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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
knfgbb@umsl.edu	217-440-1332

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
Downey, Elwood, J.		

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: Kylie

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (MA)		
From: 1925	To: 1926	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-3045539626

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

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

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Downey Elwood J **DOB:** _____
MA 1925–1926

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: _____

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

(Name) _____ (Legal Residence) _____

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU–SERVICE–STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
At Large, 3. Dist	Addt. Keep	$600	L. H.	March 12, 1919
" " " "	" "	720	" "	May 1, 1919
	Resigned close June 30, 1919			
At Large 3 Dist.	Keeper	720	L. H.	Nov. 1, 1920
~~Lin, Stafford~~	"	~~840~~	" "	Canceled
	Resigned, close of March 31, 1921			
Roxbury Pier	Keeper	720	L. H.	May 1 1924
Read Pier	"	960	"	July 1 1924
Readjustment of pay act. 12/6/24	"	1320	"	Feb. 1 1925
trans Brant Rock	"	1080	"	April 27, 1925
	Dismissed - Close, July 8, 1926.			

August 11, 1926.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,
35 Pleasant Street,
Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 7, 1926, requesting to be advised in detail relative to the actions upon which was based your dismissal from the Lighthouse Service, your attention is invited to the letter dated June 4, 1926, addressed to you by the Second Lighthouse Superintendent, setting forth in detail the charges preferred against you. The voluminous correspondence by yourself and others would indicate that the matter was fully investigated, and it does not seem that any good purpose would be accomplished by a restatement as requested by you.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

AUG 12 1926

CH:F

35 Pleasant St.,
Nantucket Mass.,
Aug. 7, 1926.



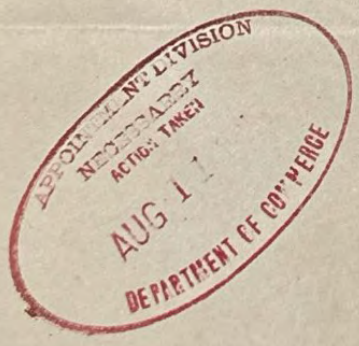
Mr. Clifford Hasting,
Chief of Appointment Division,

Dear Sir:

Refering to your letter of June 28. 1926.
Would you kindly advise me of what the occasions were where I was supposed to have committed the violations stated in the letter, from your office, of that date.

Respectfully,

Elwood J Downey.



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUL 13 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.
July 10, 1926

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, dismissal. 1080

Referring to Department's letter of June 28 to Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper of Brant Point Light Station, notifying him of his dismissal from the Service on a date to be determined later, the Bureau is informed that Downey was separated from the Lighthouse Service at the close of July 8, 1926.

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7-13-26

Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUL 12 1926

CARDED

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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JUL 15 1926
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

GPO

June 28, 1926.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of insurbordination and disrespect, and the assumption of authority belonging to the keeper having been preferred against you and substantiated in a degree sufficient to warrant such action the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (Assistant) at $1020 per annum at Brant Point Lighthouse, Massachusetts, effective on a date to be later determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

APPOINTMENT - CIVIL
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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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File. Send receipt & effective date

JUN 29 1926

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 17, 1926.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 18 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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JUN 24 26

SUBJECT: 2nd Superintendent's letters of June 14 and 15, charges against assistant keeper Elwood J. Downey, Brant Point L.H.

Asst Kpr - 1080.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that assistant keeper Elwood J. Downey be dismissed from the Service, effective on a date to be reported, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. Assistant keeper Downey originally entered the Service as additional keeper in the 3d Lighthouse District on March 12, 1919 and resigned from that position on June 30, 1919. He was reappointed as additional keeper in that district on November 1, 1920 and again resigned on March 31, 1921. His present appointment in the 2d Lighthouse District dates from May 1, 1924, and the records do not indicate any previous disciplinary action nor the rendition of any special services warranting commendation. There is also inclosed a supplemental report from the Superintendent in the case.

6-18-26

See Para. 4 - Supt. letter herewith.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:
ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

JUN 28 1926
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

June 14, 1926

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, charges preferred.

1. Forwarded herewith is correspondence between this office and the keeper and assistant keeper of Brant Point Light Station in regard to charges preferred by the keepers against each other, which explains itself.

2. These countercharges originated with the letter dated April 26 from the keeper to this office reporting the assistant keeper for neglect of duty in not sounding the fog signal during a fog. The keeper is an employee of nineteen years' service, with an excellent record, whose character is well known to the writer, and it is not believed that he would have reported the delinquency if it had not really occurred.

3. The replies of the assistant keeper to the charges of the keeper seems to be directed to an effort to discredit or as he states "get" the keeper and to bring about his dismissal in retaliation for reporting him, as shown by the disrespectful expressions used by him in his letters and the subjects of his charges.

4. The assistant keeper has shown himself to be insubordinate and disrespectful, has assumed authority belonging to the keeper, and it is considered that he is not the type of man desirable for the Lighthouse Service. Attention is invited to copy of letter from the Third District by which it will be seen that he would not be reemployed in that district because of his character as disclosed by his services there.

5. It is therefore recommended that he be dismissed for the good of the Service for neglect of duty and insubordination at a date to be determined later.

6. 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. He has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SECOND DISTRICT

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 3 1926 2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES APR 27 1926 2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

LIGHTHOUSES

1926 JUN 15 PM 4 C1

Brant Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 26, 1926

Supt of Light-Houses
Boston Mass

Dear sir:-

I would respectfully report that on the night of the 24th I had occasion to get up at 2.45 P.M. and looking out of window could not see Breakwater light flash on acct of fog. The horn was not in operation. I dressed and came down and it was then a little after ten, the fog had commenced to lift so I went back in. I have asked Mr. Downey the Asst why the horn was not blowing at that time. And he informed me he did not have to make any explanations to me. As he was on watch at that time. I should say he was not keeping proper watch of the weather.

Dijon
Keeper.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

April 28, 1926

Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:
(Through the Keeper)

1. Enclosed is a letter from the Keeper for a detailed report from you (with return of the enclosed letter) why the fog signal was not sounding at the time stated and a statement of where you were and what you were doing at the time.

2. Also, you are informed that it is your duty to obey all lawful orders of the Keeper, that he is in charge of the station and that you are his subordinate. In addition, when he requests information you are to give it freely and fully in a civil and respectful manner

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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BOSTON, MASS.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
SECOND DISTRICT

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2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

Brant Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 28, 1924

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Supt of Light-Houses.
Boston Mass.

Dear sir:-

I would report- Mr. Downey the Asst Keeper informed the State Policeman up Street that I had booze stored at the light-Station and tried to get him to come down and make a raid on the Station. He also informed him I had reported him for neglect, and he was out to get me any way he could. Mr. Dearborn the State Patrol is ready to vouch for these statements.

I would recommend that Mr. Downey be either transferred or removed from this Station as soon as convenient- to you. We is a poor type of man to have in the service. I will prefer charges for false statements

Yours
Keeper.

LIGHTHOUSES

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April 30, 1926.

From: Corporal R. P. Dearborn, State Police Nantucket, Mass.

To: Supt. of Lighthouses.

Subject: Complaint of E. J. Downey.

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 3 1926 2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

In regard to the statements made by E. J. Downey against Keeper Dickson which you refer to in your letter of April 29th are true. When I informed him I could do nothing regarding the situation he then asked me whether or not the Coast Guard could investigate. I told him I did not think they had any more right than I did to raid Lighthouse property and I immediately referred him to his home office.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter kindly let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell P. Dearborn.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

April 29, 1926

Mr. Dearborn,
State Patrol,
Nantucket, Mass.

Dear Sir:

1. The Keeper of Brant Point Light Station has informed this office that Mr. E. J. Downey, the Assistant Keeper, told you that liquor was stored at the light station and tried to induce you to make a raid on the station; that he also informed you that the keeper had reported him for neglect and that he was "out to get" the keeper in any way he could.

2. It would be much appreciated if you would inform this office in detail as to the truth of these statements.

Respectfully,

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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Brant Point Light Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

In answer to the letter from your office April 29, 1926.
I hold that the actions indicated in Keeper Dixon's letter,
of April 28 is in accordance with the rules on this subject.
I further hold that also with my oath of office also.

Respectfully,
E. Downey,
1st Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,
Sir:

In reply to your letter of Apr. 28. 1926.
In reply. At 9.45 P.M. on apr. 24. 1926, I was in the kitchen of my quarters talking. The Nantophone was not sounded owing to conditions of weather not demanding this aid to navigation.

You are further informed that I have not been asked why the horn was not in operation at 9.45 P.M. april 24 or at any other time.

(Note For periods sounded, Nantophone conditions are described for april 24 P.M. in watch book, As Very Good, Downey F.A.K.).

That I have been oraly charged with gross neglect of duty and should have been blowing for an hour and a half, and that these charges would be made officialy,

You are further informed of an unsuccessful attempt at oral Buco tactics, to which he was informed that I would answer to proper authorities. And that his letter does not make the proper use of standard time. In fact it looks as though there are no records or fog book at this station ?, also a book of rules and instructions. (I have none though this is not a plea of unfamiliararity with the rules. I have not read them for one year.). These references should have been in his letter. Time signal was sounded — Time signal was stopped. Also, and this is of importance to me, is The Time Signal Should have been Sounded.

When I left the kitchen to start the Nantophone I saw a boat abreast of the this boat house bound for the docks. I have been searching for this boat and found her to be a fisherman named — Nellie No K 11057 — Masters name — Jacob Scheelen.

I have also visited the mother ship of the Coast Guard Fleet, they take notations every hour. In order to straten straiten this thing out write to these people. If you will send Mr. Scheelen's letter in my care I will try to deliver it to him as I forgot to get his postal address in my hurry. This letter should be addressed to me in a way that Dixon will not open it.

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2nd DIST. BOSTON, MASS.

2. Brant Point light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 1926

Keeper Dixon has deliberately set out to catch me sleeping on watch, and I have been aware of him around the windows for some time.

