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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
Devine, Norman, B.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

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Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1923	To: 1926
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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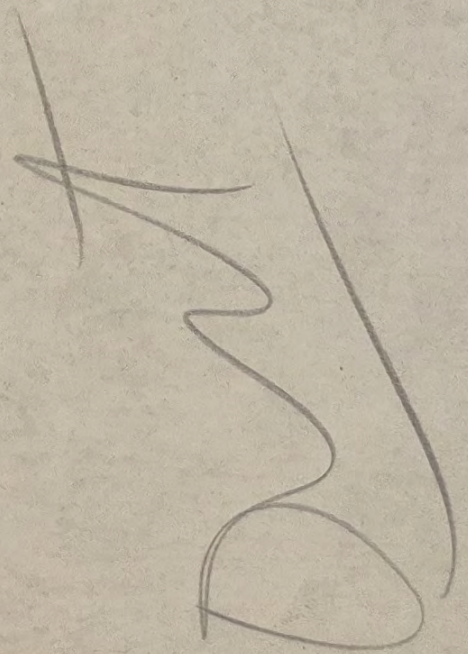
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NORMAN B. DEVINE.



NORMAN B. DEVINE.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

December 4,1925

Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses)

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Dep. Comr.
Comr.

SUBJECT: Abstract of Official Record, Norman B. Devine.

1. In order to complete the Abstract of Official Record of Norman B. Devine, who is now employed in this service, it is requested you advise this office of amount of deductions made from his salary on account of retirement. The Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, N.Y. has advised this office he was employed as Guard at Ellis Island from July 24,1923 to October 17,1923.

J. J. Spees
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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 7 - 1925

Forwarded.

H. B. BOWERMAN
Acting Commissioner

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3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSES

1926 MAY 24 AM 9 01

Commissioner of Lighthouses; May 21,1926

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

1. The following memorandums re Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Memo re phone message received by Supt.Yates May 11th.
b - Memo re phone conversations with Dr.Hulse and Coast Guard Commander, May 11th, by 1st Asst.Supt. Ockenfels.
c - Copy of report of visit to Fire Island Lt.Sta. by Asst.Supt.Luther on May 17th.

2. As Keeper Devine is at present confined in an institution for the insane and as it is necessarily very uncertain as to when he may sufficiently recover to enable him to resume duty as a lighthouse keeper, and also as it is not considered advisable in the event of his recovery to have him return to duty as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., it is recommended that the services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper is Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., with pay at the rate of $1560 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of June 4,1926, which includes leave granted.

3. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr.Devine has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

4. Should Mr.Devine recover his health it is the intention of this office to consider him for reinstatement when a vacancy occurs at a suitable station.

J. T. Yates

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SUPT. 3RD DIST. MAY 28 1926 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

RG-EK
Incl.

LIGHTHOUSES
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May 26, 1926.

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter May 21, Norman B. Devine, medical treatment.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with statement that in order to maintain a status, if any, for free medical treatment from the Public Health Service, separation does not seem proper, but rather the authorization of a temporary additional position. The latter would seem the proper course under the circumstances and your further report and recommendation is requested.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd Dist.
May 28, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Mr. Devine is at present in the State Hospital for the insane at Center Islip, N. Y., and is therefore not receiving any treatment from the Public Health Service. Should Mr. Devine recover, in view of the nature of his incapacity for duty, it is not considered that it would be either to the interest of the Service or to the interest of Mr. Devine to have him return to duty as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and therefore, this office cannot see that the authorization of a temporary additional position would be of any benefit. In the event of Mr. Devine's recovery, it is proposed to consider him for reinstatement in connection with such suitable vacancies as may occur at stations other than Fire Island.

2. Mr. Devine has been in the Service only since October 20, 1923 when he was appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper at Fire Island Light Station.

J. T. Yates

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June 3, 1926.

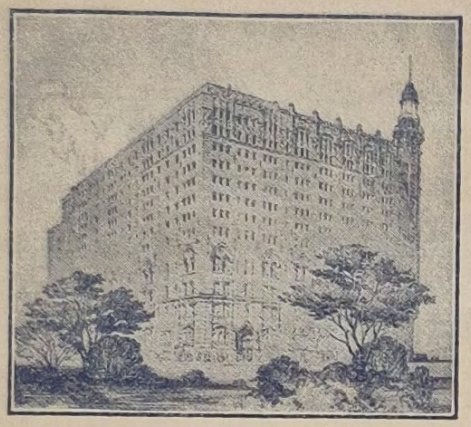
SUBJECT: 3rd Superintendent's letter, May 21, discontinuance services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island L.H.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Keeper Devine originally entered the Service on October 20, 1923.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Supt. He was interested in this letter, & told me he thought at present was no vacancy 4/E 31



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Hoping you will use your influence to get me a position in Lighthouse Service as soon as convient to you I thank you in advance for you kind consideration etc. It does not matter wheather it is in 3rd or 4th Dist.

I remain

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine
25 South St.
N. Y.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
AUG 30 1926

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.
for remark and return,

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner



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Aug 23, 1926.

To:- Hon. Walter Hoover Sec. of the Deptament of Commerce.

From:- Norman B. Devine ex-Keeper Fire Isl Light Station

Subject:- Sickness

Dear Sir:-

Having left hospital where I was confined for nine weeks due to sickness in the line of duty caused by two and one half yrs. service on Fire Isl. Light. I am unable to get employment in service. As I served in World War, have two honorable discharges for 8 yrs total service also a commission as Ens. Esmf. My wife's brother was killed in action in France.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.
September 7, 1926.

9/8 ans

Returned to Commissioner.

Mr. Devine was formerly employed as 2nd Asst., 1st Asst. and Keeper at Fire Island Light Station, he having entered the Service on October 20, 1923 and his services were discontinued without prejudice effective at the close of June 4, 1926, after he had become insane at the station and was taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and taken ashore where he was confined in an institution for the insane. The circumstances of the case having been described in letter from this office of May 21, 1926. When investigating the occurrence this office received information to the effect that Mr. Devine had become mentally unbalanced on a previous occasion before his employment in this Service. As it appears that Mr. Devine has been insane on two occasions and as light stations in most cases are necessarily in isolated locations where medical or other assistance is not readily available in the event of a re-occurrence which might result in serious injury to himself as well as others, this office cannot see its way clear to recommend his reemployment at a light station. As Mr. Devine was recently advised when he called at this office, consideration would be given if he so desired to the matter of his employment as seaman on a tender when such a position was open. Mr. Devine did not state whether or not he would be interested in such a position. Consideration could also be given to the matter giving Mr. Devine employment as laborer at this Depot when such a position is open as in such a position he would be working with other men and also constantly under observation. Should Mr. Devine desire to be considered for either of these two positions and will so advise this office, further consideration can be given to his case when vacancies as seaman or laborer occur.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

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Sug. advice accepted. copy to 3d & Depot
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RG/jrm

September 9, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,
c/o Seamen's Church Institute,
25 South St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

1. In reference to your letter of August 23 in regard to re-employment in the Lighthouse Service, which was addressed to Secretary Hoover and referred to this office:

2. This service would be pleased to give consideration to your reemployment as a seaman or as a laborer at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot upon the occurence of a vacancy in one of these positions. It is suggested that you advise the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, of your desires with reference to such employment.

Respectfully,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D.C. September 14, 1926.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for information, with copy of Superintendent's report and Mr. Devine's letter.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

UNITED STATES SHIPPING BOARD

WASHINGTON

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November 18, 1926.

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Hon. George R. Putnam, Commissioner,
Bureau of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Inclosed is a copy of a letter just received from a man who served under my command some years ago, and who has evidently had considerable experience in the Lighthouse Service.

Having been Inspector of the Sixth Lighthouse District from 1905 to 1907, I have always kept a very earnest interest in the Service, also, I am particularly interested in old Service men, therefore I am presuming to forward this letter to you for such action as you may feel inclined to take in the premises.

I trust you will not consider that I am presuming too much in bringing this to your attention -- if so, simply put it to my interest in the Lighthouse Service and in my old shipmates.

Sincerely yours,

W S Benson

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.)
Commissioner, U. S. Shipping Board.

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New York, Nov. 16, 1926.

TO: Admiral William S. Benson

FROM Norman B. Devine, ex-Seaman and Ens. U.S.N.R.F. (D) Class 3

SUBJECT: Information pertaining to U S Lighthouse Service

Dear Mr. Benson:

As I was seaman under you when you were Captain of the U.S.S. UTAH, thought maybe you could give me some information pertaining to the Light house Service, where I know you were Supt. 4th Dist. Philadelphia" before your tour of duty on "UTAH".

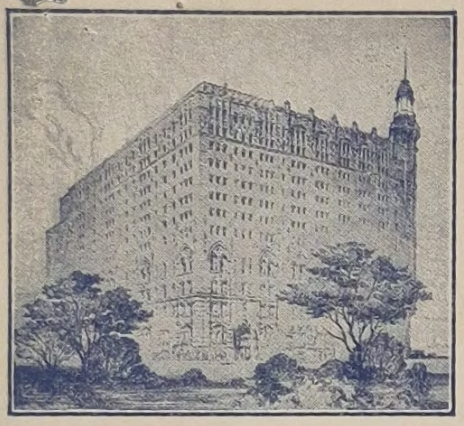
I have been in Lighthouse Service since Oct. 20, 1923 as 2nd, 1st and Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, as I became sick there last May was relieved June 4. Was in hospital eight weeks. Have worked near two months on L.H. tender, left Nov. 11. As I have failed to get a position on Light Station up to present time, thought maybe you could give me some information as to what I should do in this matter. Knowing it is a credit to Navy for her ex-service men to make good etc. in other Government branches, I thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter. I remain

Very respectfully

(Sgd) NORMAN B. DEVINE

25 South St.,

New York, N. Y.



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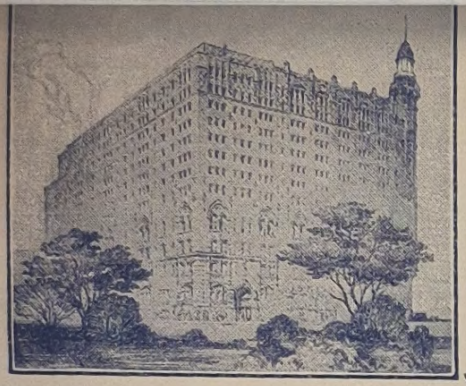
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Nov. 18, 1926

To:- Mr. J. L. Ceriway Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses. Wash. D. C.
From:- Norman B. Devine ex. Keeper and Seamen U. S. L. H. Service.
Subject: In reference to your letter of Sept 9, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

I have just completed near two months as "Seamen" of U.S.L.H. Tender Larkspur. Due to the fact that there are no laboring jobs in this depot have put application in for same in Custom House N. Y. for any other service where they need me. As it is now going on the 7th month since I left "Fire Isl. Light", and have



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not received any offers of a position as "Light Keeper." Due to the fact that as "Keeper" I received twice the pay as I have received as Seamen, have become terrible discouraged.

As most of the "Keepers" I have been with have worked on as many as "Five light Stations" I do not think that I am getting a fair break in this service. Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter I remain

Very respectfully

Norman B. Devine

25 South St.

N. Y.

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Inclosure

November 27, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,
25 South Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of November 18, regarding employment in the Lighthouse Service, etc.:

2. It is noted that you recently completed two months employment as a seaman on the tender LARKSPUR and that you have made application for employment in the Customs Service. The Bureau hopes that you will be successful in the matter of obtaining employment, and in returning the letter addressed to you on November 9 by the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, N. Y., in regard to employment as a laborer at that depot, suggests that you make further application to that office at a later date as indicated.

Respectfully,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

RG-EK

November ~~29~~ 30, 1926.

Admiral W. S. Benson, Commissioner,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral W. S. Benson:

1. In reference to your letter of November 18, inclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Norman B. Devine in regard to his status in the Lighthouse Service:

2. I respectfully advise you that the records show that Mr. Devine was employed as a keeper at Fire Island Light Station, New York, from October 20, 1923 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice owing to the fact that he had become insane at the station, he having been taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and confined in an institution for the insane. When investigating the matter at the time it was also learned that Mr. Devine had become ill in this manner upon occasions prior to entering the Lighthouse Service. Under the circumstances it did not later appear advisable to reinstate Mr. Devine as a lighthouse keeper on account of the conditions of isolation of such employment. He was advised, however, that consideration would be given to his employment as a seaman on a tender or as a laborer at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot, as employment in those capacities would be in company with other men and under constant observation. Under date of November 8, 1926, Mr. Devine made application to the Superintendent at Staten Island for employment at the depot as a laborer but was informed at that time that there were no vacancies and that he should renew his application at a later date.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt.

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September 27, 1927

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

DEVINE, Norman B.
C-1,039,601
114 Fifth Street
Midland Beach,
Staten Island,
New York

9/30/27 ans (cp 3rd)

Dear Sir:

The above named wrote this office under date of September 15, 1927 requesting our assistance in securing an appointment as Light-house Keeper, stating that he was formerly, Second and then First Assistant Keeper of the Fire Island Light Station for two years before he became ill.

Any consideration that you may give to Mr. Devine's request will be appreciated.

For the Director,

H. L. MC COY,
Acting Assistant Director.

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Commissioner.

let to advise
according to suggested
letter to Admiral Benson
copy to 3d

RLC

September 30, 1927.

The Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to letter from your office dated September 27, 1927 (FCBA-C-1,039,601), relative to Norman B. Devine, who was formerly employed in this Service as a Keeper at Fire Island Light Station, N.Y.:

2. According to the records Mr. Devine was employed as a Keeper at Fire Island Light Station from October 20, 1925 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice owing to the fact that he had become insane at the station, he having been taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and confined in an institution for the insane. When investigating the matter at the time it was also learned that Mr. Devine had become ill in this manner upon occasions prior to entering the Lighthouse Service. Under the circumstances it does not appear advisable to reinstate Mr. Devine as a lighthouse keeper on account of the general conditions of isolation of such employment.

Respectfully,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3rd Supt.

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Midland Beach
Jan. 1, 1928

To:- The Sec. of the Navy. Wash D.C.
From:- Norman B. Devine Ensign Usnrf (Hon. Disch)
Subject:- Preference for Naval War Veteran in reference to Act of Congress July 11, 1919.

Dear Sir—

While "Keeper of Fire Island Light House" I became sick, was patient in hospital for 8 weeks Aug. 1926. I have a letter from this Service (U.S.L.H.S.) stating that there is no suitable vacancies for which I are suitable for me, would like to know if you could not take up this matter for me with Mr. Hoover, the Sec. of the Dept. of Commerce. I write to you because the various Gov. officals who are responsible for public welfare here in N.Y. think the L.H.S. has assumed an unfavorable altitude towards me in this matter, also a statement made by the "President" that nothing is too good for the men that have fought for their Country.

I have a letter from "Admiral Benson U.S.N." which states, that I seem to have considerable experience in the Lighthouse Service (2nd/1st Asst Keeper Seamen, Laborer 3 yrs. 7 months) the admiral was Inspector

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of the 6th Dist. U.S.L.H.S. 1905-07. I served on the "U.S.S. Utah" when the Adm. was commanding officer. 1910. I was Ensign No. Hon. of class 3 during war, received Commission was Hon. Discharged.

A doctor last winter asked me "if I did not think the Lighthouse Ser. was prejudeced against me? I was (examined) passed as fit to return to duty by the U.S. Public Health Service N.Y. 1926 I write to you of this matter, after confering with the U.S. Veterans Bureau officals here in N.Y. a few remarks by that office were, "is that the best they can do for you." You should be well up on the Lists etc.

I am at present employed as laborer at the L.H. Depot N.Y. through the interception of "Mr. Hoover" the Sec. of the Dept, and I am indeed grateful to him for interest he has taken in this matter, and take this opportunity to thank him for his kind attention and consideration.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention and trouble etc. I remain

Very respectfull

Norman B. Devine

Midland Beach S.I.

N.Y.

Box 19.

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Letter dated Jan. 1, 1928, from Norman B. Devine, re appointment as lighthouse keeper.

January 11, 1928.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.
for remark and return.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

January 14, 1928.

