarters." This claim may be in the form of an informal letter addressed to the Commandant (FA-PA), U. S. Coast Guard, Washington 25, D. C. Upon receipt of such claim it will be forwarded to the Claims Division of the General Accounting Office for consideration.

R. D. FRITZ
By direction

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

May 22, 1947

Honorable John Wesley Snyder
Secretary
Department of The Treasury
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Secretary Snyder:

I wish to call your attention to the report of the Treasury Department, dated May 6, 1947, on my bill, S. 572, relating to the computation of retirement pay of personnel of the Lighthouse Service.

I enclose a letter addressed to me by Mr. W. S. Denning, Box 205, Empire, Oregon, with regard to his individual retirement case. I shall be indebted if you will advise me what steps are being taken in this, and other cases of a similar nature, to recompute retirement benefits in accordance with the decision mentioned in your report. Also, will you kindly advise me as to the date from which the increased retirement annuity would be paid.

The return of the enclosure with your reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Guy Cordon

Guy Cordon

Enclosure
GC/dw

Empire, Oregon.
May 19th 1947.

Hon. Guy Cordon,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Cordon:

I beg to acknowlege the reciept of your valued favor of May 9th 1947 in regard to your S.572, with adverse report of the Treasury Department attached.

After a careful persual of this report, I am unable to determine if the claim of Frank Ockenfels was in his favor or not, as it is so ambiguous, that to the common layman, it is hard to determin, as to what the ruling by the Court of Claims were, but I infer that it was in his favor, or the Attorney General would of app for a writ of certorari. If I understand this ruleing for the value of quarters furnished the employees of the former Lighthouse Service, it was a part of their compensation, and as stated in Section 3 of the adverse report of the Treasury Department that Section 1. of your S.572 was unnecessary, as it was taken care of by the ruleing of the Court of Claims of October 7th 1946, in the Ockenfels case, if this is so; I would be titled to nine years and ten months of back pay, or the sum of $1920, but to date, no part of it has been paid. I would kindly ask that you make inquiry to the proper Department Heads in Washington D. C., and find out why we have not recieved the allowance granted by this decission, or a clarifycation of this ruling.

I might add; That I served in the former lighthouse Service for thirty four years, and retired from same, as Depot Keeper at Seattle, Washington, June 30th 1936, and that during all of this time $20.00 per month was deducted for value of quarters furnished, with the exception of fourteen months that I furnished my own home, and during this time I was allowed $20.00 per month inlieu of quarters, but after quarters were established for me at the Depot, and I moved into same, thereafter $20.00 per month was deducted from my monthly pay up to the date of my retirement, which was an acknowlegment that it was a part of my base pay, I made claim for this at the date of my retirement, but was turned down by a ruleing of the Lighthouse Bureau, if my claim is allowed as I understand it, it would be a great help to me and my wife in our declineing years.

(Continued on Page 2.)

I would urge that you use your best efforts to have the Committee take up your S.572 for consideration, for the sake of the few deserving widows of deceased Lighthouse employees.

I do not concur with the statment made by the Treasury Department, as covered by Section 4. of their adverse report. These widows are in a class by themselves, as covered in my letter to Senator Morse which I infer was turned over to you, prior to your introduction of S.572, if not: You can secure it from him.

Thanking you most kindly for anything you may do in this matter. I am.

Very sincerely yours/

W. S. Denning

W. S. Denning,
Box 205,
Empire, Oregon.