A decision from your office follows in part: (Deductions for service under way, 1, 1924) Apr 1. 1924

1. Your letter of Apr 29. 1924

2. It is the asst kprs. duty to make entry in the journal at the end of his watch even though the kpr. may be on the sta. (He was underlined)

3. If you do not approve what the asst. has written in the journal do not alter or change in any way. ect.

Does this decision hold good for Dixon ?

It has been the custom to run this sta, like a farm or a hay wagon.

Kpr. Dixon when off to the mainland for three or four days comes back and dreams what the weather was in his absence and puts it in the journal. Kpr. Dixon, made the entrees in the fog book and we must get it on paper from him, the time I started the nautophone, before proceeding. I have a journal I have kept since the 'Naut' has been installed of my watches, this in case of any trouble as I considered him slack. There was an engineer from the steamer Nobska called on me the night in question and though his word may be good I would rather have Dixon's facts and figures first.

There is something fishey about the whole proceedings so far.

When Kpr. Dixon sends in a charge with facts and figures, I'll get a copy of charges, I will make a statement through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter Any statement must be couched

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in temperate language free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue. If no statement will be made. I am to state so in writing.

Inform me if this is not in accordance.

Please do not send a copy of this letter to K/pr. Dixon until after we get his figures or he will juggle them to suit.

In closing your attention is called to such phrases in his letter, as a little after ten, - I should say he was not keeping proper watch. If that is his intention's he should say it.

Respectfully,
E. Downey,
Asst K/pr.

P.S. The above is not to be considered as Charges or counter charges I send it as a preliminary explanation.

Forwarded.
R. F. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light Station.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st., 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I wish it to go on reckord that I received the first slap on April, 26, 1926 and that I did not enter any charges until after the second one on April, 28, 1926.

That I did observe the big rule book (The Bible) and received the second slap. This big rule book does not give further instructions.

Inclosed are a few rules that have been broken and am looking forward for the full prescribed penalties set forth by the department of commerce.

Respectfully,

E Downey
1st asst. Keeper.

Through the Keeper.

Brant Point Light Station.

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Brant Point Light Sta.,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st., 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I charge Keeper Dixon of Brant Point Light Station with violation of rules, in leaving this station after sundown on social affairs and dances, and also playing at these on a musical instrument for five dollars a night, this by his own word of mouth, Regards price obtained.

Respectfully
C. Dorbney
1st Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses.

Sir:

I charge Keeper Dixon, of Brant Point Light Station, of false entrys in the official document of this station, in signing my name and offical title to the same; and keeping official records in a careless and unofficial manner.

Respectfully
C. Downey
1st Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I charge Keeper Dixon of Brant Point Light Station of violation of rules, in that he was and is employed as a janitor and care-taker. He is employed by Mr. Leeds Mitchell of 45 E. Chiller St., Chicago, Ill.

Respectfully,

E. Downey,

First Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta.,
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May 1st, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I charge Keeper Dixon of Brant Point light Station with gross neglect of duty, in that he has not ordered lumber & materials to finish building the last room; exposing my family and myself to sickness and discomfort.

Respectfully,
E. Downes
1st Asst. Keeper.

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SECOND DISTRICT

Brant Point Light Sta,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1926.

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

I do charge Keeper Dixon, of Brant Point Light Light Station, with entering false charges, in that he charged me with neglect of duty on Saturday 24, 1926 at 9.45 P.M., and with malicious tale bearing to the same.

Respectfully
C. Downey
1st Asst. Keeper.

Superintendent of Light Houses.

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Sir

Keeper Dixon Has made the remark that these charges will not come back.

Has your office any idea of the meaning of this statement?

Respectfully

E. J. Downey

1st Asst Keeper

P.S. I do not belong to any fraternal order, catholic or otherwise.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

May 4, 1926

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

It is requested that this office be informed if the services of Elwood Joseph Downey were satisfactory while serving as keeper in your district. He claims to have served from March 12, 1919, to June 30, 1919, and from November 1, 1920, to March 30, 1921.

/s/ Eaton
Superintendent

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Staten Is., N.Y., May 5,1926

1. Returned to Supt.2nd Lighthouse District.
2. Mr. Downey was employed as Additional Keeper from March 12,1919 to June 30,1919, when he resigned. Also as Additional Keeper from Nov. 1,1920 to March 31,1921, when he resigned without giving any notice. He had claims against him for unpaid grocery and other bills, on account of which he is not considered desirable for reemployment.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

/s/ F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst. Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

May 5, 1926

Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:
(Through the Keeper)

1. On April 28 this office wrote you for a detailed report as to why the fog signal was not sounding at 9.45 p.m. on April 24 and a statement where you were and what you were doing at that time. Your reply should have been limited to furnishing the information requested, but instead this office received a long and rambling letter, which was not sent through the keeper in accordance with regulations.

2. On May 4 this office received eight short letters evidently preferring charges against the keeper. If you have any charges to prefer they should be written in detail in one letter and should be sent through the keeper.

3. Your attention is directed to the fact that the regulations require that all official correspondence from an assistant keeper is to be sent to this office through the keeper and not direct.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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Brant Point Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 6th, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses.
Through the Keeper

Sir:

The letter from your office of May 5, 1926 has been received and in accordance herewith is submitted an answer to the letter from your office of April 28, 1926.

On April 24 at 9.45 P.M. I was on watch and was in my quarters talking.

The Nautophone was not sounded at 9.45 P.M. as this aid to navigation was not necessary, the jetty light being visible.

Respectfully,
E. Downey,
Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded
R. T. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

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Brant Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 6, 1926

Supt of Light-Houses,
Boston Mass.

Dear sir:-

In reply to enclosed letter, I read he has denied my report to you in regard to whether or no it was necessary to have horn blowing as per my report. My report to you was absolutely correct. My occassion of being up at that time was, I was called, and I would not have been woke up. and told conditions of the weather if it had not been necessary.

The rest of his letter is such that we can expect from a man of his type, and I have no comments to make on the same. Except on one of his charges where he accuses me of sneaking around his quarters to try and catch him asleep, that I have never done.

It is my desire that you visit this Station and then you can find out personally the kind of man you have here. He has made a statement that he will get me fired.

Dixon
Keeper.

C.C. Gibbs 1/27

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Brant Point
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 7, 1926

Supt of Light-Houses,
Boston Mass:-
Dear sir:-

I would report that on the evening of May 4 while temporay absent to lodge meeting as per your permission. The crew of Sch Azalea left 2 pieces of goods for Sankaty Head light. Mr. Downey being an deputy at that time signed for same. He failed to notify me of the delivery the next day. Keeping the invoice himself. In the afternoon while up town, he called up Sankaty on some telephone up town and asked Mr. Larson to call at Brant Point for the goods. This was done without my knowledge or authority. I did not know the goods were here until the afternoon of the 6th when Mr. Larson called for them. I have asked Mr. Downey why this was done, and he informed me to write the matter to you and he would explain to you.

Dipon
Keeper.

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Brant Point light Sta
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May 7, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses.
Through the Keeper.

Sir:

I wish to prefer the following charges against keeper Dixon of Brant Point Light Station;

1- That he has entered false charges, in that he charged me with neglect of duty on Saturday April 24 at 9.45 P.M., and with malicious tale bearing to the same.

2- That he keeps the official documents of this station in an unofficial manner.

3- When Keeper Dixon is absent from this station for three or four days he puts the entries into the journal on his return, these entries have not been been suggested by me in any way and I have never made any entries in the journal or fog book, although I have spoke to him of this and have showed him a letter from your office that instructs this to be the proper course. He also signs my name and official tittle to my leave of absence.

4- That he disregards the rules by leaving this station after sundown on social affairs and dances and playing for hire at these on a musical instrument receiving five dollars per night according too his word, in regards to price.

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May 7, 1926

5 Keeper Dixon has refused to order lumber with which to complete the last room that I built for my quarters, thereby exposing my family and myself to sickness and discomfort; this room has been in an unfinished condition all winter and being the northwest corner, was very leaky causing the rest of the rooms to be cold. This also caused a shortage of coal.

6— Keeper Dixon's further violation of rules is that he is employed as a janitor and caretaker to the property on the east side of this station; that he spends most of his time over there during the summer even eating and occasionaly sleping there.

His employers name and address is., Wm. Leeds Mitchell
46 East Schiller St Chicago, Ill.

office
Harris Winthrop & Co
The Rookery
Chacago Ill.

Respectfully,
E Downey.
Asst Keeper.

Forwarded
R. F. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

May 8, 1926

Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:

In your letter of May 6 you state that you learned that the horn was not blowing because you were called and would not have woke up otherwise. Inform the office who called you and how the call was made. Your letter fails to give details and you should explain or make reply to any definite charges that that the assistant keeper makes. His letter is return herewith for that purpose.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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Brant Point Light Sta.
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May 8, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,
(Through the Keeper.)

Sir:

In accordance with the letter from your office of May 5. 1926, inclosed is an answer to your letter of April 28. 1926.

I had reason to believe, on account of Keeper Dixon offering me some whiskey and also hearing him offer it to another person, that Keeper Dixon had liquor on this station. So in accordance with a circular letter, I had read of instructions, I wanted to learn how or to whom to report the violation.

I inquired of the state police as to what the procedure was for a search warrant on federal property. He answered that it was impossible to get one. He asked me who it was; I told him a person on the same station with me. Then I mentioned being charged with gross neglect of duty and was trying to get conclusive proof that he was violating the rules; as he had set out to get me, I would get proof to get him anyway I could. That I disliked a squealer but thought less of a liar.

Respectfully,
E Downey,
Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded
R. F. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light Sta.

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Brant Point Light
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

May 11, 1926

Supt of Light Houses.
Boston Mass. Dear sir:-

In reply to yours of the 8th in regard to who called me when the horn was not sounding. It was Mrs. Dixon. she woke me up and told me it was thick fog and the horn was not working.