1/24/28 & let Devine & Copy 3d

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Mr. Devine was formerly employed as 2nd Assistant, 1st Assistant, and Keeper at Fire Island Light Station where he served from October 20, 1923 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice after he had become insane at the Station and was taken to an institution for the insane. After his release from the institution referred to, and upon his request for employment, he was employed as seaman on Tender Larkspur from September 14, 1926, to November 10, 1926, when he was discharged at his own request. He was later employed as laborer at this Depot and has been so employed from January 24, 1927, up to the present time. His services as laborer have been about average. During the period of his employment as seaman and laborer he has not shown signs of mental trouble. While employed as laborer he is working with other men and constantly under observation. As it appears that Mr. Devine has been mentally unbalanced on at least two occasions, and as Light Stations, with few exceptions, are necessarily in locations where medical or other assistance is not readily available in the event of a reoccurrence which might result in injury to himself as well as others, his reemployment at a Light Station would not be advisable or to the interests of the Service, and it is therefore not recommended.

2. In this connection, attention is invited to endorsement from this office of September 7, 1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

not clear what Devine wants now - (perhaps wants to be a keeper again) suggest write general letter TOF 1/17

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Commissioner.

RG:EMF

January 24, 1928.

Norman B. Devine,
Box 19, Midland Beach,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Your letter of January 1, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, regarding your status in the Lighthouse Service, has been referred to this office. Your record in the Lighthouse Service is noted, together with the fact that at the present time you are employed under Civil Service Rules and Regulations at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot, N. Y. In the event of your obtaining other employment, this Bureau would certify your record in the Lighthouse Service should this be requested.

L. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy to 3rd Supt.

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LIGHTHOUSES

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MEMORANDUM

February 16, 1928.

Foreman Laborer reported this A.M. that Laborer Norman Devine had not been in at work since last Friday, February 10. Said he understood that on way home from work, February 10, went off his mental balance while on trolley car or bus. Found that Chauffeur Logan was on the same bus and I asked Logan what he knew about it. Logan said he was on the same bus with Devine on February 10; that he talked loudly to himself rehearsing his service in the Navy and employment in this Service; that he would sing a while, and then start loud talking again, and occasionally shout "Mike" to Logan who sat 2 or 3 seats away from him. Logan said he paid no attention to his talk or calls as the people in bus were all watching Devine and probably thought he was drunk.

F. W. Ockenfels.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
February 17, 1928.

Copy forwarded to Bureau for information, attention being invited to endorsement from this office of January 14, 1928.

J. T. Voges

Ref file. Bu has had considerable correspondence in this case

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LIGHTHOUSES
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Noon
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MEMORANDUM

Mrs. Devine, wife of Laborer Devine, here. Said he was again mentally ill and was now in the Central Islip Hospital (for the insane). She said this was the third time he has been in a sanitarium on account of mental trouble. Said that while he is not violent, she couldn't tell how long he would be kept in hospital. She said she had taken steps to have his case reopened in the Veterans Bureau with the view of having an allowance granted on account of his condition. In course of conversation said she was glad that they were not living on a lighthouse when his mental trouble returned.

F. W. Ockenfels.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
February 28, 1928.

Copy forwarded to Bureau, attention being invited to endorsement from this office of February 17, and previous correspondence.

J. T. Yates

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Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 25 1928
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Norman B. Devine
2. Position to which appointed: 2nd Asst.Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 3rd
4. Place of duty: Fire Island Lt.Stn., N.Y. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $660.00 per annum
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

   From examination for Keepers, dated Oct.1,1928

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

   Norman Broughton Devine

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

   Norman B. Devine

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

   N.Y. (State or Territory.) ~~Brooklyn~~ Kings (County.) N.Y. (City or town.) 7th (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Phila. Pa.

7. When were you born? Nov. (Month.) 28 (Day.) 1893 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") Married

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

Mr. David R. C. Devine (Name.) 43 N. 10th St. (Number and street.)

Phila. (City or town.) Pa. (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
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12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U. S. N. R. Force	Aug 30, 1918	June 1919	In active duty

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U. S. Navy	Nov. 28, 1910	Mar 20, 1915	Termination of Enlistment

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ..... If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Treasury	R. Mail Serv	Sub	1,000	Mar 1920	April 1923
Labor	Immigration	Guard	1,000	July 25, "	Oct 16, 1923

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32. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer ... If so, state whether corrected by glasses.)

33. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No. If so, state name of such office and connection attached.

34. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ... If so, state in black spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S.N.R.Force	Aug 30, 18	June 1919	Honorably

35. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
U.S. Navy	Nov 22 1918	March 15	Termination of Enlistment

36. Have you ever been employed in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") ... If so, when and where? ...

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 253 (second edition), of September 22, 1914, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Norman B. Devine
(Name.)

2nd Ass Lighthouse Keeper
(Position.)

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

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Date, ...

(This acknowledgment should be forwarded to, and filed in, the bureau or office to which appointee is assigned.)

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

~~Navigation~~ None

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

Sub-clerical Dec 15, 1922.

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Oct 21, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) Norman B. Devine

(Present address) Fire Island, (Number and street.) L. I. (State or Territory.)
Long Island (City or town.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Oct 25, 1923

(Signature) For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Official title.) 1st Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.

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

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

App. Seaman Ord Seaman, Quartermaster, 3rd & 2nd Mate (Oceans) Painter, rigger, laborer Elec. Helper.

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Grammar School

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October 6, 1930.

Superintendent,
3rd Lighthouse District,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:-

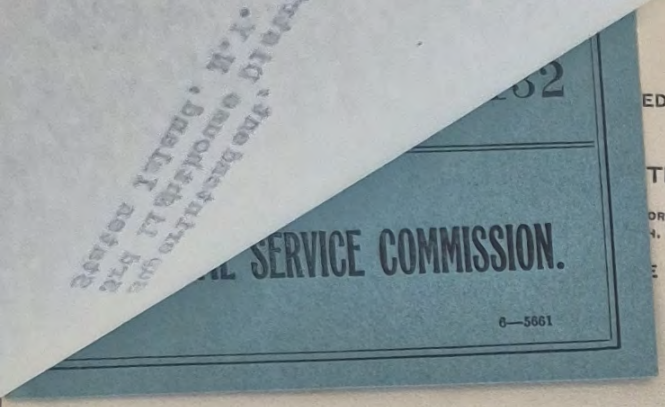
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The Civil Service Commission at Washington has advised that these papers have served their purpose and same are, therefore, returned herewith.

Respectfully,

B. H. Clemmons,
District Manager.

Enc.

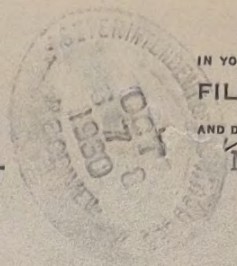


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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
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AND DATE OF THIS LETTER
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3rd Lighthouse District,
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, NEW YORK, N.Y.

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AND DATE OF THIS LETTER MAN:h

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 9 1930 RECEIVED

June 7, 1930.

Superintendent,
Third Lighthouse District,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:

Please advise as to what your records show relative to the employment of Norman B. Irvine as a keeper from Oct. 20, 1923 until June 4, 1926. The medical certificate executed in connection with his papers with his application and the medical certificate executed at the time of his appointment, if there was one, should be forwarded to this office for submission to the Civil Service Commission at Washington. The Commission states as follows:

> "If there is a record of medical examination on those papers, or on any other papers in your office, cancelled, ineligible or otherwise, the Commission requests that they be forwarded to this office for inspection purposes as soon as practicable."

Respectfully,

District Secretary.

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Office, Superintendent of Lighthouses,
3rd District, Staten Island, N. Y.
June13th, 1930.

Returned to Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District, Customhouse, New York, N.Y.

This office has no record of the employment of a Norman B. Irvine, but has record of Norman B. Devine who was employed as follows at Fire Island Light Station:

FWO-JHG

Norman B. Devine,
Box 19,
Midland Beach, S.I., N. Y.

June 26,1928

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services.

1. Due to the fact that you have been absent from duty as temporary Laborer at this Lighthouse Depot since February 10,1928, on account of illhealth, your services as temporary laborer are hereby discontinued, effective at the close of February 10,1928, your last day of service.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Paid Voucher No. 2/18/28 3002 Check No. 107424 $34.20

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Memo

re file 274 (1928)

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Foreman Laborer reported this am that Lab Norman Denine had not been in at work since last Fri Feb 10. Said he understood that on way home from work Feb 10 went off his mental balance while on trolley car on bus - found that Chas Logan was on the same bus & asked Logan what he knew about it - Logan said he was on the same bus with Denine on Feb 10 - That he talked loudly to himself rehearsing his service in the navy & employment in the service; that he would sing a while, and then start loud talking again, and occasionally shout "Mike" to Logan who sat 2 or 3 seats away from him - Logan said he paid no attention to his

talk or calls, & the people in bus were all watching Devine & probably thought he was drunk.

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FROM: Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
February 17, 1926.

Copy forwarded to Bureau for information, attention being invited to endorsement from this office of January 11, 1926.

F. W. Ockerfels.

February 16, 1928.

Foreman Laborer reported this A.M. that Laborer Norman Devine had not been in at work since last Friday, February 10. Said he understood that on way home from work, February 10, went off his mental balance while on trolley car or bus. Found that Chauffeur Logan was on the same bus and I asked Logan what he knew about it. Logan said he was on the same bus with Devine on February 10; that he talked loudly to himself rehearsing his service in the Navy and employment in this Service; that he would sing a while, and then start loud talking again, and occasionally shout "Mike" to Logan who sat 2 or 3 seats away from him. Logan said he paid no attention to his talk or calls as the people in bus were all watching Devine and probably thought he was drunk.

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Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District.
February 17, 1928.

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J. T. YATES.

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January 24, 1928.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Norman B. Devine

Norman B. Devine,
Box 19, Midland Beach,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Your letter of January 1, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, regarding your status in the Lighthouse Service, has been referred to this office. Your record in the Lighthouse Service is noted, together with the fact that at the present time you are employed under Civil Service Rules and Regulations at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot, N. Y. In the event of your obtaining other employment, this Bureau would certify your record in the Lighthouse Service should this be requested.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy to 3d Supt.

WO:FM

To: The Sec. of the Navy, Wash. D.C.
From: Norman B. Devine Ensign Usnrf(Hon.Disch)
Subject: Preference for Naval War Veteran in reference to Act of Congress July 11, 1919.

Dear Sir:

January 14, 1928.

While Keeper of Fire Isl. Light House I became sick, was patient in hospital for 8 weeks Aug. 1926. I have a letter from Returned to Commissioner. stating that there is no suitable vacancies fro which are suitable for me, would like to know if you could not take up this matter for me with Mr. Hoover, the Sec. of the

1. Mr. Devine was formerly employed as 2nd Assistant, 1st Assistant, and Keeper at Fire Island Light Station where he served from October 20, 1923 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice after he had become insane at the Station and was taken to an institution for the insane. After his release from the institution referred to, and upon his request for employment, he was employed as seaman on Tender Larkspur from September 14, 1926, to November 10, 1926, when he was discharged at his own request. He was later employed as laborer at this Depot and has been so employed from January 24, 1927, up to the present time. His services as laborer have been about average. During the period of his employment as seaman and laborer he has not shown signs of mental trouble. While employed as laborer he is working with other men and constantly under observation. As it appears that Mr. Devine has been mentally unbalanced on at least two occasions, and as Light Stations, with few exceptions, are necessarily in locations where medical or other assistance is not readily available in the event of a reoccurrence which might result in injury to himself as well as others, his reemployment at a Light Station would not be advisable or to the interests of the Service, and it is therefore not recommended.

2. In this connection, attention is invited to endorsement from this office of September 7, 1926.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

through the interception of Mr. Hoover the Sec. of the Dept, and I to thank him for his kind attention and consideration.

Thanking you for your trouble, etc. I remain

Very R. P. OCKENFELS.

(s) Norman B. Devine,
Midland Beach, S. I. N. Y.

Box 19

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From: Norman B. Devine Ensign Usnrf(Hon.Disch)
Subject: Preference for Naval War Veteran in reference to Act of Congress July 11, 1919.

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I have a letter from "Admiral Benson, U.S.N." which states, "that I seem to have considerable experience in the Lighthouse Service (2nd, 1st Asst. & Keeper, Seamen, Laborer 3 years, 7 months) the admiral was inspector of the 6th Dist. U.S.L.H.S 1905-07. I served on the U.S.S. Utah when the Adm. was commaning officer 1910. Was ensign (d) Usnrf class 3 during war, received Commission was Hon. Discharged. A doctor last winter asked me "if I did not think the Lighthouse Ser was prejudiced against me? I was examined and passed as fit to return to duty by the U.S. Public Health Service, N. Y., 1926. I write to you of this matter after confering with the U. S. Veterans Bureau officeals here in N. Y., a few remarks by that office were, "is that the best they can do for you", "You should be well up on the Lists, etc.

I am at present employed as laborer at the L. H. Depot, N.Y through the interception of Mr. Hoover the Sec. of the Dept, and I am indeed gratefull to him for interest he has taken in this matter, and take this opportunity to thank him for his kind attention and consideration.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention and trouble, etc. I remain

Very respectfull
(s) Norman B. Devine,
Midland Beach, S. I. N. Y.

Box 19

as lighthouse keeper.

Jan. 11, 1928.
Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., for remark and return.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

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September 30, 1927.

The Director,
United States Veterans Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to letter from your office dated September 27, 1927 (FCBA-C-1,039,601), relative to Norman B. Devine, who was formerly employed in this Service as a Keeper at Fire Island Light Station, N.Y.:

2. According to the records Mr. Devine was employed as a Keeper at Fire Island Light Station from October 20, 1923 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice owing to the fact that he had become insane at the station, he having been taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and confined in an institution for the insane. When investigating the matter at the time it was also learned that Mr. Devine had become ill in this manner upon occasions prior to entering the Lighthouse Service. Under the circumstances it does not appear advisable to reinstate Mr. Devine as a lighthouse keeper on account of the general conditions of isolation of such employment.

Respectfully,

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3rd Supt.

(COPY)

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU
Washington

September 27, 1927.

In reply refer to: FCBA
DEVINE, Norman B.
C-1,039,601
114 Fifth Street
Midland Beach,
Staten Island,
New York.

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

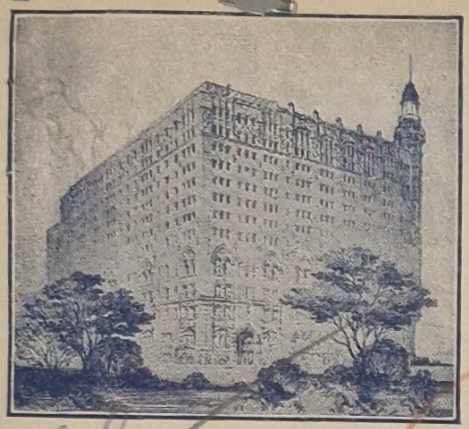
Dear Sir:

The above named wrote this office under date of September 15, 1927 requesting our assistance in securing an appointment as Lighthouse Keeper, stating that he was formerly, Second and then First Assistant Keeper of the Fire Island Light Station for two years before he became ill.

Any consideration that you may give to Mr. Devine's request will be appreciated.

For the Director,

(SGD) H. L. MCCOY
Acting Assistant Director.



25 SOUTH STREET, NEW YORK

(NOT OFFICIAL)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Seamen's Church Institute of New York

TELEPHONE BOWLING GREEN 3620

Cable Address
"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

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Norman B Devine

May 15, 1927.

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N. Y.

From:- Norman B. Devine Laborer Usltk.

Subject:- Reduction of U. S. Veteran's my compensation etc.

Dear Sir:-

Having been examined by the "U. S. Veteran Bureau" a short time ago, and due to the excellent physical condition that they found me. They are going to reduce my compensation June 1. having taken all data concerning my present work they remarked "Is that the best they (U. S. L. H. S.) can do for you?" these are the words the examining



25 SOUTH STREET, NEW YORK

Seamen's Church Institute
of New York

TELEPHONE BOWLING GREEN 3620

Cable Address
"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

doctor used or said to me. I might remark that this the third (time) that exam. doctors ("U. S. Public Health Service, Bellview, and "Vet. Bureau") have made comment or criticism on your altitude towards me. All your letters to me are copied or are kept in my personal history at the "Bureau N. Y." also my Hon. Discharges, references and Commission as Ens. U.S.N.R.F. have been examined etc. these all are in book form for examination by any one to whom they may concern. Hoping you will be able to give me some information, so that I keep up my work with "Uncle Sam" I remain

Very respectfully

Norman B. Stevens Walker.