2- I did ask Mr. Downey why the horn was not sounding at 9.45 and he informed me he did not have to explain anything to me.

3- I did not charge him that the horn should have been blowing an hour and a half.

4- I have not been trying to get anything on Mr. Downey. and I have not been around his quarters to try and catch him asleep.

5- In regard to entries of weather in journal while absent I have got the weather conditions from Mr. Downey. on my return.

6- He also states he has not read rule book in one year. he had it in his possession last October.

Dixon
J Keeper.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

May 12, 1926

Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:

Enclosed are letters dated May 7 and 8 from the assistant keeper making certain charges and statements. You are directed to reply fully and in detail to each statement and charge as your reply will have to be submitted to Washington. Return the letters of the assistant keeper with your reply.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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BOSTON, MASS.

May 12, 1926

Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:
(Through the Keeper)

1. Herewith is a letter from the keeper dated May 7 in regard to your action in the matter of goods for Sankaty Head Light Station.

2. You are directed to inform the office why you did not report to the keeper upon his return to the station the delivery of the goods by the tender as was your duty to do. Also inform the office why you took it upon yourself to telephone to Sankaty Head Light Station for Mr. Larsen to call for the goods. You had no authority to do this without instructions from the keeper, even if the tender did tell you that Mr. Larsen was to call for them. Also report why you did not inform the keeper of the matter when he requested you to do so, as you have been advised to do by this office. Your action in this matter appears to have been a deliberate disobedience of orders.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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May 14, 1926

Supt of Light-Houses,
Boston Mass.

Dear sir-

In reply to yours of the 12th inst.

1- In regard to my offering Mr. Downey Whiskey.
He came in one evening some time ago, saying his older boy had a bad cold, and he could not seem to get anything that helped him. I said I had a little Scotch Whiskey in the house and would give him a couple of spoonfulls. he could try it with some hot water and lemon juice. he thought it would not do any good so did not take it.

2- Mr. Morse was here some time ago and he had a bad cold and I suggested maybe a little whiskey in hot water would help him. Mr. Downey probably heard me at that time. that is the only occasion that he had an opportunity to hear me offer anyone any whiskey on this Station.

3-. I have not prepared false charges against Mr. Downey my report of April 24th at 9.45 P.M. is correct as reported.

4.- My books have always been inspected and found kept A.1.

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5- Mr. Downey has never asked for the journal and fog-book to make his entries. I have a slate in the sig-nal room, and the time of starting and using the signal is placed on the slate, and copied from that by me on the fog-book. On my return from short leaves I have got the weather report from Mr. Downey and entered it on Journal.

6- In regard to my signing his daily absent report this was done at his request or he did not want to bother to keep coming in my quarters to sign them himself.

7- In regard to my being absent after sunset this is done by permission and the approval of the Supt of this District. And I have played for a dance occasionally as a means of a little recreation.

8, In regard to lumber to finish room I did not think it necessary to order lumber, as there was enough on the Station to nearly if not wholly finish the room by using short pieces. Mr. Downey did not want to use half-pieces. he want boards of full length. therefore. he did not finish the double-boarding. He has never complained of being uncomfortable to me this past winter.

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Sir: In regard to the care of Mr. Mitchells property in the next yard. What little I do over there does not interfere in any respects to my duties at the Station. and what compensation I get is usually in the form of a present. I have had lunch there occassionally but I do not sleep there.

Respectfully
Dixon
Keeper.

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Brant Point Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 14, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses

Sir: (Through the Kpr)

In answer to your letter of May 12, 1926 and in answer to the charges of keeper Dixons letter of May 7. 1926.

The reason I did not report the landing of the articles for Sankaty Head Light Sta, to keeper Dixon on his return that night, is that at that time I was preoccupied reading (I think) and did not think to do so.

The following day while at the village, I phoned to Sankaty Head, wishing to get a message to Kpr. Dolby, for private reasons. Not being able to make myself understood I cut the call short and then told them about the articles being here thinking that I was doing right in getting the business over with.

Keeper Dixon asked me two questions regarding this matter which I fully answered.

I notice in his letter of May 7th that he has misquoted me.

I have a detailed account in writing of the conversation held between us, which is at your disposal.

Forwarded
R. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

Respectfully,
E. Downey,
Asst Kpr B-Point L. H. S.

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Brant Point light Sta.,
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May 17, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses,

Sir:

On May 7th I sent your office a registered letter. In this letter of charges I made mention of leaving this station after sun-down to dances and social affairs and I mean dances and social affairs, not lodge meetings, as per special permit.

I would like further to advise your office that I have refrained from any charge so far that cannot be proved by one or more uninterested persons. Also would your office advise me what is termed leaving the reservation at this station and in accordance what would be termed as leaving this station unattended while neither of the keepers are off on official leave of absence.

As it is now going on two years since I have read a rule book and I would like to be guided according to your answer.

Respectfully,
Downey,
Asst. Kpr.
Brant Point Light.

Forwarded
R. T. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

cc/w

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
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May 25, 1926

Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:

1. Upon receipt of this letter inform the office if the Assistant Keeper has ever refused duty, and if so, state the occasions and circumstances so far as you are able.

2. State the time the fog signal was started and stopped on April 24, as entered in the journal.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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Brant Point
(Station, ~~Depot, or Vessel~~)

May 24, 1924

Supt of Light Houses
Boston Mass.-

Dear sir:-

In reply to yours of the 23rd.

1- Up to date the Ass't Keeper has not refused duty.

But I must say that for the past few weeks he has been disagreeable around the Station. In as much that he has shown no respect to the Keeper. He never speaks unless he is spoken to, and when I give him an order to do anything sometimes he will answer and some-times not. I have had 19 years of service in the Light-House Service and this is the first time I have ever had any trouble of any kind on my Station. And I don't like it. It would be for the good of the Service if this man could be transfered to some other Station.

2- Fog-signal-

	Start	Stop
April 24	10.30 P.M.	11.20 P.M.
	11.10 P.M.	11.20

Dixon
Keeper.

C/W

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Brant Point Light.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May, 28, 1926.

Superintendent of Light Houses.

In reply to your letter of May 25, 1926.

I left Dux. Pier Light Sta. at 730 A.M. on April 23 1925 in dory No 51. The wind was freshing from W. or S.W. (head wind). I wished to get away before it set in to blow and get the benefit of the incoming tide.

The letter in question was taken along with twenty or more letters of my own. The letter was not loaned or given to me in any way. Later on finding this letter and since it had been received at that sta. before I was appointed, I did not and do not consider it at the value of a postage stamp. — Did not need a stamp to return post-reference

I also mention the fact that, that on that date I left a rifle at that sta. and later had to engage a fisherman to get it. — to have rifle returned, to him or rifle there.

E. Downey,
Asst. Keeper.

P.S. Does Keeper Dixon obey my letters by sons or Special Permit?
Downey
Ass't.

Forwarded

A. T. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

c/y

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BOSTON, MASS.
May 25, 1926

Keeper, Cuttyhunk Light Station:

Please furnish the office by return mail with a detailed statement of any conversations that the asst. keeper of Brant Point Light Station may have had with you concerning his relations with the keeper.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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Cuttyhunk, Mass.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

5/28, 1926.

Lighthouse Superintendent,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

Refering to your letter of May 25th. about any conversation I had with the asst. keeper at Brant Point, will say, Mr. Downey said the station wasint run right and he had several items against the keeper and in fact the whole district wasint run right.

Respectfully,
H. B. Hobbins "Keeper"

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SIR ON FURTHER REFLECTION THE NEW ORDER MENTIONED IN MY LETTER OF JUNE 1 WILL BE RESPECTED IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT YOUR OFFICE COUNTERMAND THIS ORDER

DOWNEY

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Brant Point Light Sta.
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June 1st, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses.

It was necessary for me to accompany the last inspecting officer on his rounds of inspection at this sta; orders were given at that time to chip the old paint off of the window casings on Brant Point lamp room. These orders were also left in writing in the book which is provided. Later Keeper Dixon asked me what it refered to and I told him. He then said, that it was unnecessary it don't need it and that he would smooth it with sand paper and paint over it. I suggested that it would be easy to chip as the paint was very thick, brittle and scaling. However these orders of the inspecting officer were not carried out, he has done just as he said he would. It seems that this is a deliberate disregard of orders. Of the entry in the book say finally it also seems like false entries.

I also report that at this sta, there is no test of fog signals after seven days of clear weather. I called Keeper Dixon's attention to this and he said that it was allright. Later he said he turned it over by hand.

It has been my experience on other fog signal stations to turn the internal combustion engines over by hand every day. Also at the end of every seven days of clear weather, to sound a test of fifteen minutes or what we called a test card.

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June 1st, 1926

This was so arranged that this was done automatically by the kpr' on watch. This test run is not practiced at this sta, The signal was started for the first time within nine days when I started on the night of Apr 24, 1926. This is only one instance. I have not counted the fuses or other parts that could have been out of order.

When I first landed at this sta, I was told to get out at 6 A.M. and if there was any fog to take care of the watch. (this watch) He said that this was the custom at this sta, and that the former kpr's, done this, also Kpr Parsons.

I was also led to believe that Kpr. Dixon was one of the oldest Kprs. in the district and that he was entitled to one of the best stations and would transfer to Nobska. Woods Hole this spring. This I believed until last Feb. Believing that he was commodor. Kpr, the violation of certain rules was accepted by me as O.K. with the Dept. On this way he has set the watches so I have always been on the last watch. This was so he could attend to his janitor duties next door, and also be free to go to the dances an lodge meetings as per your special permit.

We had a sharp discussion on this subject last summer and he informed me that he was the keeper and was running this sta. About this time there was an order from the Commissioner setting new visiting hours. As I had to get the visitors off the reservation at sun down and light three lights it was hard to attend, make

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these people understand that, that I had to attend to the lights and had no time to explain why they must leave the reservation, as they insisted on staying until sundown, as the old sign read. Kpr. Dixon ~~had~~ I had a discussion on this subject, to which he informed me that he was running things at this sta. He said he would have the ~~Super.~~ keeper countermand the order this he did do. I spent the rest of the day in bed. and the order ~~was~~ was countermanded. this, all the proof I needed to make me ~~believe that~~ believe that he, at least, had a good friend in Boston. It has been a necessary custom for me to be in dungarees in the morning, being ready for any work to be done. There have been stretches for as long as two weeks when this was unnecessary. When no work was in progress I would polish brass, do any little job that needed to be done such as clean windows, repairing, filing saws, washing paint work etc. in order to be busy. This, in the newest order of things, seems unsatisfactory. This morning while emptying some trash off the Point, keeper Dixon told me to report to him at 8 A.M. every day. I asked him where I could find him, he said, in the house or somewhere around around the reservation. I know it is the custom, at most stations, to start at 8 A.M. and stop at 12 Nov. I know this and think it is right. But this new idea along with the fact that I am considered the hired man and his helper seems as though he wants a little dog or some flunkey.

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As usual Dwill be in dungarees and ready for work at 8 a.m. and will be in the boat shed. Though it would not hurt him to let me know the night before what work was to be done the following day. I have never heard of chasing around a reservation in this way.

I would also report a departure from the regulations pertaining to the perscribed uniform. It is the custom of Kpr. Dixon to wear a gold chin strap on his watch cap during the summer months. There is a foot path worn through the back yard of the property to the east of this sta, where Kpr. Dixon parades up and down the board walks at B-Point between the tower and the gate. The object seems to be to give the old maids that occupy the benches at the point a thrill.

Downey,
Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded
R. T. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light

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June 4, 1926

E. J. Downey,
Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:
(Through the Keeper)

1. The keeper of Brant Point Light Station has reported the following acts of neglect of duty and insubordination against you as assistant keeper:

(a) On the night of April 24, 1926, at 9.45 p.m. the keeper was awakened by his wife on account of the existence of fog, and although he could not see the breakwater light flashing on account of the fog, yet the fog horn was not in operation as it should have been. You were on watch at the time, and it was your duty to sound the fog horn, but you were in your quarters talking, as you acknowledge in your letter of April 30.

(b) When the keeper asked you why the horn was not sounded, as it was his duty to do, you informed him that you did not have to make any explanation to him, an act of insubordination on your part.

(c) You informed the State policeman that the keeper was storing liquor on the station and tried to induce him to make a raid on the station, instead of reporting such a condition, if it existed, to this office, as it was your duty to do. Your action was obviously prompted by a desire to injure the keeper and not by a sense of duty, as you also informed the policeman that you were "out to get" the keeper. Investigation discloses that the keeper had a little Scotch whiskey for medicinal purposes, and that he had offered you a small quantity as medicine for your boy's cold and that he had offered some to former First Assistant Superintendent Morse for the same purpose.

(d) On May 4, during the absence of the keeper, you received supplies from the tender Azalea for Sankaty Head Light Station and kept the invoice covering same. The next day you notified the keeper of Sankaty Head Light Station of the arrival of the goods, and the keeper of Brant Point Light Station knew nothing of the matter until the keeper of Sankaty Head Light Station called for the goods. Your action was entirely unauthorized and outside of your duty, and when the keeper requested an explanation you refused to give one. You assumed an authority belonging to the keeper and were insubordinate in refusing information that he was entitled to receive.

(e) You charge the keeper with spending most of his time as janitor and caretaker of adjoining property. If this is the case it was your duty to report it when discovered and not wait to do so for the evident purpose of injuring the keeper. The keeper explains that the small

amount of such work done by him does not interfere with his official duties.

2. On your part you have made the following charges against the keeper:

(a) You charge that he has failed to keep official records properly and that he had made false entries in the journal. Your statements are supported by no evidence and are denied by the keeper.

(b) You have also charged the keeper with violation of the rules in leaving the station after sundown. This leave was authorized by the Superintendent, but if you believed the keeper was violating regulations it was your duty to report it to this office when discovered and not wait to do so when you wished to make detrimental statements concerning the keeper.

(c) You charge the keeper with gross neglect of duty in not ordering lumber to finish a room in your quarters, thereby exposing yourself and family to sickness and discomfort. The keeper states that he did not consider it necessary to order lumber as there were enough short pieces on the station for the purpose but you wanted full length boards; also, you have not complained to him of being uncomfortable.

3. The Superintendent and First Assistant Superintendent were at the light station on March 19 and 20 and none of the above conditions or charges were brought to the attention of either.

4. In your letter of April 30 you refer to a letter dated April 1, 1924, from this office, which you were directed to forward to this office. Upon its receipt it is found to be a letter addressed to the keeper of Duxbury Pier Light Station, which you claim to have taken with you by accident when you left that station. This was an official letter belonging to Duxbury Pier and should have been returned when discovered and not retained in your possession for any such trivial reason that you did not consider it worth a postage stamp. As the letter was on official business it could have been returned in a franked envelope.

5. Your attention is called to article 11 of Instructions to Employees which reads as follows:

> "All persons in the service are required to obey readily and strictly, and to execute with promptitude and zeal, the lawful orders of their superiors. They shall show to their superiors the proper deference and respect. No person in the service shall join in or abet any combination to weaken the lawful authority of, or lessen the respect due to, his superior officer, or shall treat his superior officer with contempt or be disrespectful to him in manner or deportment. Violation of this regulation will be deemed cause for dismissal of the offender."

6. Your actions, as shown by correspondence from the keeper and yourself, appear to be an evident violation of this article in that you have

flouted the authority of the keeper, an employee of nineteen years' service with an excellent record, have treated him with contempt and disrespect and have endeavored to injure him in the estimation of his superiors.

7. Your actions in this affair have shown you to be unsuitable for the Lighthouse Service and you are given three days from receipt of this letter in which to make such answer to the above charges as you may desire and to submit any reasons you may have to offer why you should not be recommended for dismissal from the Lighthouse Service.

Superintendent.

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If it was fog why didn't he shut up the Yauts and then take one up?

Brant Point Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 7 and 8th, 1926

Supt of Light Houses. (Through the Keeper)

Along with my eight short letters to your office, was a statement where I said that Kpr Dixon remarked to me that he would never hear from the charges against him. I also thought it expedient to say that I did not belong not belong to any fraternal order.

There are two probation officials who can testify that I spoke of the existence of liquor on the same sta. that I was on and to whom I remarked that it was my belief that I would be discrimanated against if I reported these conditions. This was before Apr. 24, 1926.

I believed the Supt of Light Houses was a friend of keeper Dixon according to Kpr Dixons remarks and to special permits granted to him. In fact he was so intimate as to at one time; advise Kpr. Dixon to smash in the flues of a stove in order to get a new one. and the Supt would also discuss the shortcomings of another kpr. who furnished with a new power boat. and not being able to make it run, reported it to the Supt. The Supt asked this other kpr, what he had been doing to the boat, to which the kpr replied that he had been doing nothing to it, whereupon, the Supt. advised to keep on doing nothing to it and maybe it would run.

This was told to me by Kpr Dixon. You know whether it is true.

I cannot accept his word any longer.

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(2, 2) June 7 and 8, 1926

I have been abused, insulted and lied about and I have proved it. I have mentioned proof that has not been investigated.

Investigation shows that there was liquor on the reservation and that the kpr was tipped off in order to have time to dispose of this liquor.

The word of a state trooper is taken. This trooper is a person who has committed a neglect of duty and who broke his oath of office by tipping the keeper off in time to get rid of the evidence.

I charged the keeper with spending most of his time as janitor and caretaker and you uphold him, with his word.

I charged the kpr with keeping official records in an unofficial manner and I prove it. You take the kpr's word.

I charge the kpr with violating the rules by leaving the station after sundown to social affairs. You uphold him and give him a special permit. I give proof of my fear of discrimination.

I charge the keeper with gross neglect of duty in not ordering lumber to finish my quarters. I can prove it by the very existence of this condition and by having to live in unfinished and cold quarters. The Kpr. considered the lumber unnecessary and you take his word.

You quote rules and you have been no less than twice advised that I have no rule book.

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June 7 & 8, 1926

I have have had need to ask your office for information which was not given to me.

You take the K/p's word unsupported. The H/p's word is denied by me, the 1st. Asst H/pr.

You hold up the K/p's nineteen years of service as a proof.

You give the K/pr special permits and neglect to see violations of rules. You apparently countenance the violations you have found.

It seems to me that his long service should have learned him not to violate these rules. I with less years of service am expected to read the rules and remember them for years. while not being furnished with a rule book. a circumstance you have been advised of twice in former letters.

A few days ago, I asked a member of your office in a personal letter for the address of Mr. Morse. I intended to ask his permission to use his name in testimony. Does this keeper have such scruples?

When you learned of the conditions of these quarters last Feb. 1926 you asked me if I would accept certain stations. I appreciated your intentions but did not accept them. Does the H/pr. have such scruples?

If we look on the station's board walk we will find an emblem such as members wear in the lapel of their coat.

If we look on the station's concrete walk we find another emblem.

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You have asked for explanations. You have some in this letter. If you do not make an agreeable finding, & demands in the sense of fairness, that the case be set before the Commissioner of light Houses without recommendations against the case, from your office. Also send me instructions of how to bring this matter up before the Commissioner.

Elwood J. Downey
1st Asst Keeper.

Forwarded
R. T. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light

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Brant Point Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June Mon. 7th & 8th, 1926

Superintendent of Light Houses
(Through the Kpr)

1.a On the night of April 24 at 9.45 P.M. The Keeper reports that he had occasion to get up and that, on looking out, he could not see the jetty light. (and that it seemed if C was not keeping proper watch.) Later, he has committed himself by stating that he was not sure there was a fog at that time, to a certain person at Nantucket.

It now appears in your letter June 4th that his wife woke him up, claiming that there was fog.

B. On Apr. 26th the keeper, in telling me, that he had charged me with gross neglect of duty, wanted to know if C would make a statement as to where C was on that night of night. C replied that C would answer to the proper authority.