N. Y.

Form 295

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT IN REGISTERED POSITION

JHC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 25 1927
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KINSVILLE

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Staten Island, N. Y., March 24, 1927, 192
(Place and date)

Employment has been given to Norman B. Devine

as Laborer, in connection with work

in the Third Lighthouse District, at the rate of $4.56 per day

~~month~~ beginning March 24, 1927, 192 , under regulations approved by the

Secretary of Commerce, dated May 10, 1911. This contract of employment supersedes all previous

certificates of appointment.

No.436---Temporary

Not effected by either
Retirement Law - Mark "O"

Asst. Supt.

J. F. Yates

Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District

I accept the above conditions and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Lighthouse Service.

3/26/27

VC
TC

Norman B. Devine

Mess

INSTRUCTIONS.—To be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be handed to employee and the other kept on file in the District Office.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Norman B. Devine,
348 St.Marks Place,
St.George, S. I., N. Y.

March 22,1927

SUBJECT: Temporary employment as Laborer.

1. Referring to your interview at this office on Feb.21st, 1927; if you are willing to accept temporary employment as Laborer at this Lighthouse Depot, with pay at the rate of $4.56 per diem, you are directed to report here, prepared to enter on duty, at 8.00 A.M., Thursday, March 24,1927, or the earliest practicable date thereafter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Memo 3/21/27

Denine, formerly employed here as laborer as per foreman — Do now laborer at Ellis Do @ 4.00 per an — Told him could now give him work as Lab @ 4.56 pd. Said would see how much notice Ellis Do desired & resign there to come here & let me know

Ellis

10.30 am 3/22

Denine phones has resigned for Ellis Do & can report for duty laborer any time — Told him would write him with address 348 St Marks Pl. St George —

Ellis

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Norman B. Devine,
348 St.Marks Place,
St.George, S. I., N. Y.

March 22,1927

SUBJECT: Temporary employment as Laborer.

1. Referring to your interview at this office on Feb.21st, 1927; if you are willing to accept temporary employment as Laborer at this Lighthouse Depot, with pay at the rate of $4.56 per diem, you are directed to report here, prepared to enter on duty, at 8.00 A.M., Thursday, March 24,1927, or the earliest practicable date thereafter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Mar. 24/27
Reported for duty
at 8 A.M. this
date.
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IN REPLYING ADDR
COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES
AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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November ~~27~~ 30, 1926.

Admiral W. S. Benson, Commissioner,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral Benson:

1. In reference to your letter of November 18, inclosing a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Norman B. Devine in regard to his status in the Lighthouse Service:

2. I respectfully advise you that the records show that Mr. Devine was employed as a keeper at Fire Island Light Station, New York, from October 20, 1925 to June 4, 1926, when his services were discontinued without prejudice owing to the fact that he had become insane at the station, he having been taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and confined in an institution for the insane. When investigating the matter at the time it was also learned that Mr. Devine had become ill in this manner upon occasions prior to entering the Lighthouse Service. Under the circumstances it did not later appear advisable to reinstate Mr. Devine as a lighthouse keeper on account of the conditions of isolation of such employment. He was advised, however, that consideration would be given to his employment as a seaman on a tender or as a laborer at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot, as employment in those capacities would be in company with other men and under constant observation. Under date of November 8, 1926, Mr. Devine made application to the Superintendent at Staten Island for employment at the depot as a laborer but was informed at that time that there were no vacancies and that he should renew his application at a later date.

Respectfully,

G. R. PUTNAM

(Signed)

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 3d Supt

IN REPLYING ADDRESS
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November 27, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,
25 South Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

1. Referring to your letter of November 18, regarding employment in the Lighthouse Service, etc.:

2. It is noted that you recently completed two months employment as a seaman on the tender LARKSPUR and that you have made application for employment in the Customs Service. The Bureau hopes that you will be successful in the matter of obtaining employment, and in returning the letter addressed to you on November 9 by the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, N. Y., in regard to employment as a laborer at that depot, suggests that you make further application to that office at a later date as indicated.

Respectfully,

(Signed)
J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to...3d...Supt.

WJL:JW

November 12, 1926

Norman B. Devine,
C/O Seamen's Church Institute,
25 South Street,
New York, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Return of Letter.

REFERENCE: (a) Your letter of November-1926 received on November 8th.
(b) Letter from this office November 9th.

Returned herewith is letter dated September 9th addressed to you by the Bureau of Lighthouses, which was received with your letter above referred to.

J. E. YATES

Superintendent.

FWO:FM

November 9, 1926.

Norman B. Devine, Seaman,
Through the Master,
Lighthouse Tender Larkspur,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Employment as laborer.

REFERENCE: Your letter without date received on November 8.

In reference to the matter of employment as laborer you are advised that there are no vacancies at this time, and so far as known at present, it is not likely that any laborers will be employed until next spring when a number of men will be taken on, and if you, at that time desire employment as laborer at this Depot, you should renew your application for such employment.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

Devine Employed as a Laborer on
March 24, 1927

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Cable Address
"SEACHURCH" N. Y.

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New York
Nov. 1926

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses 3rd Dist.
Staten Isl. N. Y.
From:- N. B. Devine Seamen "Larkspur"
Subject:- Letter from Act. Commissioner
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to inclosed letter. As seamen of above ship we find that it is impossible to live like American citizens on the pay I receive would like to know as to whether there are any labores jobs open. Please return inclosed letter.

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine
U. S. L. H. S.

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UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
THE INTERIOR BUILDING
WASHINGTON

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S. R. GOLIBART, JR.
SECRETARY

In reply refer to File No. 195969

October 29,1926.

The Superintendent,3rd District,
U. S. Light House Service,
Department of Commerce,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir;

Reference is made to the case of Norman B. Devine, keeper, incapacitated May 13,1926, while under your employ.

The Commission has carefully considered the evidence in connection with the disability or mental derangement of this employee. It finds that his disability can not be attributed to the effects of his work as a keeper, including the work done in painting.

No claim for compensation has been made, so that no notification of this disallowance is being sent to the employee at this time.

Very truly yours,

E.V.Parker

E.V.PARKER
SECRETARY

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Norman B. Devine, Seaman,
Through the Master,
Tender Larkspur,
General Lighthouse Depot.

Oct. 20,1926

SUBJECT: Advancement.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.19,1926.

1. Your letter dated October 19,1926 has been received and contents noted. This office is unable to give you (or in fact any employee) any assurance as to the matter of future advancement.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk



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Per Thurmond Contents noted. This Firm is unable to give you (or in fact any one else) any information as to the employment of Seamen on Vessels owned by them.

10/20 Employeded as Seaman on Larkspur from Sept 14-26 to date

Staten Isl. N.Y.
Oct 19, 1926

To:- Maj. J. Yates Supt. of Lighthouses,

From:- Norman B. Devine Seamen "Larkspur"

Subject:- Your conversation to the manager of the Masonic Employment exchange last month.

Dear Sir:-

As it is now going on my second month as seamen on the S.S. Larkspur where I have been under your personal obeervation. I dare say my conduct as reported to you while I was sick at "Fire Isl. Light" Station was not received from persons who are themselves fit to make such statements. They do not explain that they were



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both in jail and are not officially married, also that they had a member of their family living at Station who was in family way and not married. I understand that the 2nd Asst. Keeper left Oct 1. due to inability to live with these persons. I explained all these matters to Mr Luther last month

You know I was at Sight 2 yrs 7 months with clean record. I have an honorable discharge U. S. Navy with 5 (excellent) 4. 8 (very good) for 4½ yrs. conduct sobriety

Hoping you will be able to give me some information as to my future advancement I remain,

Very respectfully
Norman B. Levine
25 South St N.Y.

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October 1, 1926.

U. S. Employees Compensation Commission,
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Alleged disability of Norman B. Devine.

REFERENCE: Your letter of September 23, 1926, File #195969.

Sirs:

1. Enclosed is copy of letter dated September 27, 1926, from Isaac Karlin, at present keeper of Fire Island Light Station, who was employed as 1st assistant at this station when Mr. Devine was keeper, in which he states that Mr. Devine painted the inside of lens room or lantern, from 9 A.M. to noon on May 3rd, and that there is no record to indicate that he did further painting work between May 3rd and May 11th, when he became insane. The tower has a door at the base, several windows in the tower itself, and a door as well as ventilators in the upper portion of the tower, which provides ample ventilation for all purposes.

2. Copies of following papers are enclosed, which will supply additional information concerning the case of Mr. Devine:

Copy of Superintendent's telephone memorandum dated May 11,

Copy of Asst. Superintendent's telephone memorandum dated May 11,

Copy of report of Asst. Superintendent O. C. Luther, dated May 17.

3. At the time Mr. Devine became insane, Mr. Devine's wife verbally stated to a representative of this office, that Mr. Devine on a previous occasion, prior to his employment in this service, was insane.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

Third District
Fire Island Station
September 27, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouse,

Received your letter dated September 24, 1926, in regard to former keeper Devine painting the inside of the tower. On May 3, 1926, he painted the inside of the light or the lens room which he himself painted from the hour of 9 A.M. until noon-time.

There are no other records of his work from May May 3, 1926, until May 12, 1926 which is the time I was put in charge of the station.

Isaac Karlin

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

T.C

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island, Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept, 27, , 1926

Superintendent of Lighthouse,

Received your letter dated September 24, 1926, in regard to former keeper Devine painting the inside of the tower, On May 3, 1926, he painted the inside of the light or the Lens room which he himself painted from the hour of 9. A, M, until noon time,

There are no other records of his work from May 3, 1926 until May 12, 1926 which the time I was put in Charge of the Station,

Keeper Isaac Harlin

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September 24, 1926.

Keeper Fire Island Light Station,
Bay Shore, L. I.

SUBJECT: Alleged disability of Norman B. Devine, on May 13, 1926.

1. Please inform this office if any painting on the inside of the tower was being done at the time former keeper Devine became insane, and if so, state the date on which Mr. Devine was personally employed on this painting work, and the approximate time each day that he was employed in painting the inside of the tower.

SUPERINTENDENT.

1st T.C. received Oct.

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SECRETARY

In reply refer to File No. 195969

September 23, 1926.

Superintendent,
U.S. Lighthouse Service,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:

Reference is made to disability alleged to have been suffered by Norman B. Devine on May 13, 1926.

The Commission desires further information relative to this case. Witnesses should be interviewed and statements forwarded as to all facts in connection with the disability, also how long claimant was engaged in painting or for what length of time he was exposed to paint fumes. What ventilation was provided?

It is also requested that you advise this office whether the claimant had any mental peculiarities previous to this difficulty, what records you may have of previous sick leave, and the causes.

Very truly yours,

Edward C Ernst

EDWARD C. ERNST, M.D.,
Medical Director.

COPY:JW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
WASHINGTON

RG/jrm

September 9, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,
c/o Seamen's Church Institute,
25 South Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

1. In reference to your letter of August 23 in regard to reemployment in the Lighthouse Service, which was addressed to Secretary Hoover and referred to this office:

2. This service would be pleased to give consideration to your reemployment as a seaman or as a laborer at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot upon the occurrence of a vacancy in one of these positions. It is suggested that you advise the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, of your desires with reference to such employment.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissionger of Lighthouses.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

BAY SHORE, N. Y.

OFFICE OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT
FOURTH DISTRICT
Fire Island Station.

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September 7, 1926

Mr J.T.Yates
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Being in charge of former keeper Mr Norman B.Devine during the time of his illness before going to the hospital and accompanying him to the hospital I feel that I should write you concerning his illness as I am informed he has been pronounced physically fit for duty by the Public Health Service.

My candid opinion is that Devine was not suffering from a mental derangement but was suffering from a slight nervous disorder due to worry over personal affairs. At no time during his temporary illness was he rough or disorderly and while under my observation while officer in charge of this station he appeared to be a trustworthy and well qualified person.

I am glad that he is able to get back to work again as he has a wife and child to support and hope that you will give his case every consideration.

Very truly Yours

J.S.Fletcher

J.S.Fletcher
Officer in charge.

FWO:FM

September 1, 1926.

Masonic Employment Exchange,
46 West 24th Street,
New York, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Employment of Norman B. Devine.

REFERENCE: Telephone conversation and your letter August 31, 1926.

Sirs:

The contents of your letter have been noted. It may be stated that Mr. Devine has recently called at this office for interview on several occasions in reference to the matter of employment and this office has no objection to his calling here again if he so desires.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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NEW YORK,

August 31st, 1926.

Mr. J. T. Yates, Superintendent
Lighthouse Service
Department of Commerce
Staten Island, N.Y.

RE: Re-employment as Keeper
Norman B. Devine
Seaman's Church Institute
25 South Street, N.Y.C.

My dear Mr. Yates:

Referring to our telephone conversation of this morning, relative to the above ex-employe of your service.

I have had another interview with Mr. Devine and if consistent to you I would strongly suggest that you give this man the opportunity of a personal interview, as your records as explained to me, do not agree with his statements, and if it is agreeable to you to review the case, I think it would be a matter of justice to the man seeking reinstatement.

He seems to have a Doctor's Certificate from the United States Public Health Service, Marine Hospital, and I think that some of his items of record relative to his performance at Fire Island may justify a review. In any event I wish to thank you for your courtesy in the matter and if you can give Mr. Devine a hearing, I think it will help his cause with you.

Very truly yours,

THE MASONIC EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

W. D. Manson

William D. Manson
Manager.

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J.W.O.—J.H.B.

He has been very ill several times lately and he was ordered out
Had no opening but he might try the vessels. He wanted to know
if his recent illness affected his case. told him it probably would
Thank you very much for your courtesy in this matter.

Aug 30, 1926

To:- Hon. J. J. Yates Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine ex. Keeper Fire Isl.
Subject:- Your letter May 21.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter to my wife in the matter of reinstatement as Keeper Wlhs. Dots the fact that you have so many other matters to look after would like to remind you that I have been discharged from Hospital since July 20. I was passed last week by two doctors of Marine Hosp. U. S. P. H. Service who certified that I am fit to assume my duties as Keeper Wlhs. I have a Able Seamen cert. would



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work on tender as Quartermaster until you have a light if a billet is open for me. I do not want to loose my time of 2 yrs 7 months in service if possible.

Hoping you will give some information on this matter as soon as convient to you etc. I thank you in advance for you kind attention to this matter. I remain

Very respectfull

Norman B. Lewis

Seamen Inn.

N.Y.

P.S.- My wife's brother Thomas Emery was killed in action in France 1918

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Seamen's Church Institute
of New York
25 South Street
New York

August 27, 1926.
August 31, 1926.

To:- Hon. Walter Hoover, Sec. of the Department of Commerce.

N. B. Devine,
c/o Seamen's Church Institute of N.Y..
25 South Street.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

SUBJECT: Reemployment.
REFERENCE: Your letter August 30, 1926.

You are advised that there are no vacancies at light stations in this District at the present time for which you might be considered. As you were verbally advised when you recently called at this office, if you so desire, your name will be considered for employment as seaman on one of the tenders in this District. If you would accept such a position please so advise.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

I remain,

Very respectfully,
Norman B. Devine,
25 South St.
N.Y.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
August 30, 1926.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for remark and return.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

Seamen's Church Institute
of New York
25 South Street
New York

August 23, 1926.

To:- Hon. Walter Hoover, Sec. of the Department of Commerce.

From:- Norman B. Devine, ex-keeper Fire Island Light Station.

Subject: Sickness.

Dear Sir:-

Having left hospital where I was confined for nine weeks due to sickness in the line of duty caused by two and one half years service on Fire Island Light, I am unable to get employment in service.

As I served in World War, have two honorable discharges for 8 years total service also a commission as Ens. Esnrf. My wife's brother was killed in action in France.

Hoping you will use your influence to get me a position in Lighthouse Service as soon as convenient to you, I thank you in advance for your kind consideration etc. It does not matter whether it is in 3rd or 4th Districts.

I remain,

Very respectfully,
Norman B. Devine,
25 South St.
N.Y.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
August 30, 1926.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for remark and return.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

FWO:HL

Returned to Commissioner. September 7, 1926.