Your office was directed to inquire at the Coast Guard ship Wayanda also to the Master of a certain boat. as to what the weather conditions were at that time.

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c. Having reasons to believe that liquor was kept on this sta. I questioned a state police officer and asked him how to get a warrant for federal property. I told him I was out to get certain proofs.

d. On May 4th, in the absence of the kprs, I received goods for Sankaty Head light Sta, and the invoice for the same. Later in calling up Sankaty Head, I mentioned these goods being left here at Brant Point. After the kprs of Sankaty had called and taken these goods; kpr Dixon asked me questions concerning this matter, which I answered.
Mentioning the fact to the kpr's wife at Sankaty Head Sta, that the supplies were left at Brant Point light, turns out to be outside of my duty.

e. As has been explained in my letter of June 1st or 2nd to your office, I believed that keeper Dixon, being one of the kprs with longest service in dist. and where he was granted special permits along other remarks, made by him, that the offense this position of janitor and caretaker would be tolerated by the Superintendent of Light Houses. This, in part explains why I did not report this offense.
The keeper's later actions convinced me that his stories could not be relied upon.

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2.a.

A letter from your office dated Apr. 1st 1924 contains instructions proving that these books, at this station are not kept in an official manner. The kpr. never asks me and I do not tell him what the weather conditions are during my watch.

When the kpr is on leave of absences and he is over to the — mainland. I do not make entries in the journal or other books. The keeper, on his return, makes these entries.

Since I am the only duly appointed kpr. on the sta at these times, I beg the question? If your office will compare this Sta. journal with the journal of the Coast Guard Base, you will find further variatems pretaining to the weather conditions.

If more is disired I can give it at a later date.

2.b. The reason for my not sooner reporting kpr. Dixon for violating the rules by leaving this sta after sundown on dances and social affairs and also by having played on a musical instrument at dances is, I believed, according to kpr. Dixon's remarks, that the Supervd of Houses was a friend of kpr. Dixon. This explanation is touched upon in my letter to your office, of June 1st or 2nd 1926, also in article #1 — paragraph(e) in this letter. In this case I believed that I would be discriminated against.

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C. The kpr. states in your letter of June 4th that he did not consider it necessary to order lumber for the finishing of the room, where as it was necessary for him and cl to go out and get some, taking this lumber from some cottages that were temporarily in his charge, in the absence of the regular caretaker. Even this lumber was not sufficient. The short pieces having been used to finish the floor and part of the side; this left part of the side and the roof uncompleted. Cl told kpr. Dixon it was cold and that cl had warped and split the grate in the heater, by carrying a continual red hot fire in order to keep warm. Kpr. Dixon told me that he would report the condition to you, on your arrival at this sta, Cl blame the serious illness of my eldest son to this condition of the room.

3. The Superintendent and first Asst. were at this light station on March 19 and 20. They visited my quarters without my preence, this just before they were leaving the station.

4. In my letter of Apr. 30th 1926 Cl refered to a letter from your office which contains a decision pertaining to the sta. official books and that cl had shown this letter to kpr. Dixon. You will consider that Cl spoke of having this letter and that if cl had felt guilty of possesing this letter, obviously, Cl would not have mentioned that cl had this letter in my possession.

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5. Article eleven of instructions to employes.

I believed that I have observed this article to the best of my knowledge and ability and wish to point out as example, the new and degrading order set forth in my letter to your office of June 1st. I consider this a degrading, unlawful and unnecessary order and hard for any man to comply with. On reconsideration, this order I respected as I state in my telegram to your office June 2, 1926. This in the spirit of obeying orders.

My refusal in making a statement to the kpr. on Apr. 26, is justified as he, in the presence of another person, charged me with neglect of duty before asking me to make a statement.

I have not joined no combination to weaken the authority or lessen respect to any superiour officer or treated them with contempt or disrespect in any manner.

E. J. Downes
1st Asst Keeper.

Forwarded
R. F. Dwyer
Keeper Brant Point Light.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

June 15, 1926

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper Brant Point Light Station, charges preferred, supplementary.

Referring to letter from this office dated June 14 forwarding charges preferred against Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, there is enclosed further evidence that the assistant keeper has ignored the authority of the keeper and has assumed responsibility not connected with his position.

Superintendent.

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Brant Point Light Sta
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Superintendent of Light Houses.
(Through the Keeper)

In answer to your letter of June, 9. 1926.

As set forth in Kper Dixon's letter of June 4th to your office, Kper Dixon informed me on Wed June 2nd that the nautophone was not working properly. also that a mechanic was coming to fix it.

On starting the nautophone, on account of thick weather, for a five minute run, the frequency indicator was very high, and I expected it would burn out the windings. The fly wheel was turning up at a very high rate of speed and I turned the nautophone frequency rheostat down, in an attempt to slow it up, so the windings or other parts would not burn out. This being of no help as the motor still turned up as fast as ever, made me think that some part on the governor must have worked loose and droped off. The spell of weather was short and after it lifted, I wanted to know if some part did drop off. So I looked on the floor and in back of the machine but could not find anything, then, I took the cover off to look at the governor. I saw that it worked by the centripetal system and noted what looked like the end of a burned match head, but of a different color, on the contact point. When I touched this with my finger nail, it crumbled and fell off. so I scraped the rest off with my finger nail as

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I knew it to be a sort of corrosion or carbon and that it should not be there. since then I have not run the naut-ophone, there being no fog.

A day or two later later, when looking for the Kpr. before going to town for provisions, I looked in the engine room as I knew the mechanic was in there working. I asked Mr. Vaux if the indicator was burned out; he said no. I then said that it looked to me as if the trouble was with the governor and that there had been dirt on the contact points, which I cleaned off. He then said no that could not have been it.

As you know I have been a mechanic (Not an automobile tire repair man.) The machine was not working right which prompted all my instincts to learn why it was not. My actions were just natural. I fixed the bell machine at Dup. Pier light Sta, and it was noted in the journal by me

I fixed & repaired the bell machine at Brant Point, when I first come here and I spoke of it to Mr. Morse when he was here last. There was no kick.

If Kpr. Dixon had, as I suggested to him let me look over the moto that had been short circuited with oil and shipped away and on return would not run on account of a blown

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fuse, all the delay in finding the trouble would have been avoided. cf/cl remember right the rule book states that that it is our duty to repair or do any such work as we can on the station.

E. J. Downey.
Asst Kpr

Forwarded
R. F. Dixon
Keeper Brant Point Light.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

June 9, 1926

Asst. Keeper, Brant Point Light Station:
(Through the Keeper)

Enclosed is copy of a letter from the keeper charging you with tampering with the Nautophone without his knowledge or authority, for such reply as you may desire to make.

/s/ Eaton

Superintendent.

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June 7, 1926

Supt of Light. Houses
Boston Mass.

Dear sir:-

I would report that after I had notified your Office that Tantaphone was not functioning properly, I informed the Ass't. Keeper of the fact, and that you would send a man down to find the trouble.

On the arrival of Mr. Vaux, much to my surprise on starting the machine, it worked much better than per my report to you.

Since that time the Ass't Keeper has informed Mr. Vaux he had the cap off the governor and cleaned the points, and the machine worked better.

This action of the Ass't Keeper in touching the machine was done without my knowledge or authority, neither has the Ass't Keeper made any report to me that he had touched the machine.

It appears he has again exceeded his authority and ignored the man in charge of the Station.

Dixon
Keeper.

P.S.
The statement made by the Ass't Keeper to Mr. Vaux will be verified in writing on Mr. Vaux report to his office.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
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BOSTON, MASS.
May 4th, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 7 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Transfer, Elwood J. Downey, Keeper.

The Bureau is advised that the above named employee entered on duty as Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, Mass., on April 27, 1925.

Superintendent.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

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BOSTON, MASS.
May 14th, 1925.

CHIEF CLERK.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, (Asst.) Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, error in change of salary.

1. The Bureau is advised that through error the salary of the above employee, who was transferred from Duxbury Pier Light Station to Brant Point Light Station as Assistant Keeper, was stated on Form 73 as $1140 per annum, while the pay of the latter position is $1080 per annum.

2. Notice of Change in Salary covering the transfer is returned herewith for correction.

Amend 2 chgs in Sal from 1140 - 1080

Superintendent.

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Enclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Elwood J. Downey, April 15, 1925.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 1320 per annum to $ 1080 per annum, effective April 27, 1925, 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,

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Duxbury Pier Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 9, 1925

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Superintendent of Light Houses

Sir:

Your letter of recent date.

I wish to advise your office that I am willing to accept your offer of asst. keeper.

Respectfully,
E. J. Downey,
Asst. K'p'r.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass. (City.) April 13th (Date.) 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE APR 15 1925 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, with reduction in salary.

Name, Elwood J. Downey — Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1140 per annum

Location, Brant Point Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses. Increase

Effective April 27, 1925 {~~the date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $1320 per annum

Location, Duxbury Pier Light Station, Mass.

APR 17 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Previous incumbent, Charles S. Parsons — Services terminated, April 19, 1925.

Reason, Transfer

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, February 5, 1895.

Remarks: A letter from Mr. Downey indicating his desire for transfer to Brant Point Light Station, as Asst. Keeper, which involves a reduction in pay, is enclosed. Action recommended is not in violation of Section 2, Civil Service Rule I. Quarters are not provided at this station for families of keepers.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

G. E. Eaton

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 15 1925

Inclosure

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

{ Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

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,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1320.

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

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(CROSS REFERENCE)

Journey Elwood J. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $ 960, effective July 1, 1924.

For authorization see letter dated JUL 15 1924 File No. 1095/21.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Lighthouse Service
(Bureau)

October 18, 1924.
(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 October 31, 1924.

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

Name Elwood J. Downey

Position Keeper (assistant)

Salary $960 per annum

Appropriation Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Duxbury Pier Light Station, Mass.

Date of entrance on duty May 1, 1924.

Remarks:

SUBMITTED: OCT 20 1924

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

R.F.D. Tolman W. Spencer
(Signature of immediate superior.)
Keeper, Duxbury Pier Light Station.

SUBMITTED:

Geo E Eaton
(Head of Bureau or Office.)
Superintendent

(*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.)

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
JUN 12 1924

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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: Elwood J. Downey
2. Position to which appointed: Assistant Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse, District: Second
4. Place of duty: Duxbury Pier Light Station (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $720 per annum
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries of 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 Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Examination, January 17, 1924.

PART II.

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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 Elwood Joseph Downey

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

Elwood J Downey

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

Connecticut (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) 4th (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.

Same

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

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6. Where were you born? New York City

7. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 5 (Day.) 1895 (Year.)

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

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.

Mrs Mary Downey (Name.) 123 Harmony St (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Connecticut (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.) No

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.") 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.

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.
None			

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
~~Commerce~~	~~Light houses~~	~~Light keeper~~	~~600 annum~~	~~Jan 1st 1917~~	~~April 1st 1921~~
Commerce	Light house	Asst Keeper	600 annum	Mar. 12, 1919	June 30, 1919
Commerce	Light house	Asst Keeper	600 "	Nov. 1, 1920	Mar. 30, 1921

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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.)

Tool Gage maker

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.)

First year high school; Course in practical mathematics
The J. C. Custer School 819 Broad St Bpt Conn

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.")

Mechanical

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

Examination for Keeper or asst. Light House. 3 Dist.
Aug. 15, 1921. 2 Dist. Jan. 17, 1924.

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, Apr 28, 1924

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Elwood J Downey

(Present address) 123 Harmony (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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 June 10, 1924.

(Signature)

(Official title) Superintendent.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 1924 JUN 12 AM 11 11
LIGHTHOUSES JUN 11 1924
JUN 13 1924 APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 03

I, Elwood J. Downey

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.

Elwood J Downey
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Swear (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 9th day of June, A. D. 1924

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) James A. Stevenson

(Official title) NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires Feb. 1 1927

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 per annum	Duxbury Pier Light Station, Mass.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 2nd District

Boston, Mass. (Address), June 10, 1924. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 1, 1924. (Date)

CARDED
U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

[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 A [redacted]RIT FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1924.

r. Elwood J. Downey,
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the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Through

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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Acting
Chief of Appointment Division.

Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Appropriation:

Anton Olson.

Vice:

Connecticut.

Legal Residence:

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

First Civil Service District RECEIVED APR 16 1924 Office of Secretary

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

1924 APR 14 AM 8 50

Boston, Mass. April 12, 1924.
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: LIGHTHOUSES

CHIEF CLERK

1924 APR 19 AM 11 09

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

1924 APR 18 PM 2 01

Name, Elwood J. Downey — Legal residence, Connecticut.

Position, Keeper — Salary, $720 per annum

Location, Duxbury Pier Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective May 1, 1924 — ~~the exact 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, Asst. Light house Keeper Percentage, 83.4 (No M.P.A.), Other eligibles considered:

M.H.Rhodes,C; G.S.Murphy,D; G.W.McCafferty,C.

Previous incumbent, Anton Olson — Services terminated, April 30, 1924.

Reason, Transfer.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Date of birth, February 5, 1895.

Remarks: Mr. Downey was not required to appear at this office owing to distance, but his vouchers showed clear record in previous employment. He served as Additional Keeper in the 3rd District from Sept. 1920 to Mar. 1921, when he resigned. Quarters are not provided for families of keepers at this station.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.~~ APR 17 1924, 19

4/19/24.

Secretary, First Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 18 1924.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 7 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

March 21, 1921.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $840 per annum, effective April 1, 1921, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

CANCELED

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,

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHTHOUSES

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

CHIEF CLERK

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

April 7,1921

1921 APR 11 AM 10 07

SUBJECT: Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, promotion.

1. Returned herewith for cancellation, is Department letter in duplicate, dated March 21,1921, addressed to Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, At Large, promoting him to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York. The Bureau is advised Mr. Downey resigned from the Service at the close of March 31,1921, and therefore did not enter on duty in his new position.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst. Supt.

APPOINTMENTS

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Inclosures

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

APR 9 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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J. B. Conway

Acting Commissioner.

CARDED

APR 12, 1921

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1921.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on March 31, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service

Station ..... At Large, Third District

Position ..... Keeper

Salary ..... $720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED (SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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40 Reservoir Ave
Bridgeport
Conn

Yes accept
for sale

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1921 APR 5 PM 12 28

Superintendent
Sir
Pleas except my resignation
At the close of March 31 1921
Respectfully
E. J Downey
Stratford Shoal Light Station
Bridgeport
Conn

Form 98

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

1921 APR 5 PM 12 28

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1921 APR 6 AM 10 56

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 4, 1921, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Elwood J. Downey — Position, Keeper (Additional)

Legal residence, Connecticut — Station, At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District

Salary, $720.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of March 31, 1921.

APPOINTMENT

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

1921 APR 6 PM 12 16

To be cancelled Hmb

Db. Mar 31/21 Appt as Keeper $40 ab Stratford Shoal L.H. D. Y.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
APR 6 - 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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J. S. Conway Asst. Sec.

Inclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON APR 5 - 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. Conway

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 17, 1921 (Date.) 191

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

1921 MAR 21 AM 11 00

Name, Elwood J. Downey — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1, 1921 — {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

1921 MAR 21 PM 12 49

Former position, Keeper (Additional) — Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, At large 3d L.H.Dist. (Detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.)

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

Previous incumbent, James C. Davis — Services terminated, March 31, 1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Downey entered the Service as Additional Keeper at Large and was detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., on Nov. 1, 1920. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

3/21/21

J. T. Wells
Secretary, Civil Service District.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
MAR 21 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAR 19 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

1921 MAR 21 AM 11 03

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE





PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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PART I.

1. Name of employee Elwood J. Downey

2. Position to which appointed Keeper

3. Bureau or Service Lighthouse Service, District 3rd

4. Place of duty At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary $720 per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Slaries, Keepersof 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).

Vy examination for Keepers, Oct.21,1920

File Duplicate

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.)

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

Mr Elwood Joseph Downey

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

Connecticut (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) 4 (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.

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

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6. Where were you born? New York City

7. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 5th (Day.) 1896 (Year.) 1895 Corrected Dec. 15/21.

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.

Mrs Elwood J. Downey (Name.) 40 Reservoir Ave (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Connecticut (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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		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.") 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.

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.

16. Have you ever held any other position 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.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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17. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (Answer "yes" or "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.)

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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.)

High 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.")

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

Light house Keeper March 10 1918 abought
" " " Oct 21-1920

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, December 1, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Elwood J. Downey

(Present address) 40 Reservoir Ave
(Number and street.)

Bst Conn
(City or town.) (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 December 14, 1920

(Signature) J. K. J. Gillis

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Jan. 3,1921

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

APPOINTMENTS

1921 JAN 8 AM 11 04

SUBJECT: Date of birth of Elwood J. Downey.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec. 21,1920.

1. Department letter dated Dec.21,1920 re date of birth of Elwood J. Downey, keeper, is returned herewith. The Bureau is advised Mr.Downey informs this office by letter the date of his birth was Feb. 5,1895, and that he will be 26 years old on his next birthday. In two applications filled in this office at different times, Mr.Downey gave the date of his birth at February 5,1895.

CARDED

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 5 - 1921

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

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Acting Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

LIGHT DEC 22 192 HOUSES

December 21, 1920.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to the personal question sheet executed by Elwood J. Downey under his appointment, dated November 15, 1920, as Keeper in the Third Lighthouse District at $720 per annum, the Department notes that Mr. Downey gives the date of his birth as February 5, 1896. Inasmuch as Mr. Downey gave his date of birth as February 5, 1897 in a personal question sheet previously executed, the Department requests to be advised as to which is the correct date.

SUPERINTENDENT of LIGHTHOUSES DEC 28 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

By direction of the Secretary:

Hydro
Engr. Cons.
Mgr. Engr.
[redacted]
Accounts.
Contracts.
Civ. Clk.
Dom. Comm.
Comm.

Clifford Harding

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,

DEC 23 1920

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

for remark and return,

Calloway

Acting Commissioner.

P.S.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

1920 DEC 16 AM 9 05

LIGHT DEC 15 1920 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS DEC 16 1920

I, Elwood J. Downey

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.

Elwood J Downey
(Appointee signature here)

[2] Elwood J. Downey (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6 day of Dec, A. D. 19 20

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Ernest G. Johnson

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires 1923

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$720 p.a.	At Large, 3rd L. H. District
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), DEC 13 1920 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov.1,1920 (Date)

CARDED

J. T. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)
Supt. of Lighthouses 3rd Dist.

REPORT WITH U. S. ENTERED

[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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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1920.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (November 1, 1920.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIV. NOV 1 6 1920

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: James C. Davis

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
3rd district

(See reverse side.)

U. S. REPORT DATE ENTERED

11—5080

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

JHG

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

1920 NOV 13 AM 8 37

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Nov. 8, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

RECD NOV 9 1920 SECOND DISTRICT CIVIL SERVICE

Name, Elwood J. Downey APPOINTMENTS Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, (Additional) Keeper Salary, $720 per annum

1920 NOV 15 PM 12 50

Location, At Large, 3d Lighthouse Dist. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1, 1920 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as the duties can be performed~~.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 16 1920 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

CHIEF CLERK

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Keeper Percentage, 86.0, Other eligibles considered:

None.

1920 NOV 15 AM 9 43

Previous incumbent, James C. Davis Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1920

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Assignment to duty Nov. 1, 1920 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: After appointment this employee will be detailed to duty at an off shore station where no family quarters are provided.

SOS 11/16/20.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, November 12, , 1920

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 13 1920

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Recommended

Downey

1920 NOV 13 PM 3 52

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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‡ Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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(Cross Reference)

February 24, 1920, the following named employee of Lighthouses

E.O.D. on the date indicated 5-1-19 by Promotion

Name E. J. Downey

See original letter in the file of Julius Almstaedt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1919.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1919.