Mr. Devine was formerly employed as 2nd Asst., 1st Asst. and Keeper at Fire Island Light Station, he having entered the Service on October 20, 1923 and his services were discontinued without prejudice effective at the close of June 4, 1926, after he had become insane at the station and was taken in charge by representatives of the Coast Guard Service and taken ashore where he was confined in an institution for the insane. The circumstances of the case having been described in letter from this office of May 21, 1926. When investigating the occurrence this office received information to the effect that Mr. Devine had become mentally unbalanced on a previous occasion before his employment in this Service. As it appears that Mr. Devine has been insane on two occasions and as light stations in most cases are necessarily in isolated locations where medical or other assistance is not readily available in the event of a recurrence which might result in serious injury to himself as well as others, this office cannot see its way clear to recommend his reemployment at a light station. As Mr. Devine was recently advised when he called at this office, consideration would be given if he so desired to the matter of his employment as seaman on a tender when such a position was open. Mr. Devine did not state whether or not he would be interested in such a position. Consideration could also be given to the matter giving Mr. Devine employment as laborer at this Depot when such a position is open as in such a position he would be working with other men and also constantly under observation. Should Mr. Devine desire to be considered for either of these two positions and will so advise this office, further consideration can be given to his case when vacancies as seaman or laborer occur.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. OCKENFELS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

RG/jrm

3rd

September 9, 1926.



Mr. Norman B. Devine,
c/o Seamen's Church Institute,
25 South St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

1. In reference to your letter of August 23 in regard to re-employment in the Lighthouse Service, which was addressed to Secretary Hoover and referred to this office;

2. This service would be pleased to give consideration to your reemployment as a seaman or as a laborer at the Staten Island Lighthouse Depot upon the occurence of a vacancy in one of these positions. It is suggested that you advise the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Staten Island, New York, of your desires with reference to such employment.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy for 3rd Superintendent

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REPORT OF INCAPACITY

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[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through official channels, as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which results in any medical charge against the Compensation Commission or in any loss of time other than the remainder of the day or shift on which injury occurred. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment.

1. Department Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or office Lighthouse [Engineer, Navigation, etc.]
3. Place of employment Fire Island Light Station [Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.], Fire Island [City.], N. Y. [State.]
4. Reporting office Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. [Location of reporting office or division headquarters.]
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when incapacity occurred J. T. Yates, Superintendent

The injured employee.

6. Name of incapacitated employee Norman B. Devine [Give first name in full.] 7. Age 34 8. Sex Male
9. Home address 45 N 10th St. [Street and number.], Philadelphia [City or town.], Pa. [State.]
10. Married, ~~Single, Widowed, or Divorced?~~ [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? Yes If not, what language? incapacity
12. Race White 13. Was incapacity reported to official superior within 48 hours after incapacity? Yes
14. Was incapacity caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No
(b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? No
(c) Employee's intoxication? No
[If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]
15. Occupation and division Keeper [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? Yes If not, what work?
17. How long employed at present work?
18. How long at present work in this establishment? Since October 20, 1923
19. Rate of pay, $1560. per annum and subsistence valued at $ per
20. Employee begins work at Keeper's watch [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m. 21. Regular day's work terminates Keeper's watch [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m.
22. Hours worked per day as necessary 23. Days worked per week 7
24. Date employee stopped work May 13, day of week Saturday; hour of day close of day m.
25. Date employee's pay stopped June 4; day of week; Friday; hour of day close of day [a. m. or p. m.] m.

The injury.

26. Date of incapacity May 13 27. Day of week Saturday 28. Hour of day [a. m. or p. m.] m
29. Place where incapacity occurred Fire Island Light Station [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.]
30. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which incapacity occurred
(a) By what kind of power driven? (b) Hand feed or mechanical?
(c) Part on which incapacity occurred
(d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of incapacity?
If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard?
(e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work?
(f) Was employee instructed as to its use?
31. Describe in full how incapacity occurred While painting inside of tower around light, also standing watch at night in same place, employee had a severe attack of painter's colic which brought on nervous and temporary mental derangement.
32. State part of body incapacitated and nature and extent of incapacity, marking upon chart on reverse of this report site of incapacity Temporary mental derangement
33. Did incapacity cause loss of any member or part of member? No If so, describe exactly

Medical attendance.

34. Name and address of physician who first attended case Dr. King, Bay Shore, L. I., N. Y.
35. How soon after incapacity? May 13, 1926
36. Employee went to State Hospital Location Central Island, L.I.,N.Y.
37. If not sent to hospital, where sent?
38. Name and address of physician now attending case Surgeon in Charge, State Hospital, Central Island, L.I., N. Y.
39. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? No
40. What is probable length of disability for work? Employee goes to hospital once each week for treatment
[If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

General.

41. Names and addresses of witnesses to incapacity
Capt. Fletcher, Coast Guard Station, Fire Island, N. Y.
Marvin Barrett, 1st Asst. Keeper, Fire Island Light Station, N. Y.
42. Was employee incapacitated while in performance of duty? Yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement
43. Was incapacity caused under circumstances creating a liability upon some person other than the United States to pay damages therefor? No
[If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this 30th day of August, 1926
at Staten Island, N. Y.
J. T. YATES [Signature of reporting officer.]
Superintendent [Title.]

C. A. 2
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Revised to June 1, 1921

[OVER.]

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, Washington, D. C., through official channels, as soon as practicable after any injury to a civil employee of the United States sustained while in the performance of duty which results in any medical charge against the Compensation Commission or in any loss of time other than the remainder of the day or shift on which injury occurred. This form should be accompanied by C. A. 1.]

Place of employment.

1. Department of Commerce [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or office Lighthouse [Engineer, Navigation, etc.] D. C.
3. Place of employment Fire Isl. Light Station [Arsenal, Navy Yard, etc.] [City.] N.Y. [State.]
4. Reporting office Lighthouse Dept. State Isl. N. Y. [Location of reporting office or division headquarters.]
5. Name of superintendent or foreman in charge when injury occurred

The injured employee.

6. Name of injured employee Norman B. Dennis [Give first name in full.] 7. Age 34 8. Sex male
9. Home address 45 N. 16th St. [Street and number.] Phila. [City or town.] Pa [State.]
10. Married, ~~single, widowed~~. [Cross out two words.] 11. Speak English? yes If not, what language?
12. RACE white 13. Was injury reported to official superior within 48 hours after injury? yes
14. Was injury caused by:
(a) Willful misconduct of the employee? no
(b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of himself or another? no
(c) Employee's intoxication? no
[If any answers to these questions are made in the affirmative, the reporting officer should make an additional statement giving the reason for his conclusion and forward same with this report.]
15. Occupation and division Keeper Fire Isl. L. S. [Give both, as laborer, hull division; helper, machine shop, etc.] 16. Was employee doing his regular work? yes If not, what work?
17. How long employed at present work? 2½ yrs
18. How long at present work in this establishment? 2½ yrs
19. Dates of other injuries
20. Rate of pay, $ per and subsistence valued at $ per
21. Employee begins work at m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] 22. Regular day's work terminates m. [Hour, a. m. or p. m.]
23. Hours worked per day 24. Days paid per week
25. Date employee stopped work May 13; day of week ; hour of day 1 [a. m. or p. m.] m.
26. Date employee's pay stopped June 4; day of week ; hour of day [a. m. or p. m.] m.

The injury.

27. Date of ~~injury~~ incapacity May 1 28. Day of week 29. Hour of day m. [a. m. or p. m.]
30. Place where injury occurred Fire Isl. Light Station [Give exact location, as name or number of building and division, etc.]
31. Name of machine, tool, or appliance in connection with which injury occurred
(a) By what kind of power driven? (b) Hand feed or mechanical?
(c) Part on which injury occurred
(d) Was an improved safeguard in use at time of injury?
If not, is it possible to provide such safeguard?
(e) Was the machine, tool, or appliance out of order or ill-suited for the work?
(f) Was employee instructed as to its use?
32. Describe in full how injury occurred While painting inside of tower around light also standing watch at night in same place had a severe attack of painters colic which brought on nervous and temporary mental derangement.
33. State part of body injured and nature and extent of injury, marking upon chart on reverse of this report site of injury
34. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? no If so, describe exactly

Medical attendance.

35. Name and address of physician who first attended case Dr. King Bay Shore L.I. N.Y.
36. How soon after ~~injury~~ incapacity? Until sent to hospital
37. To what hospital sent? State Hospital Location Central Isl. L.I. N.Y.
38. If not sent to hospital, where sent?
39. Name and address of physician now attending case
40. Was transportation furnished at Government expense? no.
41. What is probable length of disability for work? [If injured employee has already returned to work, give date and hour.]

General.

42. Names and addresses of witnesses to injury
Capt. Fletcher of Coast Guard Station at Fire Isl
Marvin Barrett Fire Isl " " (1st Keeper)
43. Was employee ~~injured~~ incapacated while in performance of duty? yes If not, or in doubt, give detailed statement
44. Was injury caused by other than a Government employee or agency?
[If so, a detailed statement should be forwarded with this report.]

Signed this day of , 192
at [Signature of reporting officer.]
[Title.]

COPY:MR

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LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

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NOTICE OF INJURY

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(To be submitted to the official superior for transmission with the report of injury, C. A. 2, to the United States Employees' Compensation Commission by every employee injured in the performance of his duty, or some one on his behalf, within forty-eight hours after the injury. This notice shall be given by delivering it personally to the official superior or by depositing it in the mail properly stamped and addressed to the official superior. It should be retained by the official superior unless the injury is one for which C. A. 2 must be submitted, when it should be forwarded with that report to the Compensation Commission.)

New York (City or town.), N. Y. (State.)

25 South St., (Street and number.)

Aug. 26 (Date of this notice.), 19 26

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was ~~injured~~ incapacitated for in the performance of my duties on May 13 (Date.), 19 26

(Day of week.), (Hour, a. m. or p. m.) m.

1. The ~~injury~~ incapacity occurred at Fire Island Light Station (Give name of navy yard, arsenal, or post office, etc., where injury occurred.);

in the following manner: After painting inside of tower I had an attack of colic and dysentery, which brought on nervouc and temporary mental derangement.

2. Cause of ~~injury~~ incapacity Painter's colic and nervousness

3. Nature of ~~injury~~ incapacity Nervous disorders

4. Was this ~~injury~~ incapacity caused by your—

(a) Willful misconduct? No

(b) Intention to bring about the injury or death of yourself or of another? No

(c) Intoxication? No

5. Names of witnesses to ~~injury~~ derangement:

Capt. Fletcher of Coast Guard Station, Fire Island

Marvin Barrett, 1st Asst. Keeper

(Name) Norman B. Devine

This paper is not a claim for compensation. Before compensation can be paid, written claim on Commission's Form CA 4, with doctor's certificate showing disability for work, must be submitted.

C. A. 1
Revised to April 15, 1919

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Aug 18, 1926
Atlantic City.

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine Ex. Keeper Fire Isl.
Subject:- Change of address.

Dear Sir:-

I am now living at 622 Atlantic Ave. Atlantic City with mother. As it is now over four months since I left Fire Isl. would like to get back in service as soon as possible.

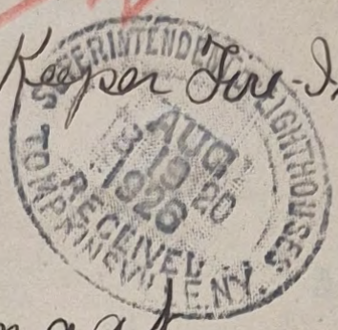
Fell and look very well weigh 158 lbs. If you could give me any temporary work around Depot, until I could get on light would be glad to hear of same. Hoping to hear from you, thanking you in advance for trouble etc. I remain

Very respectfull
Norman B. Devine
622 Atlantic Ave
Atlantic City
N.J.

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FWO-JHG

Norman B. Devine,
622 Atlantic Avenue,
Atlantic City, N. J.

August 30, 1926

SUBJECT: Employment.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug. 18, 1926.

1. You are advised there are no vacancies at the present time for which you could be considered for reemployment. Your letter, however, will be placed on file and your name given consideration when any vacancies occur.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Aug. 2, 1926

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N. Y.

From:- Norman B. Devine ex-Keeper Fire-Isl.

Subject:- Your letter July 26, 1926

Dear Sir:-

In reference to your letter which states employment as "keeper."

When I put in for transfer when I was appointed keeper, said paper stated would accept position as 1st and 2nd Ass. Keeper which still is satisfactory to me.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as convenient to you I thank you in advance for your kind consideration in this matter I remain

Very respectfull

Norman B. Devine
U. S. Naval Radio Sta.
Sayville
L. I.

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FWO-JHG

Norman B. Devine,
U. S. Naval Radio Station,
Sayville, L.I., N. Y.

July 27,1926

SUBJECT: Reemployment as Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 24,1926.

1. You are advised there are no vacancies at the present time in the position of Keeper. Your letter, however, has been placed on file and your name will be given consideration when any vacancies occur.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Pen—ans no use at present.



July 24 1926.

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine
Subject:- Discharge from hospital.

Dear Sir:-

I was discharged from State Hospital this day.

Hoping you can give me employment either tempory or permentent, as soon as convient for you, awaiting your orders, I remain

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine
U. S. Naval Radio Sta.
Sayville
L. I.

FWO:HL

July 16, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,
Ward S-1,
New York State Hospital,
Central Islip, N. Y.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 13, and this office is glad to note that you are improving. In reference to the matter of re-employment, it is suggested that after you have been discharged from the hospital that you notify this office of the fact and consideration may then be given to the matter of re-employment, according to such vacancies as may exist at the time.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

July 13, 1926.

To:- Supertendent of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N. Y.

From:- Norman B. Devine ex. Keeper Fire Isl. L. S.

Subject:- Sickness.

Dear Sir:-

As I expect to be discharged from this hospital soon have been working, eating and sleeping regular since arrival.

Due to isolated location of Fire Isl. have in last 2½ yrs. experienced many difficulties but tried to preform and do my duity to the best of my ability under these trying conditions I am very sorry I was compelled to leave station without being properly releived etc., but as station was inspected by Mr. Luther and everything was O. K. my feeling were very much releived.

Hoping you have a suitable billet, and can use my service again would like to get located so as I can send my son to school as he is of age this fall. This is first time I have ever been in any hospital in my life.

I have been passed by U.S. Navy, U.S. Public Health Service U.S. Army Surgeons and doctors for various Gov. positions about twenty times.

Hoping you will be able to take some action on this matter I thank you in advance for the trouble and inconvience I may cause you I remain,

Very respectfull,
Norman B. Devine

New York State Hospital
Central Islip.
Ward 3-1 N. Y.

FWC-JHG

G. A. Smith, M.D., Superintendent,
Central Islip Hospital,
Central Islip, L.I., N. Y.

June 14,1926

Sir:-

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, former Keeper of Fire Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 12,1926.

1. In reference to the matter of Mr.Norman D. Devine formerly employed as lighthouse keeper at Fire Island Light Station, New York; you are advised that there is no provision for a sick benefit for lighthouse keepers, the only provision in that respect being the law governing the matter of retirement which includes a disability provision, but this law requires a period of service of at least fifteen (15) years, and this would therefore not be applicable to Mr.Devine, since he was employed for only a little over two years. In view of the foregoing there are no means available whereby relief on account of illness might be extended to Mr.Devine.

Respectfully

J. H. Yates

Superintendent

FWO-JHB

Mrs. Norman B. Devine,
79 West Main Street,
Bay Shore, N. Y.

June 14,1926

Madam:

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of services of Norman B. Devine as Keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office May 21,1926.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated June 4,1926, addressed to your husband, Norman B. Devine, discontinuing his services, without prejudice, on account of his physical condition, as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, effective at the close of June 4,1926. Check in payment of his services for the period from June 1st to 4th,inclusive, will be forwarded to you in the near future.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 90-Adm.

STATE OF NEW YORK—CENTRAL ISLIP STATE HOSPITAL

CENTRAL ISLIP, LONG ISLAND

G. A. SMITH, M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT



June 12th, 1926.

Re-Norman Devine.

"Privileged Communication Confidential."

Mr. Yates,
Supt. of Lighthouses,
Dept. of Commerce,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Norman Devine was admitted to this hospital for a mental condition 5-12-26 and gives a history of having been employed as a lighthouse keeper on Fire Island, Suffolk County, for approximately two and a half years.

After his commitment his wife and child moved to Bay Shore and can be addressed at the Fourth Avenue House, Bay Shore, L.I.

Mr. Devine has the impression that there is a sick benefit for lighthouse keepers in Federal Service.