Bureau	Lighthouse Service
Station	At Large, Third Lighthouse District
Position	Additional Keeper
Salary	$720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 7 1919 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED

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U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 21, 1919

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. JUN 23 1919 INSPECTED TOMPKINSVILLE

LIGHT JUN 27 1919 HOUSES

Superintendent Through the Keeper Colby H. Crandall Kpr.

Sir. I here with resign position
of Asst Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station
To be effected June 30 1919

Elwood J. Downey Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light Station
Bpt
Conn

JUN 27 1919 12 45 PM
CHIEF CLERK
1919 JUL 2 AM 10 27
LIGHT HOUSES JUN 27 1919

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y., June 26,1919 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Elwood J. Downey Position, Additional Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, At Large, 3rd L. H. Dist.

Salary, $720.00 per annum

APPOINTMENTS 1919 JUL 2 AM 10 40

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 30,1919

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

Leas 7/3/19.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 28 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION JUL 3 - 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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1919 JUL 2 AM 9 47

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner

Chas ✓

MAY 24 1919

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENTS MAY 27 1919

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. MAR 29 1919 RECEIVED PORTCHESTER, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

LIGHT MAY 24 1919 HOUSES

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

Mr Elwood J Downey Mr Elwood Joseph Downey

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

CHIEF CLERK

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

3rd dis Department of Commerce Light house
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

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1919 MAY 26 PM 3 03

4. Position to which appointed Light house Keeper Add.

5. Compensation $600. P. A

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries of Light Keepers

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

Civel Cervice Ex Mar 8, 1919

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

Bridgeport Conn. Fairfield 4
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

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

CARDED

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

11. Where were you born? NY City

12. When were you born? Feb 5 1897 1895 Corrected Dec. 4/20
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition?

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

Mrs Elwood J Downey #8 Carson St
Name. Number and street.

Bpt Conn
City or town. State or Territory.

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

none

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
none					

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

none

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? no (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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

Machinest & tool maker

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

Graded school

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

mechinecal

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

none but started

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

yes

Date, Mar 27, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Mr Elwood J Downey

P. O. Address: Gd Bridgeport
City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory. Conn

(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 May 27, 1919

(Signature) J. F. Yates

(Official title) [illegible]

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1919.

M
r. Elwood J. Downey,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 600 per annum to $ 720 per annum, effective **May 1, 1919, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at the increased rate of pay.**

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,
(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 25 1919 JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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ENTERED

APR 22 1919 12 59 PM

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 22 HOUSE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

CHIEF CLERK

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) April 19,1919 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

1919 APR 24 PM 4 44

1919 APR 25 AM 8 49 APPOINTMENTS

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Elwood J. Downey — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper — Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L. H. Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1,1919 — the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Additional Keeper — Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L.H.Dist.

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

Previous incumbent, New position * — Services terminated,

Add'l Kpr 3rd Dist 2 at 720 1 at 660

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,
*Authorized by Bureau endorsement of April 16,1919.

Remarks: Mr.Downey entered the service as Additional Keeper at Large in the 3rd Lighthouse District on March 12,1919. His promotion is recommended as this vacancy could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

J. O. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 23 1919

1919 APR 24 PM 4 11

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APR 25 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner

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

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APR 22 1919 12 59 PM

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 22 HOUSE

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CHIEF CLERK

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

APPOINTMENTS 1919 APR 25 AM 8 49

1919 APR 24 PM 4 44

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Elwood J. Downey

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L. H. Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1,1919

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

Former position, Additional Keeper

Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L.H.Dist.

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

Previous incumbent, New position * Services terminated,

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Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

*Authorized by Bureau endorsement of April 16,1919.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

APR 23 1919

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APR 25 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

E. C. Gillette

Acting Commissioner

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

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APR 9 1919 12 36 PM

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

APPOINTMENTS APR 10 1919

LIGHT APR 8 1919 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 5

I, Elwood J. Downey

1919 APR 9 PM 3 47

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.

Elwood J. Downey
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 7th day of March, A. D. 1919

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) John N. Shannon

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Feb 2, 1924.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$600 p.a.	At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (Address), April 8, 1919 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 12, 1919 (Date)

CARDED

J. A. Ellis
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.

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

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1919.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

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 dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (March 12, 1919.)

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No.) issued by the 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: Harry M. Hobson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

(See reverse side.)

3rd

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CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION VERIFIED MAR 20 1919 DEPT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 73

JHG

NOMINATION

MAR 18 1919 11 PM AM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND U. S. CIVIL SERVICE DISTRICT. RECEIVED MAR 15 1919

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 13, 1919 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) APPOINTMENTS

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

LIGHT HOUSES MAR 18 1919

Name, Elwood J. Downey 1919 MAR 19 PM 3 17 Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper Salary, $600 per annum

Location, At large, 3rd L.H. Dist. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 12, 1919 { the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~or~~
~~absence therefrom~~.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80.0, Other eligibles considered: CIVIL CLERK

None

Previous incumbent, Harry M. Hobson Services terminated, 1919 MAR 19 PM 12 05 Feb. 28, 1919

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Assignment to duty on March 12, 1919 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: Mr. Downey has been detailed to Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Sta., where no family quarters are provided. Nos. 1 to 7 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, MAR 17 1919, 191

W. W. Parker
Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

J. C. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 18 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

3-19-19 for Meyers

REPORT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN MAR 20 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1919 MAR 19 AM 11 21

Acting Commissioner

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

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Inclsure.

April 15, 1924.

Subject: Form 73, 2d Supt. for Elwood J. Downey, keeper, Duxbury Pier L. S.

Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Boston, Mass., for reforwarding through the Civil Service District Secretary in accordance with instructions on reverse of Form 73.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1925 MAY 16 PM 3 53

May 14th, 1925.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Asst. Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, error in change of salary.

1. The Bureau is advised that through error the salary of the above employee, who was transferred from Duxbury Pier Light Station to Brant Point Light Station as Assistant Keeper, was stated on Form 73 as $1140 per annum, while the pay of the latter position is $1080 per annum.

2. Notice of Change in Salary covering the transfer is returned herewith for correction.

Superintendent.

Engr. Corps.
Engr. Engr.
Financial
Law and Prop.
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comr.
Comr.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAY 19 1925
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
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SPECIAL

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

June 14, 1926

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, charges preferred.

1. Forwarded herewith is correspondence between this office and the keeper and assistant keeper of Brant Point Light Station in regard to charges preferred by the keepers against each other, which explains itself.

2. These countercharges originated with the letter dated April 26 from the keeper to this office reporting the assistant keeper for neglect of duty in not sounding the fog signal during a fog. The keeper is an employee of nineteen years' service, with an excellent record, whose character is well known to the writer, and it is not believed that he would have reported the delinquency if it had not really occurred.

3. The replies of the assistant keeper to the charges of the keeper seems to be directed to an effort to discredit or as he states "get" the keeper and to bring about his dismissal in retaliation for reporting him, as shown by the disrespectful expressions used by him in his letters and the subjects of his charges.

4. The assistant keeper has shown himself to be insubordinate and disrespectful, has assumed authority belonging to the keeper, and it is considered that he is not the type of man desirable for the Lighthouse Service. Attention is invited to copy of letter from the Third District by which it will be seen that he would not be reemployed in that district because of his character as disclosed by his services there.

5. It is therefore recommended that he be dismissed for the good of the Service for neglect of duty and insubordination at a date to be determined later.

6. 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. He has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Superintendent.

[redacted]

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES
1926 MAY 16 AM 11 59

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

June 15, 1926

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

6/17/26 GOP

Subject: Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper Brant Point Light Station, charges preferred, supplementary.

Referring to letter from this office dated June 14 forwarding charges preferred against Elwood J. Downey, Assistant Keeper, Brant Point Light Station, there is enclosed further evidence that the assistant keeper has ignored the authority of the keeper and has assumed responsibility not connected with his position.

Superintendent.

Sent to A.N.P. for information when submitting other papers

Hydro
Public
Engr. C
War
Personnel
Financial
Law and Progs
Adm. Asst.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

J
Incls.

June 17, 1926.

SUBJECT: 2nd Superintendent's letters of June 14 and 15, charges against assistant keeper Elwood J. Downey, Brant Point L.H.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that assistant keeper Elwood J. Downey be dismissed from the Service, effective on a date to be reported, for the reasons stated by the Superintendent. Assistant keeper Downey originally entered the Service as additional keeper in the 3d Lighthouse District on March 12, 1919 and resigned from that position on June 30, 1919. He was reappointed as additional keeper in that district on November 1, 1920 and again resigned on March 31, 1921. His present appointment in the 2d Lighthouse District dates from May 1, 1924, and the records do not indicate any previous disciplinary action nor the rendition of any special services warranting commendation. There is also inclosed a supplemental report from the Superintendent in the case.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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: **Elwood J. Downey**

2. Position to which appointed: **Keeper**

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

4. Place of duty: **At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District**
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: **$720 per annum**

6. Appropriation from which paid: **Slaries, Keepersof 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).

Vy examination for Keepers, Oct.21,1920

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 Elwood Joseph Downey

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

Mr Elwood Joseph Downey

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

Connecticut (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) Bridgeport (City or town.) 4 (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.

6. Where were you born? New York City 1895

7. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 6th (Day.) ~~1896~~ (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.

Mrs Elwood Downey (Name.) 40 Reservoir Ave (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Connecticut (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.") 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.

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.

16. Have you ever held any other position 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.

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.

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.

Elwood J Downey
(Name.)

Asst Keeper
(Position.)

Light house
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, December 1, 1920

...college, Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

High 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.")

Mechanical

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

Light house Keeper " " " abought March 10 1918
Oct 21-1920

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, December 1, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Elwood J Downey

(Present address) 48 Reservoir Ave
(Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (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 December 14, 1920

(Signature) G. T. YATES.