I would appreciate it greatly if you would inform me whether this impression is correct and if so, is he eligible for any benefit or allowance for his present illness.

Will you please send me any necessary papers or application blanks which may be required?

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

G.A. SMITH, MD.,

Superintendent.

EBB/MMB.

1926 N. B. Devine

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Telephone Memorandum

May 11, 1926

10:50 A.M.

Coast Guard Station, Telephone Bayshore 743 called on telephone stating that Keeper Devine, Fire Island Light Station had become insane, and that they now had him in their care at the Coast Guard Station, that he was in bad-condition, that he had a gun which they had taken away from him and were now guarding him from injuring himself; had been examined by a doctor there to ascertain his condition and asked what necessary steps to be taken to commit him. Advised that we would take the matter up with the Public Health Service and call them back as soon as possible.

J. T. YATES

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Form 307
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

FWO:FH

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

May 11, 1926.

Fire Island Light Station, Third District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

Dr. W. H. Hulse,
41 Ocean Avenue,
Bay Shore,
Long Island, N. Y.

Fire Island, N. Y.
(Place.)

May 11, 1926. 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Bay Shore, Long Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Telephone conversation with your office of this date.

Sir:

1. It appears that Keeper Devine of Fire Island Light Station has become mentally unbalanced and this office has today arrange with the Commander of the Coast Guard Service at Bay Shore to have Devine taken from Fire Island to your office for examination and such treatment or disposition as may be found necessary. Keeper Devine is entitled to receive free treatment from the Public Health Service in accordance with the Act of August 28, 1916. Formal request for furnishing necessary treatment to him is enclosed.

2. Will you kindly advise this office in due time as to the result of your examination of Keeper Devine, and if possible, advise as to whether his disability is of a temporary nature or likely to remain permanent. Any possible information as to the length of time Keeper Devine may be incapacitated for duty will of course be of interest and appreciated.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

Title Keeper, Fire Island Light Station.

Nativity, United States Age, 32 years. Height, feet inches.

Color of eyes, Light blue Color of hair, Light brown.

Distinguishing marks, Cut on index finger on left hand at middle joint.

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, October 20, 1923.

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

September 17, , 24 .

(Title of officer signing request)
Superintendent, 3rd L.H. Dist.

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

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Form 207
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

(READ AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.)

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

Fire Island Light Station, Third District.
(Name of vessel, station, etc.)

Fire Island, N. Y.
(Place.)

May 11, 1926., 19

To the Medical Officer in Charge,

U. S. Public Health Service,

Bay Shore, Long Island, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby requested to examine Norman B. Devine
(Name and title of person to be examined.)
in the U. S. Lighthouse Service, attached to the station or vessel above named, and, if in need of medical treatment, to furnish him with such medical treatment as the case may require. The signature and description of the applicant appear below. This person is ~~is not~~ entitled to free treatment by the Public Health Service.

Signature of person named above.....

Title Keeper, Fire Island Light Station.

Nativity, United States. Age, 32 years. Height, 5 feet 5 inches.

Color of eyes, Light blue. Color of hair Light brown

Distinguishing marks, Cut on index finger on left hand at knuckle joint.

*Date of original appointment in the Lighthouse Service, October 20, 1923.

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FWO:FM

May 11, 1926.

Commanding Officer,
U. S. Coast Guard Service,
Bay Shore,
Long Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island Light Station.

REFERENCE: Telephone conversation of this date.

Sir:

This office desires to express to you its thorough appreciation of your courtesy and assistance rendered in connection with Keeper Devine of Fire Island Light Station, who it appears has become mentally unbalanced and who you have kindly consented to transport from Fire Island to the Public Health Service physician at Bay Shore.

Respectfully,

J. F. YATES,

Superintendent.

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NORMAN B. DEVINE - KEEPER, FIRE ISLAND LIGHT STATION

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11:30 a.m.

1. Called the Coast Guard Commander, telephone: Bay Shore 743, and told him that I had been in communication with the office of Doctor Hulse and that the best time for him to see Devine was at about 5 p.m. today. I asked the Commander if it would be convenient for him to arrange to have Devine taken from Fire Island to Bay Shore. He stated that it might be difficult as Devine might decline to go to Bay Shore. He then consulted some one else in his office after which he stated that the keeper's wife would arrange for a private physician to call and see the keeper and give him a hypodermic to facilitate taking him from Fire Island to Bay Shore. The Commander then stated that he would arrange to have his men take Devine to Bay Shore and to the office of doctor Hulse at about 5 p.m.

2. The Commander mentioned that he had previously taken the Devine matter up with the State Troopers but that they stated they were unable to take any action as they had not seen the man do anything wrong.

3. The Commander also raised the question as to what was to be done with Devine after he had seen the doctor, as owing to his condition he should be confined. I told him that doctor Hulse would no doubt be aware of the proper or best method to pursue as to placing Devine under confinement, and that if there were no other means practicable or available, Devine could probably be turned over to the local authorities and sent to the State Hospital at Central Islip.

4. I thank the Coast Guard Commander for his interest and assistance already rendered, also for his courtesy in undertaking to take Devine from Fire Island to turn him over to the doctor at Bay Shore.

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Office of W. A. Hulse, Contract Physician,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Bay Shore, N.Y., May 12, 1926.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 13 1926
RECEIVED
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Mr. J. T. Yates,
Superintendent of Light Houses,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to yours of May 11th, stating that Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, would be brought over to me yesterday (May 11th) and up to the present time I have not seen the patient but understand he has a private physician and is now in a private hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y., therefore he does not come under my care.

I am perfectly willing to treat him if he is brought to my office and give him necessary attention.

Very respectfully,

W. A. HULSE,
Contract Physician, USPHS.

1st

Subject: Fire Island Lt Sta:
Keepers mental condition

I learned on arrival in Bay Shore that Keeper Devine had been examined by two physicians, pronounced insane and committed to the State Hospital at Central Islip N Y.

Dr King, one of the examiners told me that Devine was suffering from overwork and nervous strain and would probably be out of the hospital in a couple of months.

Dr Hulse informed me that the case was ended so far as the Government is concerned as there is no way of obtaining release from the institution, when legally committed, until discharged as cured.

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Mrs.Devine will remain at the station pending the development of the case or until notified to leave. She has turned over the keys to supply closet and the station record to first assistant Karlin, who understands that he is responsible for the station in the absence of the keeper.

Asst.Karlin said that the gun that referred to in phone message from Coast Guard was not loaded..

The two assistants can do the routine work of station for a while, but will not be able to make much progress with the painting and whitewashing until another keeper is provided.

It seems advisable in case a permanent keeper is decided to be necessary for this station that a man of strong character, and able to handle men, be selected for the position of Keeper. Neither of the assistant keepers are suitable for keeper.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ O. C. LUTHER

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FWC-JHB

Mrs. Norman B. Devine,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

May 21,1926

SUBJECT: Illness of Keeper Devine.

Madam:-

1. This office very much regrets the fact that your husband, Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, has become incapacitated for duty, and trust that he may have a speedy recovery.

2. As the time of his recovery is of course somewhat indefinite, and as the operation of the light station cannot of course be permitted to be impaired in the meantime it is necessary that action be taken. In view of this, steps have been taken to discontinue, without prejudice, the services of Mr. Devine as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, effective at the close of June 4,1926, this action being taken with a view of considering Mr. Devine upon his recovery for reinstatement in connection with such suitable vacancies as may later occur. In this connection it may be stated that another keeper will not be sent to Fire Island Light Station until about June 8, and there is no objection to your remaining at the station in the meantime if you so desire.

Respectfully,

J.T. Yates

Superintendent

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1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the 1st Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta.

May 21,1926

2. As Keeper Devine is at present confined in an institution for the insane and as it is necessarily very uncertain as to when he may sufficiently recover to enable him to resume duty as a lighthouse keeper, and also as it is not considered advisable in the event of his recovery to have him return to duty as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., it is recommended that the services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper is Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., with pay at the rate of $1560 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of June 4,1926, which includes leave granted.

3. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Devine has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

4. Should Mr. Devine recover his health it is the intention of this office to consider him for reinstatement when a vacancy occurs at a suitable station.

J. T. Yates

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd Dist.
May 28, 1926.

Returned to Commissioner.

1. Mr. Devine is at present in the state Hospital for the insane at Center Islip, N. Y., and is therefore not receiving any treatment from the Public Health Service. Should Mr. Devine recover, in view of the nature of his incapacity for duty, it is not considered that it would be either to the interest of the Service or to the interest of Mr. Devine to have him return to duty as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and therefore, this office cannot see that the authorization of a temporary additional position would be of any benefit. In the event of Mr. Devine's recovery, it is proposed to consider him for reinstatement in connection with such suitable vacancies as may occur at stations other than Fire Island.

2. Mr. Devine has been in the Service only since October 20, 1923 when he was appointed 2nd Assistant Keeper at Fire Island Light Station.

J. T. YATES

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ O. C. LUTHER

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; May 21,1926

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

1. The following memorandums re Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Memo re phone message received by Supt.Yates May 11th.
b - Memo re phone conversations with Dr.Hulse and Coast Guard Commander, May 11th, by 1st Asst.Supt. Ockenfels.
c - Copy of report of visit to Fire Island Lt.Sta. by Asst.Supt.Luther on May 17th.

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4. Should Mr.Devine recover his health it is the intention of this office to consider him for reinstatement when a vacancy occurs at a suitable station.

J. T. Yates

May 21,1926

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta. are to be later discontinued. Pay him <u>now</u> for services rendered from May 1st to 11th, inc.

Orders will be issued later as to when and for what further period he is to be paid.

1st Asst. Supt.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd Dist.
May 28, 1926.

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J. T. YATES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Lighthouses
Washington

May 26, 1926.

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Incl.

SUBJECT: 3d Superintendent's letter May 21, Norman B. Devine, medical treatment.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y., with statement that in order to maintain a status, if any, for free medical treatment from the Public Health Service, separation does not seem proper, but rather the authorization of a temporary additional position. The latter would seem the proper course under the circumstances and your further report and recommendation is requested.

J. S. CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

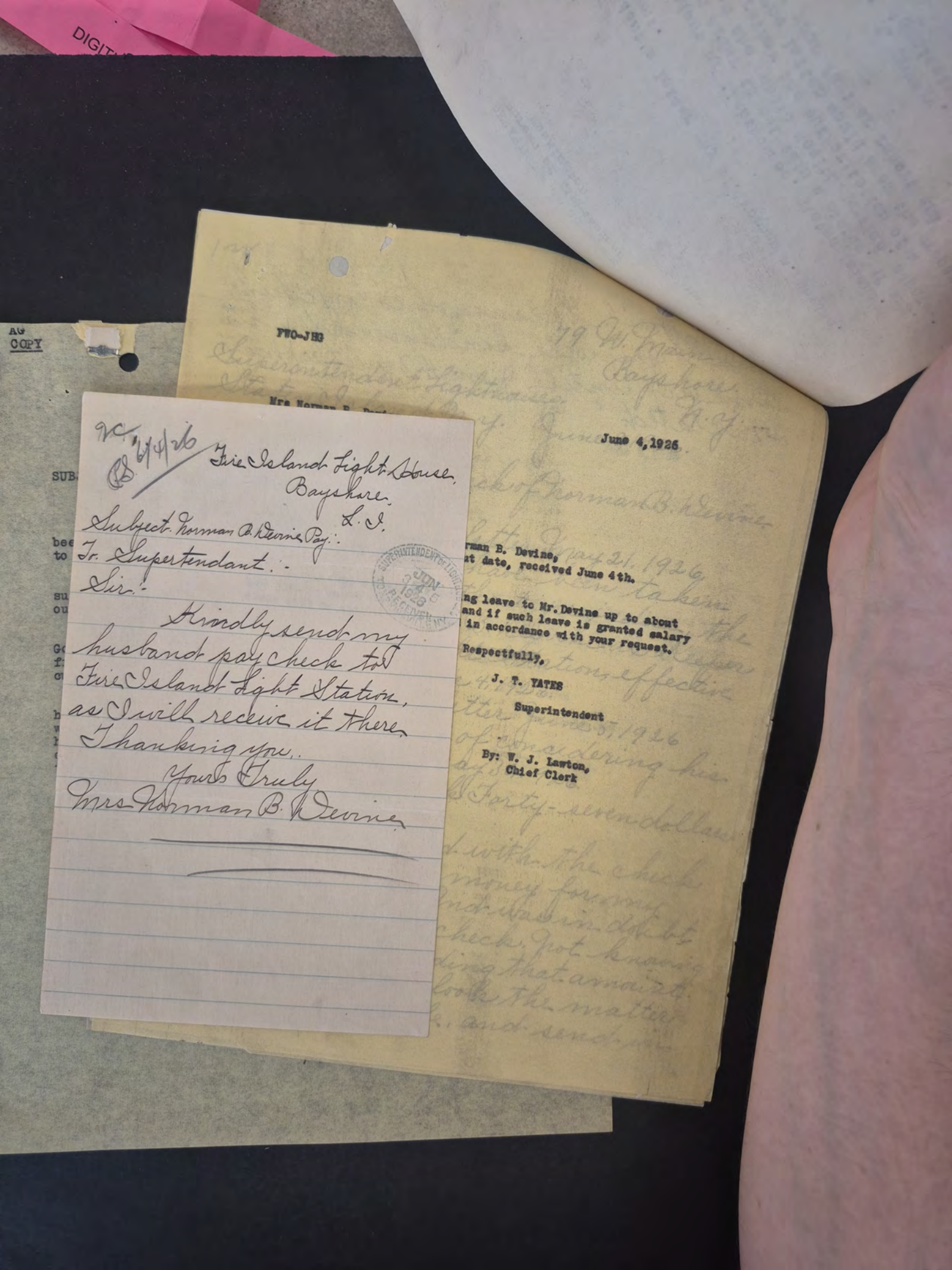
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J. T. YATES



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June 4, 1926

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in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Fire Island Light House.
Bayshare.
L. I.

Subject. Norman B. Devine Pay.

Jr. Superintendant.

Sir.

Kindly send my husband pay check to Fire Island Light Station, as I will receive it there.

Thanking you.

Yours Truly
Mrs. Norman B. Devine

FWO-JHG

June 4,1926

Mrs Norman B. Devine,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

Madam:-

SUBJECT: Salary check of Norman B. Devine,
REFERENCE: Your letter, without date, received June 4th.

1. The matter of granting leave to Mr. Devine up to about May 30th is under consideration, and if such leave is granted salary check will be sent to Fire Island in accordance with your request.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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79 W. Main
Bayshore.
L.I. N.Y.

Superintendent Lighthouses.
Staten Island. N.Y. June 8, 1926.

Subject:- Salary check of Norman B. Levine.

Sir:- Received a letter May 21, 1926 stating that steps have been taken to discontinue, without prejudice, the services of Norman B. Levine as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, effective at the close of June 4, 1926.
Received another letter June 5, 1926 stating the matter of considering his leave up to about May 30, 1926.
Also received a check Forty-seven dollars sixty seven cents.
Was very disappointed with the check as I am in need of money for my Baby and myself. And was in doubt if I should cash the check. Not knowing the mistake in sending that amount. Would you kindly looks the matter over soon as possible, and send in

June 9, 1926

...mail balance of salary check.
...ing you will kindly consider his
...ine suspension till June 4th as letter May
...1, stated.

Respectfully.

Mrs Norman B. Devine

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Mrs. Norman B. Devine,
79 West Main Street,
Bay Shore, L.I., N. Y.

June 9,1926

Madam:-

SUBJECT: Salary check of Norman B. Devine.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 8,1926.

1. You are advised that salary check for services rendered by your husband, Norman B. Devine, as Keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta., for the balance of the month of May will be forwarded to you promptly. The check previously sent you was for the period for May 1st to 11th and was correct.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ O. C. LUTHER

June 4, 1926.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of your physical condition, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper at $1560 per annum at Fire Island Light Station, New York, effective at the close of June 4, 1926.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., copy to Asst.

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May 17, 1926.

SUBJECT: Fire Island Light Station,
Keeper's mental condition.

I learned on arrival in Bay Shore that Keeper Devine had been examined by two physicians, pronounced insane and committed to the State Hospital at Central Islip, N. Y.

Dr. King, one of the examiners, told me that Devine was suffering from overwork and nervous strain and would probably be out of the hospital in a couple of months.

Dr. Hulse informed me that the case was ended as far as the Government is concerned as there is no way of obtaining release from the institution, when legally committed, until discharged as cured.

At Fire Island Light Station, Mrs. Devine informed me that her reason for employing Dr. King instead of the contract doctor, was that he had a private hospital and she didn't want to have her husband in an insane hospital as his mind is only mildly affected and she thought he would recover more quickly in a private than in a public hospital.

Mrs. Devine will remain at the station pending the development of the case or until notified to leave. She has turned over the keys to supply closet and the station record to first assistant Karlin, who understands that he is responsible for the station in the absence of the keeper.

Asst. Karlin said that the gun referred to in phone message from Coast Guard was not loaded.

The two assistants can do the routine work of station for a while, but will not be able to make much progress with the painting and whitewashing until another keeper is provided.

It seems advisable in case a permanent keeper is decided to be necessary for this station that a man of strong character, and able to handle men, be selected for the position of keeper. Neither of the assistant keepers are suitable for keeper.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ O. C. LUTHER

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May 11, 19[illegible].

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NORMAN B. DEVINE - KEEPER, FIRE ISLAND LIGHT STATION

At 11:50 a.m., called Doctor W. H. Hulse, 41 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, telephone: Bay Shore No. 3, who is the Public Health Service physician at that point. Doctor Hulse not in, but party in charge of office stated that he would be in for a few minutes at about 2 p.m. I stated that we desired to send to Doctor Hulse, Mr. Devine, the keeper of Fire Island Light Station who is reported as mentally unbalanced. The party in charge of office stated that about 5 p.m. would be the best time for the doctor to see him. I asked that a memorandum be left for the doctor stating that we would arrange to have Devine brought from Fire Island to Bay Shore in time so as to be at the doctor's office at about 5 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

1. Called the Coast Guard Commander, telephone: Bay Shore 743, and told him that I had been in communication with the office of Doctor Hulse and that the best time for him to see Devine was at about 5 p.m. today. I asked the Commander if it would be convenient for him to arrange to have Devine taken from Fire Island to Bay Shore. He stated that it might be difficult as Devine might decline to go to Bay Shore. He then consulted some one else in his office after which he stated that the keeper's wife would arrange for a private physician to call and see the keeper and give him a hypodermic to facilitate taking him from Fire Island to Bay Shore. The Commander then stated that he would arrange to have his men take Devine to Bay Shore and to the office of doctor Hulse at about 5 p.m.

2. The Commander mentioned that he had previously taken the Devine matter up with the State Troopers but that they stated they were umable to take any action as they had mot seen the man do anything wrong.

3. The Commander also raised the question as to what was to be done with Devine after he had seen the doctor, as owing to his condition he should be confined. I told him that doctor Hulse would no doubt be aware of the proper or best method to pursue as to placing Devine under confinement, and that if there were no other means practicable or available, Devine could probably be turned over to the local authorities and sent to the State Hospital at Central Islip.

4. I thank the Coast Guard Commander for his interest and assistance already rendered, also for his courtesy in undertaking to take Devine from Fire Island to turn him over to the doctor at Bay Shore.

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Telephone Memorandum May 11, 1926.

10:50 A.M.

Coast Guard Station, Telephone Bayshore 743 called on telephone stating that Keeper Devine, Fire Island Light Station had become insane, and that they now had him in their care at the Coast Guard Station, that he was in bad condition, that he had a gun which they had taken away from him and were now guarding him from injuring himself; had been examined by a doctor there to ascertain his condition and asked what necessary steps to be taken to commit him. Advised that we would take the matter up with the Public Health Service and call them back as soon as possible.

J. T. YATES.

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May 6, 1926.

Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Bayshore, L.I.

SUBJECT: Excessive leave.

REFERENCE: Your Form 65, for the month of April 1926.

1. Your Form 65, Monthly Report of Light Station shows that during the month of April, M. O. Barrett, 2nd Asst. Keeper exceeded his leave allowance by 1 day 5 hours.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that the monthly leave allowance for your station was 8 days which was the maximum amount allowed and not cumulative, should therefore not have been exceeded. You are directed to see that the excess leave taken in April is deducted from the allowance for the month of May.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

F.W.OCKENFELS

1st Asst. Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Fire Isl. Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Jan 22 1926

Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Bay Shore, New York

Jan. 19,1926

SUBJECT: Probation of Isaac Karlin, 1st Asst.Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Isaac Karlin, 1st Asst.Keeper of Fire Island Light Station will expire on March 16,1926. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man for his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in all respects why he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 22, 1926

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine Keeper
Subject:- Probation of 1st Ass. Keeper Isaac Karlin

Dear Sir:-

I. Karlin has preformed his duities and work in a fair manner since his arrival at this station, and is slowly showing a added interest to the service.

I gless he should receive a permanent appointment for the position he now holds

Very respectfull
Norman B. Devine
Keeper Usher.

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THIRD DISTRICT
Fire Island Light
(Station, Keeper or Vessel)

Jan. 29, 1926

Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, New York

Jan. 26,1926

SUBJECT: Probation of Isaac Karlin, 1st Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Jan.19th and your letter Jan. 22,1926.

1. Your letter dated Jan. 22,1926 relative to probation of Isaac Karlin, 1st Assistant Keeper, has been received, but your letter does not definitely state the information requested by letter from this office dated Jan.19th. You are directed to advise this office definitely by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent state fully and definitely in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isl Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Jan 29, 1926

To: Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman D. Devine Keeper.
Subject:- Probation of 1st Ass. Keeper I. Karlin.

Dear Sir:-

Issac Karlin services have been satisfactory, and in my opinion he is a suitable, and competent man to receive a permenent appointment in his present position

Very respectful
Norman D. Devine
Keeper. Vol Life Sv.

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE.
(This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service.)

Third Lighthouse District
Staten Island, N. Y.
(Bureau)

February 12,1926
(Date)

The Secretary of Commerce,
(The Chief of Appointment Division):

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on March 16,1926, 192 .

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

Name Isaac Kerlin

Position Keeper

Salary $1080 per annum

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Station Fire Island Lt.Sta., N. Y.

Date of entrance on duty Sept.17,1925

Remarks:

J. T. Yates
(Signature of immediate superior.)

Superintendent

SUBMITTED:

(Head of Bureau or Office.)

(*If unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil service rule VII, should immediately be forwarded to the Department.)

FWO-JHB

Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

Oct. 30,1925

SUBJECT: New 2nd Asst.Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.28,1925.

1. You are advised a new man has been nominated for appointment to the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of Fire Island Lt.Sta., and it is expected he will report for duty about November 5th,1925. You will be further advised re his date for reporting for duty.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isl Light.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

Oct 28, 1925

To:- Supt of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine Keeper
Subject:- 1st Ass. Keeper

Dear Sir:-

Having heard no word from you about another Ass. Keeper, and as we have been short handed since Oct 6. would like to know if you can send same soon.

Due to my failure not getting any leave I am having family trouble, my teeth are also bothering me, would like to get same fixed, and station secured before winter gets in.

As the stormy season is now here the sooner we get settled the better, hoping to hear from you soon I remain,

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine
Keeper Walks.

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Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

June 16,1925

SUBJECT: Pay of 2nd Asst.Keeper Holm.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 14,1925.

1. You are advised that the present rate of pay of $1020 now received by 2nd Asst.Keeper Holm is correct and as stated in the letter addressed to Mr.Holm offering him the position. In this connection it may be stated that new appointees do not necessarily receive the same rate of pay as their predecessors as the previous incumbent may have been in the service for sometime and therefore received more than the minimum rate of pay applicable to the position.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isld.
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

June 14, 1925

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isld. N. Y.

From:- Norman B. Devine Keeper.

Subject:- Pay of Stephen Holm 2nd Ass. Keeper.

Dear Sir:-

Having received notice of increase of pay etc. some time ago, and having received same since can not understand why "Stephen Holm" 2nd Ass. has not received this new scale since his recent appointment. He wrote one letter to you was answered by your office saying his pay was correct. As the reverse "2nd Ass." received the increase, also received extra (back pay) check when we did. Thus due to the above facts etc. there must be some error.

Thanking you in advance for desired information on this subject I remain

Very respectfully,
Norman B. Devine
Keeper Usher

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Services dropped without Prejudice June 4 1926

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isld.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 17, 1924

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
From:- Norman B. Devine Keeper. Ushs.
Subject:- Transfer.

Dear Sir:-

Due to the fact that there are no any schools near this station I will except transfers to the following stations as Keeper and Ass. Keeper

XX Absecon
XX Barnegat
X Coney Isld
XX Fort Wadsworth
X Ludlam Beach
XX Navesink
XX North Hook Beacon
Sandy Hook N.J.
X Sea-Girt
X Tucker Beach

Very Respectfully
Norman B. Devine Jr.
Fire-Isld L.S.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isl.
(Station, ~~Depot~~, or Vessel)

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Tucker Beach

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine Keeper
Fire Isl. L. I.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

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Nov. 28, 1924

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Norman B. Devine, Keeper,
Fire Island Lt. Sta.,
Fire Island, N.Y.

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper Harvey H. Kenyon and return this sheet to this office.

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) United States.
Age 23
Height 5 feet 4½ inches
Weight 135 pounds
Color of hair Lt. brown
Color of eyes blue
Distinguishing marks tattoo marks on both arms
sails on back of left hand

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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1. Returned to Superintendent, the information required having been inserted above.

Norman B. Devine
Keeper.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 29, 1924 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, promotion

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1140 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov.11,1924 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty; or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $960 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Bailey — Services terminated, Nov.10,1924

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent
F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

V C B. 10/30/24

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

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Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective Nov.11, 1924

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent

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F. W. Ockentels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1924.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $960 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective November 11, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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

Byt- W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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November 4, 1924.

Norman B. Devine, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, New York.

SUBJECT: Appointment to the position of Keeper of Fire Is. Light Station.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated October 30, 1924, promoting you to the position of Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to relieve the present keeper, William H. Bailey, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his charge, in triplicate on Form,30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

2. Advise this office promptly by letter the date on which you take charge of Fire Island Light Station.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By:- W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Isl
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 7, 1924

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N.Y.
From:- Norman B. Devine Keeper U.S.L.H.S.
Subject:- Relief of Keeper
Dear Sir:-

Have relieved William H. Baily giving him receipt for station and all Gov. property, in triplicate on form 30. this day Nov. 7.

Very respetfully
Norman B. Devine
Fire Isl.

E O D as Keeper Nov. 11-1924

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 25, 1924 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Norman B. Devine

Position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Effective Nov.1,1924

Legal residence, New York

Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Former salary, $900.00 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman

Services terminated, Oct.31,1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 23, 1924 (Date.) 19

LIGHTHOUSES:

Recommended, Promotion.

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov. 1, 1924 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $900.00 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman — Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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...n position of 1st Asst. Keeper of Fire Island Lt. Sta.

No requests for transfer to this position.

The 2nd Asst. Keeper at Fire Island is Norman B. Devine who entered on duty in his present position on Oct. 20, 1923. Record O.K. Efficiency rating 89%.

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Promote 2d to 1st
+ get new 2d Asst
Oct 10/23

Norman B. Devine, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, N. Y.

Oct. 28,1924

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated October 24,1924 Promoting you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on November 1,1924.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Norman B. Devine, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Bay Shore, Fire Island, N. Y.

On Sept. 26, 1924

SUBJECT: Record of Physical Examination.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Oct. 30,1923.

1. Form 206 - Record of your Physical Examination - is returned herewith, a copy of same having been made for the files of this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Oct. 20, 1923

William H. Bailey .....Keeper,
Fire Island .....Lt. Sta.
Fire Island, N. Y. .....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper....Norman B. Devine....., and return this sheet to this office:-

2. Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) United States
Age.....30 years.....
Height...5...feet...5...inches.
Weight.....150.....pounds.
Color of hair..Lt. Brown
Color of eyes..Lt. Blue..
Distinguishing marks...Cut on index finger on left hand at knuckle joint.....

J. T. YATES,
SUPERINTENDENT.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 17, 1924

William H. Bailey, Keeper,
Fire Island Light Station,
Fire Island, New York

SUBJECT: Probation of Norman B. Devine, 2d Asst. Keeper.

1. The probationary period of employment of Norman B. Devine, 2d Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, will expire on April 19, 1924. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Fire Island Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Mar. 21st, 1924

Superintendant of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Superintendant Sir.

The probationary period of employment of Norman B. Devine 2nd asst Keeper ~~Her~~ is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position.

Respectfully Yours
William N. Bailey
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Promoted to Keeper Fire Is

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 23, 1924

To:- Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N. Y.

From:- Norman B. Devine 2nd Ass. Keeper Fire Isl.

Subject:- Transfer

Dear Sir:-

When convient to you will except transfer as Ass. Keeper to the following "Light Station"

1.- X Absecon L. S. — N.J.
2.- X Barnegat " " " "
3.- X Coney Isl. " " N.Y. no. asst
4.- X Fort Wadsworth " " " "
5.- X Hereford Inlet " " N.J. no. asst
6.- X Ludlam Beach " " " " do
7.- X Navesink " " " "
8.- X Sandy Hook " " " "
9 X Tucker Beach " " " " no. asst
10.- X Governors Isl N.Y.

Norman B. Devine 2nd Ass. Keeper Fire Isl.

Through the Keeper
William H. Bailey
Keeper

DEPT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT
Fire Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Feb. 20, 1924

RECEIVED FEB 26 1924 DEPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES

To:— Supt. of Lighthouses
Staten Isl. N.Y.
From:— Norman B. Devine 2nd Ass't Keeper Fire Isl.
Subject:— Transfer

Dear Sir:—

When convient to you will be except transfer as Ass. Keeper to the following Light Stations

1.- Absecon L. S. — N.J.
2.- Barnegat " " "
3.- Coney Isl " " N.Y.
4.- Fort Wadsworth " " N.Y.
5.- Hereford Inlet " " N.J.
6.- Ludlam Beach " " "
7.- Navesink " " " "
8.- Sandy Hook " " " "
9.- Tucker Beach " " " "
10.- Governors Isl " " N.Y.

Norman B. Devine 2nd Ass. Keeper Fire Isl.

Through the Keeper
William H Bailey
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Norman B. Devine, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Fire Island Lt.Sta.

Oct. 20,1923

Enclosed is Form 206 "Record of Physical Examination of Light Keeper or Assistant Light Keeper", addressed to the United States Public Health Service, requesting that you be given a physical examination, for the purpose of determining whether or not you are entitled to medical relief without charge at hospitals and other stations of the Public Health Service, pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved August 28, 1916. A copy of the provision contained in said Act is quoted in District Circular Letter No. 187, dated May 21, 1917.

Under the terms thereof it will be necessary for you to submit to said examination and be found physically qualified before you will be entitled to the benefits provided for by the Act of August 28, 1916. As said benefits will be solely to your personal advantage it is to your interest to give this matter attention at the earliest opportunity.

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form No. 206, said Form No. 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form No. 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your posession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

P.S. - Assistant Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "A" - Keeper to sign Form No. 206 where marked "B".

FILE No. 8

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, Oct. 30, 1923, 191

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

SIR:

Please examine Norman B. Devine, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Fire Island Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 5 feet, 5 inches;

weight, 150 pounds; color of hair, light brown; color of eyes, light blue

distinguishing marks, cut on index finger of left hand at knuckle joint.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

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

Respectfully,

for and in the absence of the Superintendent
F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt. ~~Lighthouse Inspector.~~

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(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) Norman B. Devine

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) B Witnessed by William H. Bailey Keeper, Fire Is.Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

DATE, Sept. 17, 1924, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

~~He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.~~

(Sgd.) Louis A. Palmer

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

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Stapleton, S.I., N. Y.

DATE, Sept.17,1924

Name of applicant, Norman B. Devine

Eyes: Color, Normal, Gray; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other abnormality, No

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

other conditions,

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses

Were candidate's eyes tested with lantern, woolen skeins, or both? Skeins

Ears:

Abnormalities, No; shape, No

Position, No; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 20 feet; left ear, 20 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 10 feet; left ear, 10 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

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certification of disqualification: ----------

Seal of the
U.S.P.H.S.

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

(Signature of applicant:) Norman B. Devine

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

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Norman B. Devine, 2nd Asst. Keeper,

Through the Keeper

Fire Island Lt. Sta.

(Date) Oct. 25, 1923

(Sign and forward this receipt by return mail to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

(Date) Oct. 28 1923

Received from the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, one copy of INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE 1915, which will be carried on the accounts of the station as Government property.

(Name) Norman B. Devine

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 25 1923
RECEIVED
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Fire Island Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 20th, 1923

Superintendant of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville N.Y.
Superintendant Sir;

Mr. Norman B. Devine reported here at noon to-day as 2nd Asst. Keeper

Respectfully Yours
William H. Bailey
Keeper

COD - Oct. 20 - 1923

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Brooklyn N. Y.
Oct 18, 1923.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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To:- Office of Supt.
From:- Norman B. Devine 2nd Ass. L. K. Fire Isl.
Subject:- Orders
Dear Sir:-

Having received orders to do so will proceed to Fire Island L. Station tomorrow. Inclosed find "Oath of Office".

I remain

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine

Pers sheets & Ded. not rec'd

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Norman B. Devine,
59 St.Felix Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 17,1923

SUBJECT: Appointment as 2nd Asst.Keeper, Fire Is.Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct.10,1923.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Oct.12, 1923 appointing you to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest practicable date after receipt of this letter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address is William H. Bailey, Bay Shore, N. Y. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and state the probably date you will report for duty.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Oct.17,1923

1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of Fire Is.Lt.Sta. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Devine reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 73 NOMINATION

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

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES

October 12, 1923.

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Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ralph E. Merithew.

Legal Residence: New York.

Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—5980

Form 73 NOMINATION

Brooklyn. N. Y.
Oct 10, 1923

To:- U. S. Lighthouse Service Supt's Office
Staten Isl. N. Y.
From:- Norman B. Devine U. S. I. Service
Subject:- Receipt of letter.

Dear Sir:-

Having received your letter this day notifying me of the expected appointment as 2nd Asst. Keeper of Fire Island Station I hold myself ready for futher orders so that I may resign my present position with the U. S. Immigration Service in accordance with the proper Civil Service formalities Awaiting your orders I remain

Very respectfully
Norman B. Devine
59 St. Felix St
Brooklyn
N. Y.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, New York (City.) October 9, 1923 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thru Secy.2d C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660.00 per annum

Location, Fire Island L. S., New York — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 15, 1923 — {The actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.0% , Other eligibles considered:

Harry Coupe C. John F. Pietraszek FR. Frank A. Wheaton C.

Previous incumbent, Ralph B. Merithew Services terminated, Sept. 19, 1923

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, November 28, 1892.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, New York (City.), October 9, 1925 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thru Secy.2d C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660.00 per annum

Location, Fire Island L. S., New York — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 15, 1925 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.0% , Other eligibles considered:

Harry Coupe C. John F. Pietraszek Fk. Frank A. Wheaton C.

Previous incumbent, Ralph E. Merithew Services terminated, Sept. 29, 1925

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, November 28, 1892.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. Charters are provided for families of keepers at this station.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Norman B. Devine,
59 St.Felix Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 9,1923

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Fire Island Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.28,1923.

1. Referring to your letter dated September 28,1923 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Fire Island Light Station; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about October 15,1923. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $1560 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

M. Norman B. Devine,

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.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1440.

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

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Sd

2nd Asst.Keeper,	from Oct.20,1923	to Oct. 31,1924
1st Asst.Keeper,	from Nov. 1,1924	to Nov. 10,1924
Keeper	from Nov.11,1924	to June 4,1926

In May 1926 Mr. Devine became insane and was committed to the State Hospital at Center Islip, N.Y., and his services as Keeper were discontinued without prejudice effective close of June 4, 1926. He was subsequently released from the State Hospital and applied for employment. This Service could not see its way clear to again give him employment at a light station where he would be isolated and not under observation, but did give him employment as seaman on a Lighthouse tender from September 14th to November 10th, 1926 when he was discharged at his own request, and as laborer at this Depot from March 24th, 1927 to February 10th, 1928. During the latter period it was apparent that he was not normal mentally. He did not report for work after February 10th, 1928 and it was subsequently learned that he had again been placed in a hospital on account of his mental condition. No further information has since been received concerning him.

Application Form 1025 which was filled out by Mr. Devine in September 1923, which includes a medical certificate, is enclosed, also copy of Form 206-Record of Physical Examination- which was executed by the Marine Hospital at Stappiton, Staten Island, on September 17th, 1924.

J. T. Yates.

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PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 4.
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instructions in P. C. B. Form No. 2, and Circular No. 7).

To Accompany Report of ☒ New Appointments For October 1922
☐ Changes in Duties for ....., 192

1. Devine (Surname.) Norman (Given name.) B. (Initial.)
(a) Previous incumbent Ralph E. Merithew
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
(b) Subdivision Fire Island Lt. Station
(c) City or town Fire Island State N. Y.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title 2nd Assistant Keeper

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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b		
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8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day See 18a; per week 7 days
(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 Midnight to Sunrise or Sunset to Midnight m. to ..... m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year .....
During what months .....
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation .....
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus ..... $660.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $660.00 per "; bonus, $240.00 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 Subsistence $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 None; annual cost, $.....
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
(a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
(b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
(d) College: Name .....; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
(e) Post-graduate work: Kind .....; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
(f) Correspondence courses: Kind .....; number of lessons .....; number completed .....

18. Description of work. (Describe the various tasks performed, making the description of each as detailed as space will permit. Use a paragraph for each task and number the paragraphs. In the column at the right state the estimated percentage of the total time—in the course of a day, month, or year—given to each task.) 2—12965

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings; keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs; care for grounds.	100%
18a. Not specified; stand watches; work equally divided; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light only.	

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.) Name the employee's *immediate* or closest superior. If not a civilian, give the superior's title or rank.

Works under the supervision of the Keeper.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 12 days

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

November 8, 1923, 192 (Date) — J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Superintendent. (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

Technical Education: If essential, kind and extent.....

Experience: If essential, kind and extent. Lighthouse apparatus, boating, gasolene engines, oil engines and painting.

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 $1260.00 to $1380.00

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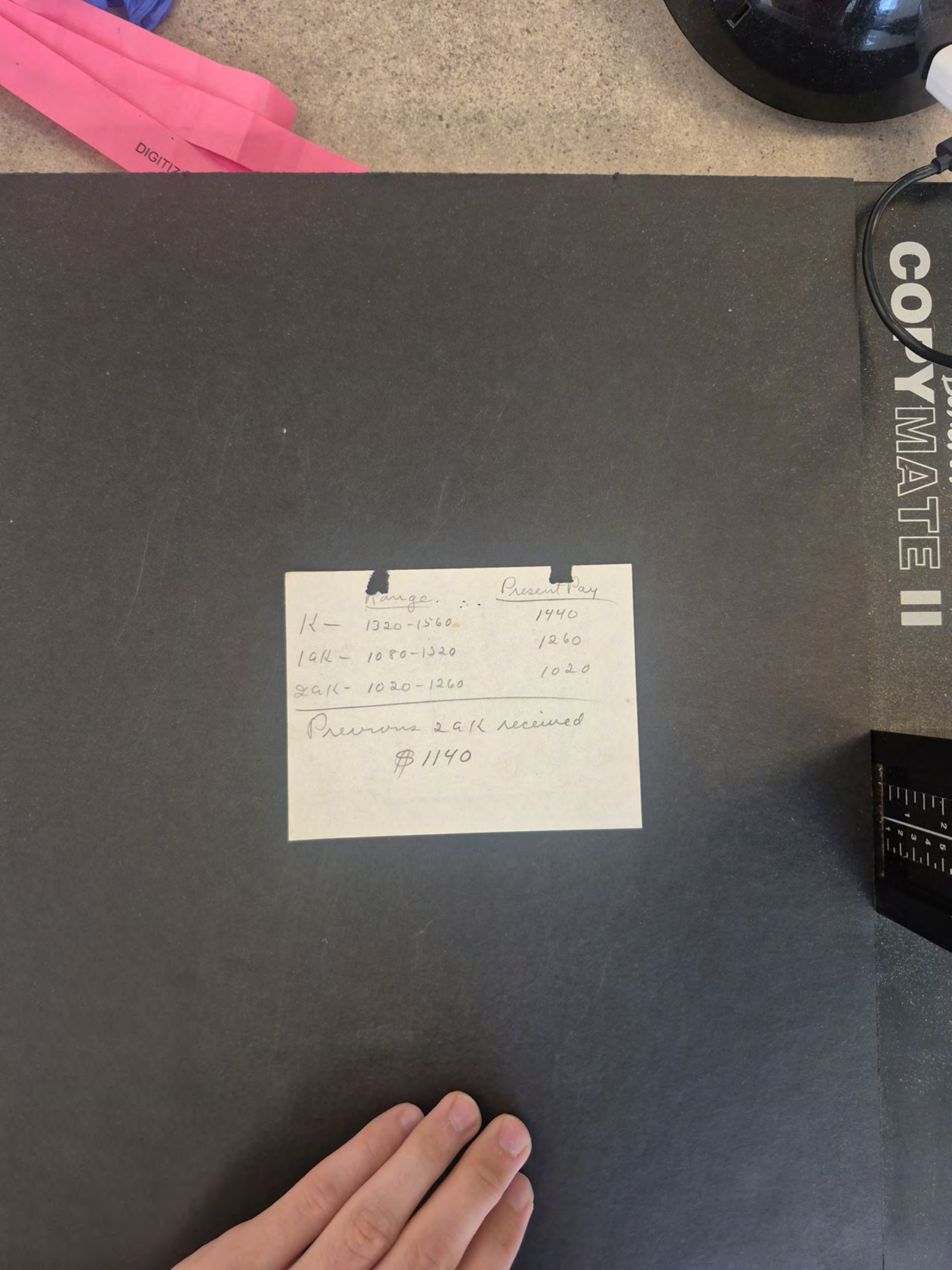
THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL

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In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $..... to $.....

..... 192 (Date) — ..... (Signature of chief of bureau) — ..... (Title)

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	Range.	Present Pay
K—	1320-1560	1440
1aK—	1080-1320	1260
2aK-	1020-1260	1020

Previous 2aK received
$1140

Form No. 2500—July, 1925
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY OR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. LEAVE SPACES MARKED "CODE" BLANK)

SERIAL NO. 6

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

1. NAME Devine Norman Broughton
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

2. a. DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE Commerce
b. BUREAU OR SERVICE Lighthouse, 3d District
c. STATE New York
d. CITY OR TOWN Fire Island Staten Island

CODE

3. POSITION Keeper
(GIVE TITLE AS SHOWN ON PAY ROLL) CODE 8

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW? INDICATE BY X

NO (1)	YES	IF "YES" INDICATE BY X AT WHICH AGE: 70 (2)	65 (3)	62 (4)	DOUBTFUL
X					

9

5. PLACE OF BIRTH Pennsylvania
(STATE OR COUNTRY) 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 11 7th STATE N. Y. 12

7. ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION ON:

	CODE 1		CODE
a. JUNE 30, 1920 $		d. JUNE 30, 1923 $	
b. JUNE 30, 1921		e. JUNE 30, 1924 660	2
c. JUNE 30, 1922		f. JUNE 30, 1925 1440	3

8. IF ALLOWANCES OF ANY KIND WERE RECEIVED DURING YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1925, INDICATE WHAT KIND BY X AFTER APPROPRIATE ITEMS:

QUARTERS X | MEALS | LAUNDRY | CASH IN LIEU OF Sub (NOTE WHAT)

OTHER Fuel (STATE WHAT)

9. STATE ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL ALLOWANCES, $ 497.25 (PER ANNUM) 4

10. WHEN WERE DEDUCTIONS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FIRST MADE FROM YOUR PAY July 24-1923 (DATE)

11. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND TO JUNE 30, 1925, $ 5.19 5

12. DATE OF BIRTH — MONTH 11 | DAY 28 | YEAR 1893 13

13. INDICATE SEX BY X — MAN X | WOMAN 14

15

14. INDICATE NUMBER OF FULL YEARS INSTRUCTION COMPLETED IN THE KINDS OF SCHOOLS LISTED:

COMMON SCHOOL 6 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL ____ YEARS
COLLEGE ____ YEARS
Correspondence SCHOOL 3 YEARS

LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7018

Name Devine Norman Broughton
(Surname) (First name)

Department or office Commerce

Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District

Employed Fire Island, New York
(City) (State)

If any Government service was rendered under another name, give other name and date it was changed.

Former name ____ Changed ____ (Date)

Former name ____ Changed ____ (Date)

Form No. 2500—July, 1925
U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(TO BE FILLED OUT BY OR FOR EACH EMPLOYEE. LEAVE SPACES MARKED "CODE" BLANK)

SERIAL NO. 6

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

1. NAME Devine Norman Broughton
(SURNAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE NAME)

2. a. DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE Commerce
b. BUREAU OR SERVICE Lighthouse, 3d District
c. STATE New York
d. CITY OR TOWN Fire Island ~~Staten Island~~

CODE

3. POSITION Keeper (GIVE TITLE AS SHOWN ON PAY ROLL) CODE 8

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW?

INDICATE BY X		IF "YES" INDICATE BY X AT WHICH AGE			
NO (1)	YES	70 (2)	65 (3)	62 (4)	DOUBTFUL
X					

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5. PLACE OF BIRTH Pennsylvania (STATE OR COUNTRY) 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 7th 11 STATE N. Y. 12

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HIGH SCHOOL ____ YEARS
COLLEGE ____ YEARS
Correspondence SCHOOL 3 YEARS

LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7013

Former name ____ Changed ____ (Date)

Former name ____ Changed ____ (Date)

If any Government service was rendered under another name, give other name and date it was changed.

Name Devine Norman Broughton
(Surname) (First name)

Department or office Commerce

Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District

Employed Fire Island, New York
(City) (State)

15. MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE. IF ANY, CHECK BY X AFTER APPROPRIATE ITEMS AND INCLUDE STATEMENT OF SERVICE BELOW.

NONE	ARMY	NAVY	MARINE CORPS	COAST GUARD	RETIRED	PENSIONED	VET. BU. BENEFICIARY	16
		X		X				

16. STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY, TO SHOW LENGTH OF SERVICE:

KIND OF SERVICE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	NAME OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OR OTHER BRANCH IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED AND ITS LOCATION	APPOINTED OR ENLISTED			SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED			LEAVE BLANK		
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Y	M	D
N	U.S. Navy	Nov.	28	1910	Mar.	25	1915			
N	C. Guard Otter Seneca	Oct	1	1915	April		1916			
N	U.S.N.R.F.	Aug	30	1918	June	20	1919			
C.S.	U.S. Immigration Service, Ellis Isl., N.Y.	July	24	1923	~~July~~ Oct	17	1923			
C	3d Lighthouse Dist., S.I., N.Y.	Oct.	20	1923						

TOTAL SERVICE, CIVIL AND MILITARY: YEARS 7 MONTHS 6 DAYS 24 17

17. ENTER ANY PERIOD OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE OCCURRING IN PERIOD OF SERVICE INCLUDED ABOVE, BUT NOT PERIODS OF ACTUAL SEPARATION.

6—7018

Norman B. Devine

LEGAL RESIDENCE
New York.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Prob Keeper Fire Isl L.I. N.Y.	660	L.I.	Oct 20, 1923
" Read of Pay "	900.	"	JUL 1 192[illegible]
" From "	960	"	November 1, 1924
" " "	1140	"	November 11, 1924
" Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924 "	1440	"	FEB 1 1925
" INCREASE IN COMPENSATION "	1560	"	JUL 1 1925
SERVICES DISCONTINUED June 4, 1926.			

Form A—16

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

June 4, 1926.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In view of your physical condition, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper at $1560 per annum at Fire Island Light Station, New York, effective at the close of June 4, 1926.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

JUN 11 1926

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 11 1926 ON JOURNAL 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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Incls.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1926.

CHIEF CLERK
1926 JUN 4 AM 8 55
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 4 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 5 1926
DIVISION

SUBJECT: 3rd Superintendent's letter, May 21, discontinuance services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island L.H. 1560.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval. Keeper Devine originally entered the Service on October 20, 1923.

See Para. 2 Supt. Letter herein.
Lighthouse Service Keeper
Fire Isle Ist. Sta. from Oct 20, 1923

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6-4-26

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
ACTION TAKEN
JUN 10 1926
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAY 28 1926 RECEIVED

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LIGHTHOUSES
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LIGHTHOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

1926 MAY 24 AM 9 01

Commissioner of Lighthouses, May 21,1926

SUBJECT: Norman B. Devine, Keeper, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

1. The following memorandums re Norman B. Devine, Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the information of the Bureau:-

a - Memo re phone message received by Supt.Yates May 11th.
b - Memo re phone conversations with Dr.Hulse and Coast Guard Commander, May 11th, by 1st Asst.Supt. Ockenfels.
c - Copy of report of visit to Fire Island Lt.Sta. by Asst.Supt.Luther on May 17th.

2. As Keeper Devine is at present confined in an institution for the insane and as it is necessarily very uncertain as to when he may sufficiently recover to enable him to resume duty as a lighthouse keeper, and also as it is not considered advisable in the event of his recovery to have him return to duty as Keeper of Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., it is recommended that the services of Norman B. Devine, Keeper is Fire Island Light Station, N.Y., with pay at the rate of $1560 per annum, be discontinued, without prejudice, effective at the close of June 4,1926, which includes leave granted.

3. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr.Devine has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

4. Should Mr.Devine recover his health it is the intention of this office to consider him for reinstatement when a vacancy occurs at a suitable station.

J. O. Yates

Telephone Memorandum:

LIGHTHOUSES

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May 11, 1926
10:50 A.M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 11 1926
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Coast Guard Station, Telephone Bayshore 743 called on telephone stating that Keeper Devine, Fire Island Light Station had become insane, and that they now had him in their care at the Coast Guard Station, that he was in bad condition, that he had a gun which they had taken away from him and were now guarding him from injuring himself; had been examined by a doctor there to ascertain his condition and asked what necessary steps to be taken to commit him. Advised that we would take the matter up with the public Health Service and call them back as soon as possible.

J. T. YATES

LIGHTHOUSES

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May 11, 1926.

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NORMAN B. DEVINE - KEEPER, FIRE ISLAND LIGHT STATION

At 11:15 a.m., called Doctor W. H. Hulse, 41 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, telephone: Bay Shore No. 3, who is the Public Health Service physician at that point. Doctor Hulse not in, but party in charge of office stated that he would be in for a few minutes at about 2 p.m. I stated that we desired to send to Doctor Hulse, Mr. Devine, the keeper of Fire Island Light Station who is reported as mentally unbalanced. The party in charge of office stated that about 5 p.m. would be the best time for the doctor to see him. I asked that a memorandum be left for the doctor stating that we would arrange to have Devine brought from Fire Island to Bay Shore in time so as to be at the doctor's office at about 5 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

1. Called the Coast Guard Commander, telephone: Bay Shore 743, and told him that I had been in communication with the office of Doctor Hulse and that the best time for him to see Devine was at about 5 p.m. today. I asked the Commander if it would be convenient for him to arrange to have Devine taken from Fire Island to Bay Shore. He stated that it might be difficult as Devine might decline to go to Bay Shore. He then consulted some one else in his office after which he stated that the keeper's wife would arrange for a private physician to call and see the keeper and give him a hypodermic to facilitate taking him from Fire Island to Bay Shore. The Commander then stated that he would arrange to have his men take Devine to Bay Shore and to the office of doctor Hulse at about 5 p.m.

2. The Commander mentioned that he had previously taken the Devine matter up with the State Troopers but that they stated they were unable to take any action as they had not seen the man do anything wrong.

3. The Commander also raised the question as to what was to be done with Devine after he had seen the doctor, as owing to his condition he should be confined. I told him that doctor Hulse would no doubt be aware of the proper or best method to pursue as to placing Devine under confinement, and that if there were no other means practicable or available, Devine could probably be turned over to the local authorities and sent to the State Hospital at Central Islip.

4. I thank the Coast Guard Commander for his interest and assistance already rendered, also for his courtesy in undertaking to take Devine from Fire Island to turn him over to the doctor at Bay Shore.

LIGHTHOUSES

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COPY

May 17,1926

SUBJECT: Fire Island Light Station,
Keeper's mental condition.

I learned on arrival in Bay Shore that Keeper Devine had been examined by two physicians, pronounced insane and committed to the State Hospital at Center Islip, N.Y.

Dr.King, one of the examiners, told me that Devine was suffering from overwork and nervous strain and would probably be out of the hospital in a couple of months.

Dr.Hulse informed me that the case was ended as far as the Government is concerned as there is no way of obtaining release from the institution, when legally committed, until discharged as cured.

At Fire Island Lt.Sta.Mrs.Devine informed me that her reason for employing Dr.King instead of the contract doctor, was that he had a private hospital and she didn't want to have her husband in an insane hospital as his mind is only mildly affected and she thought he would recover more quickly in a private than in a public hospital.

Mrs.Devine will remain at the station pending the development of the case or until notified to leave. She has turned over the keys to supply closet and the station record to first assistant Karlin, who understands that he is responsible for the station in the absence of the keeper.

Asst.Karlin said that the gun ~~that~~ referred to in phone message from Coast Guard was not loaded..

The two assistants can do the routine work of station for a while, but will not be able to make much progress with the painting and whitewashing until another keeper is provided.

It seems advisable in case a permanent keeper is decided to be necessary for this station that a man of strong character, and able to handle men, be selected for the position of Keeper. Neither of the assistant keepers are suitable for keeper.

Respectfully submitted

/s/ O. C. LUTHER

DUPLICATE

PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION BOARD FORM NO. 4.
(To be filled out in accordance with detailed instructions in P. C. B. Form No. 2, and Circular No. 7).

To Accompany Report of [X] New Appointments [ ] Changes in Duties for October 1923, 192

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
	c		
	d		

1. Devine (Surname.) Norman (Given name.) B. (Initial.)
   (a) Previous incumbent Ralph E. Merithew
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Fire Island Lt. Station
   (c) City or town Fire Island State N. Y.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title 2nd Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day See 18a; per week 7 days
   (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 Midnight to Sunrise or Sunset to Midnight m. to ____ m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year ____
   During what months ____
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation ____
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus ~~660.00~~ per annum; bonus, $ ~~240.00~~ per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ 660.00 per ____; bonus, $ 240.00 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; [X] Subsistence or rations in kind; [ ] Uniform; [ ] Laundry; [X] Fuel; [X] Light; [ ] Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $164.25 per annum
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    Kind of equipment None; annual cost, $ ____
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    (c) Business school; years [ ] ½ [ ] 1 [ ] 1½ [ ] 2 [ ] 2½ [ ] 3
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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.) 2—12965

Percentage of total time given to each task
100%

Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings; keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs; care for grounds.

18a. Not specified; stand watches; work equally divided; average eight or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light only.

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Works under the supervision of the Keeper.

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

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 12 days

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

November 8, 1923, 192 (Date) — J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer) — Superintendent. (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.

(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
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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

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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 $1260.00 to $1380.00.

November 8, 1923, 192 (Date) — J. T. Yates (Signature of head of field office or station) — Superintendent. (Title)

THE FOLLOWING TO BE FILLED OUT BY THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU OR SIMILAR OFFICIAL

26. 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, except as follows: (If necessary, attach a sheet.)

In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $..... to $.....

....., 192 (Date) — ..... (Signature of chief of bureau) — ..... (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12965

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1440 per annum to $ 1560 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 23 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

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 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1440.

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

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CARDED

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Lettervdated November 18, 1924 from the Superintendent of the 3rd District reports the effective date of thenchange of R. B. Devine as Nov. 11, 1924

See file of Kenneth L. Clark

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1924.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 960 per annum to $ 1140 per annum, effective November 11, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 31 1924

W. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 31 1924 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 29, 1924 (Date.) 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 30 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1140 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov.11,1924 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $960 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Bailey — Services terminated, Nov.10,1924

Reason, Transferred

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 31 1924
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

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10/30/24.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 30 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Lettervdated November 18, 1924 from the Superintendent of the 3rd District reports the effective date of thenchange of Norman B Devine as Nov. 1, 1924——

<u>See file of Kenneth L. Clark</u>

Acting

FORM A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1924.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $900 per annum to $960 per annum, effective November 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 25 1924

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 25 1924

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 23, 1924 (Date.) 19

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OCT 24 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $960.00 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective Nov.1, 1924 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $900.00 p.a.

Location, Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, John Ostman — Services terminated, Oct.31, 1924

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN OCT 25 1924 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

10/24/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J. T. Myers Clk.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 24 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

S. Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Irvine Bornein B In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 900, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated AUG 2 0 1924 File No. 1095/21.

Form 88-78

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

This form shall be furnished for each person appointed in the service of the Department immediately upon entrance on duty.

The information called for in Part I shall be filled in by the Bureau or Office to which the employee is assigned, after which the form shall be transmitted to the employee for answers to the questions in Part II. The completed form shall be indorsed by the proper Bureau officer and forwarded to the Department for file.

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Norman B. Devine

2. Position to which appointed: 2nd Asst.Keeper

3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: 3rd

4. Place of duty: Fire Island Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $660.00 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).

From examination for Keepers, dated Oct.1,1923

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

The statement should be signed by the employee, or, if unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness.

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

Mr. Norman Broughton Devine

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

Norman B. Devine

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

N.Y. / ~~Brooklyn~~ Kings / New York / 7th
(State or Territory.) (County.) (City or town.) (Congressional district.)

4. If the legal residence given in answer to question 3 is not the same as that stated in the certificate of appointment, the difference should be explained.

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

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6. Where were you born? Phila. Pa

7. When were you born? Nov. (Month.) 28 (Day.) 1893 (Year.)

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

9. What is your marital condition? (Answer "single," "married," "widowed," or "divorced.") married

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

Mr. David R. C. Devine (Name.) 43 N. 10th St (Number and street.)

Phila (City or town.) Pa (State or Territory.)

11. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

13. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (Answer "yes" or "no.") no If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
X U. S. N. R. Force	Aug 30, 1918	June 1919	In-active duty

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
X U. S. Navy	Nov 28, 1910	Mar 20, 1915	Termination of Enlistment

16. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (Answer "yes" or "no.") yes If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Treasury	P. Mail Ser.	Lab.	$1,000	March 1923	April 1923
Labor	Immigration	Guard	1,000	July 25	Oct. 16, 1923

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, state in blank spaces below the information called for by the headings.

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Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service.	Relationship to you.		
Company and regiment, or vessel.	**Date enlisted.**	**Date discharged.**	**Cause of discharge.**

18. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16.)

Appr. Seamen Ord. Seamen, Quartermaster, 3rd Mate 2
Mate (Oceans) Painter, rigger, laborer, Elec. Helper

19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if 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., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Grammar School

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

~~Navigation~~ None

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

Sub-clerical Dec 15, 1922

22. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (Answer "yes" or "no.") Yes If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.

Date, Oct 23, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Norman B. Deane

(Present address) Fire Island (Number and street.)
Long Island (City or town.) N. Y. (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Oct 25 1923

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

(Signature) 1st Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

(Official title)

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OCT 29 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

LIGHTHOUSES

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I, Norman B. Devine

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.

Norman B. Devine
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 18th day of October, A. D. 1923

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Frederick J. Block

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 30, 1924

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$660.00 p.a.	Fire Island Lt.Sta., N.Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Staten Island, N. Y. (Address), Oct 25-1923 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct 20-1923 (Date)

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

CARDED

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

1st Asst. Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd Dist.

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

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NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AU[redacted]Y FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOM[redacted] BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1923.

Mr. Norman B. Devine,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

OCT 13 1923
DIVISION
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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

U.S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ralph E. Merithew.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form A-14 (See reverse side.) 11—6980

Form 73

LIGHTHOUSES

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Staten Island, (City.) New York, October 9, (Date.) 1923, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thru Secy. 2d C.S.Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Norman B. Devine — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $660.00 per annum

Location, Fire Island L. S., New York — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective October 15, 1923 — {~~the actual date of his entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 88.0%, Other eligibles considered:

Harry Coupe C. John F. Pietraszek FR. Frank A. Wheaton C.

Previous incumbent, Ralph E. Merithew Services terminated, Sept. 19, 1923

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, November 28, 1892.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. Quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission, October 10, 1923

10-12-23

L. O. Parker
Assistant Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District.

J. F. Yates
Cdr.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OCT 11 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

No Payroll.

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

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE JML/PK
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

Sept. 6, 1921.

APPOINTMENTS

1921 SEP 9 AM 9 22

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the examination papers of Norman B. Devine who has been found eligible for the position of mate, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey with an average of 83. This letter may be considered a register containing his name.

Respectfully,

John T. Doyle.

Secretary.

September 9, 1921.

Respectfully transmitted to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey.

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Inclosure 353

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Mate papers

The Department returns herewith the examination papers of Norman B. Devine in order that they may be available for certification elsewhere, the position of mate in the Coast and Geodetic Survey being gradually abolished.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) E. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

The Civil Service Commission.
Enclosure 353.
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their names. There names and averages are as follows:

Norman B. Devine	83
James Jordan Tyson	81.20
Chas. Minor Blackford	80.60

Respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle,

Secretary.

Inclosure 9681

September 26, 1921.

Respectfully referred to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, for his information.

(SIGNED) BLACKFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RECEIVED from the Chief of Appointment Division, Department of Commerce, Civil Service Certificate No. File (Req. No. File), and examination papers of C.& G.S.

N. B. Devine

BUREAU OR OFFICE, Survey

DATE, F 15 21

E L Behrens

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The Secretary of Commerce.

1921 SEP 26 AM 10 50

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the examination papers of three eligibles for the position of mate, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and this letter may be regarded as a register containing their names. There names and averages are as follows:

Norman B. Devine	83
James Jordan Tyson	81.20
Chas. Minor Blackford	80.60

Respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle.

Secretary.

Inclosure 9681

September 26, 1921.

Respectfully referred to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, for his information.

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

RECEIVED from the Chief of Appointment Division, Department of Commerce, Civil Service Certificate No. File (Req. No. File), and examination papers of C. & G. S.

N. B. Devine

J. J. Tyson

C. M. Blackford

BUREAU OR OFFICE, Survey

DATE, 9-28-21

Chas. M. Blackford

11—2725

The Secretary of Commerce.

1921 SEP 26 AM 10 50

Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the examination papers of three eligibles for the position of mate, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and this letter may be regarded as a register containing their names. There names and averages are as follows:

Norman B. Devine	83
James Jordan Tyson	81.20
Chas. Minor Blackford	80.60

Respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle,

Secretary.

Inclosure 9681

September 26, 1921.

Respectfully referred to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, for his information.

[illegible] STAFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE JML/PK
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

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Sept. 21, 1921.

APPOINT

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

1921 SEP 26 AM 10 50

There are transmitted herewith the examination papers of three eligibles for the position of mate, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and this letter may be regarded as a register containing their names. There names and averages are as follows:

Norman B. Devine	83
James Jordan Tyson	81.20
Chas. Minor Blackford	80.60

Respectfully,

/s/ John T. Doyle,

Secretary.

Inclosure 9681

September 26, 1921.

Respectfully referred to the Director, Coast and Geodetic Survey, for his information.

(SIG) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

APPOINTMENTS

September 27, 1921.

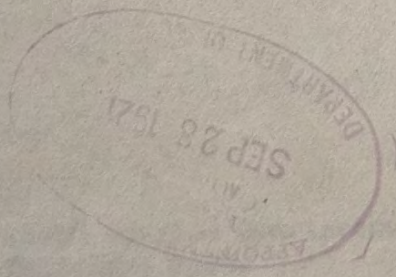
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The Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Civil Service Commission letter of the 21st instant transmitting the examination papers of three eligibles for the position of mate, namely, Norman B. Devine, James Jordan Tyson, and Chas. Minor Blackford, I have to advise that the position of mate in this Bureau is being displaced by deck officers as fast as eligibles are secured, and while it is possible that additional mates will be needed in the future, other mates are not required at the present time and no urgent need for them is contemplated in the near future. I therefore respectfully return herewith the examination papers of the eligibles named above.

R. L. Faris

Acting Director.



September 28, 1921.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the Commission's letter of September 21, (File JML/PK) transmitting the examination papers of three eligibles for the position of mate, in the Coast and Geodetic Survey, namely, Norman B. Devine, James Jordan Tyson and Charles Minor Blackford, the Department has to state that the position of mate in that Bureau is being displaced by deck officers as fast as eligibles are secured, and the Acting Director states that while it is possible that additional mates will be needed in the future, other mates are not required at the present time and no urgent need for them is contemplated in the near future. The examination papers of the eligibles named above are returned herewith.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Civil Service Commission.
Enclosure 4408.
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