(Official title) 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.") ..... 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.)

Gauge Maker or Machinest.

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.)

High 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.")

Mechanical

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

Light house Keeper abought March 10 1918
" " " Oct 21-1920

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, December 1, 1920

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Edwood J Downey

(Present address) 40 Reservoir Ave
(Number and street.)

Bridgport Conn
(City or town.) (State or Territory.)

INDORSEMENT.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr Elwood Joseph Downey

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

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

Light House (Bureau or Service.) Stratford Shoal (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 3rd (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Keeper Asst

5. Compensation $600.00 PA

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keepers

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

Civil Service Examination Mar 8/09

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

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.) Fairfield (County.) 4 (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? NY City

12. When were you born? Feb (Month.) 5th (Day.) 1895 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition?

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

Mrs Elwood J Downey (Name.) 7 E Carson St (Number and street.)

Bridgeport (City or town.) Conn (State or Territory.)

16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? no

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		
		Position		
		Department or office		

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

none

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
none					

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

none

20. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during any war? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? none (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan)

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service

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

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAR 29 1919 RECEIVED PORT JEFFERSON, N.Y.

Elwood J Downey
(Name.)

Light house Keeper
(Position.)

Department of Commerce
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

mechanecal

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

none but stated

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

yes

Date, March 27, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Mr Elwood J Downey

P. O. Address: S-d Bridgeport
City or town.

Number and street.

Conn
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 20, 1919

(Signature)

(Official title)

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

Machinest tool maker

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

Graded school

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

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

none but stated

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

yes

Date, March 27, 1919

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Wm Edwood J Downey

P. O. Address: 9-A Bridgeport
City or town.

Number and street.

Conn
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 20, 1919

(Signature)

(Official title)

FWO-JHG

Elwood J. Downey,
General Delivery,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Oct. 10,1922

SUBJECT: Application for position of Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 9,1922.

1. You are advised that your application for the position of keeper or assistant keeper was not received at this office until August 28,1922, and was therefore too late to be considered for the examination held on August 26th. Application will be placed on file and considered when the next examination takes place.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Gen Delivery
Bridgeport Conn
Oct. 9. 1922



Superentendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:

Kindly advise me of my average percentage in examination, of Aug. 26, 1922, for Keeper or Asst Keeper in the lighthouse service.

Respectfully

E. J. Downey

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WJL:ER

May 26th, 1924.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,
Duxbury Pier,
Plymouth, Mass.

SUBJECT: Period of Service.

REFERENCE: Your letter May 22nd, 1924.

Sir:-

1. According to the records of this office you entered the Lighthouse Service on March 12th, 1919 and resigned on June 30th, 1919. You again entered the service on November 1st, 1920 and resigned on March 30th, 1921.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

Vc card 0851-24/1-V attached 0851-24/1-V

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Dusbury Pier Plymouth Mass
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 22, 1924

Superintendent
3d Ist Tompkinsville
N Y

Sir:

As I am without proper information as to the date of intering and leaving the third District Light House Service.

Could your office kindly give me any information on this subject

Thanking you in advance

Respectfully

Elwood J Downey

Bridgeport,
Conn.,
May 23, 1923.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 25 1923
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt. of Light Houses,
Tompkinsville,
New York.

Sir:-
Your letter May 21, 1923.
You are advised that I will accept appointment, if selected, for position as additional keeper at Staten Island Light Station.

Elwood J Downey

FWO:MBM.

April 22,1921.

Mr. Sam Alley,
178 Connecticut Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 21st, 1921.

Sir:-

1. You are advised that there is no money due Mr. Downey from the Lighthouse Service at the present time. It is noted that Mr. Downey is no longer at 40 Reservoir Avenue, and that you are unable to locate him. The only address this office has for Mr. Downey is as stated, 40 Reservoir Avenue.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES.

Superintendent.

178 Connecticut Ave. Bridgeport Ct.

April 21. 1921.

Mr. J. Yates

Atte Downey

Dear Sir;

Recived your letter of April 20th. informing me that your Office has no record as to the address of Elwood J. Downey recently of 70 Reservior Ave. Bpt. Ct.

I am in the Grocery Bussiness at 178 Conneiticuit Ave. While Mr. Downey was an Employe of the Lighthouse Service he bought Groceries of me on Credit.

As he told me he was in the Employe of the Government and that alone was enough to vouch for him & let his Bill run until it has now reached the large sum of ($100.00) One Hundred Dollars. which is a very large amount to me as I am a poor man and need the money very much just at present.

I cannot locate Mr. Downey anywhere in Bridgeport.

If Mr. Downey has any money due him from the Lighthouse Service would it

be possible for me to have
his pay attached. If this
is possible will you kindly
inform me as soon as possible.
Thanking you very much
for your very kind assistance
I remain.

Respectfully

Sam Ogley

C Clk

4/19/21

V C ✓ Mail check to Downey
Due Apr 19 without fail to
No 40 Reservoir Av. Bridgeport

E. J. Downey can now be Clk.
pd salary due as Add'l Keeper
Stratford Shoal Lt Sta, as
follows:

Paid 4/19/21
Vou. No. 1793
Check No. 22605 90.67

Mar 1 - 28 inc. = 28 days
Feb 3 - 8 inc = 6 "
34 "

Do not pay him commutation
for any part of the above periods,
as he owes Myrtle $16.05 for
provisions furnished him -
Downey has alot $.75 cash, + this with
commutation for 34 days ($15.30) will cover
the Myrtle's bill -
The Myrtle will send in for payment by office
a bill for provisions for this amount Clk -

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FWC-JHG

Mr. Sam Alley,
178 Connecticut Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 18,1921

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 1st and letter from this office Apl.13th.

1. For your information, you are advised that a check covering the balance due Mr. Downey from this office, will be mailed to him by this office, addressed to 40 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, tomorrow, April 19,1921.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
F. W. Ockentels
F. W. YATES.
1st Asst. Superintendent

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FWO-JHG

Messrs Canfield, Beecher and Mara,
1115 Main Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 18,1921

Sirs:-

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 4th, and letter from this office Apl.6th.

1. You are advised that the matter of Elwood J. Downey's indebtedness to Mr.Sam Alley has been taken up with Mr.Downey, and he states that his indebtedness is $70.05, and that he will make payment thereof.

2. For your information you are advised that a check covering the balance due Mr.Downey from this office, will be mailed to him by this office, addressed to 40 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport,Conn., tomorrow, April 19,1921.

Respectfully,
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
F. W. Ockentels
F. W. YATES.
1st Asst. Superintendent

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Mr. F. C. Schleichert,
60 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 18,1921

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J.Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter Apl.13th and letter from this office Apl.14.

1. For your information, you are advised that a check covering the balance due Mr.Downey from this office, will be mailed to him by this office, addressed to 40 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., tomorrow, April 19,1921.

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1st Asst. F.W. Ockerson

Superintendent

Bridgeport
Conn
April 16, 1921

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SUPERINTENDENT OF TENEMENTS
APR 18 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendent
Sir
Referring to your letter April 13, 1921
I cannot make settlement untell
I receive pay check for March 1921
And will not be able to make settlement
in full but half,
Please send check promptly and prevent
further embarrasments

E. J. Downey
General Delivery
Bpt
Conn

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FWO:MBM.

April 14, 1921.

F.C. Schleichert,
60 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 13, 1921.

Sir:-

1. You are advised that Elwood J. Downey, is no longer employed in the Lighthouse Service, his services having been terminated on March 28th, 1921.

2. In reference to Mr. Downey's alleged statement that he has not received pay checks for months, you are advised that Mr. Downey has been paid his salary regularly each month and has no amount due him at this time, with the exception of wages for a portion of the month of March; therefore his excuse for not paying the amount due you is unwarranted.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES.
Superintendent.



OFFICE OF

F. C. SCHLEICHERT,

SUP'T PARK CEMETERY.

FLORIST

AND LANDSCAPE GARDENER.

FLORAL DESIGNS, CUT FLOWERS, DECORATIONS,
PALMS, BEDDING PLANTS, ETC.

GREENHOUSES AND OFFICE
20-60 RESERVOIR AVE.
TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

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Bridgeport, Conn Apl 13 1921

Supt of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville. N. Y.

Dear Sir

I have a tenant Elwood J Downey. 40 Reservoir Ave, Bridgeport. Conn. who claims he is in the Lighthouse Service, he has run behind Seventy Dollors in his Rent, he gives the excuse the Government does not pay him promptly, claims has not received any check for Months. on the strength of this he has held off the Milkman also, and run up considerable Bills. wont you please inform me about him, for I do think he is lying to me, I also caught him taking boards out of any cellar. I do not think he is honest, would thank you very much for any Information you could give me

Yours very Respectifully
F. C. Schleichert.

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FWO:MBM.

April 13, 1921.

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Salary due.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 12, 1921.

1. You are advised that the matter of forwarding pay check to you has been held in abeyance pending the disposition of claims made against you for provisions furnished by Mr. Alley of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. OCKERMAN.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

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FWO:HBM.

April 13, 1921.

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness for provisions.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office April 6th, 1921.

1. A reply to the letter referred to above has not been received, although a previous letter on the same subject was answered by you stating that your indebtedness amounts to $70.05, and that the account will be paid. Please advise as to when you propose to make settlement of the account referred to.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. .OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

FWO:MBM.

April 13, 1921.

Sam Alley,
178 Connecticut Avenue
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 1st, and letter from this office of April 5th, 1921.

1. You are advised that this matter was taken up with Mr. Downey and there is enclosed for your information a copy of his reply in the matter dated April 7th, stating that the amount of his indebtedness if $70.05 and that the account will be paid.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

[redacted] 4/13/21
Pay field
until further notice
is received from
Mass Supt
P.S. 4/13/21

40 Reserv[redacted] Ave
Bridgep[redacted] Conn
April 12, 1921



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Superintendent

Sir

Pleas send pay check atonce
and oblige

E J Downey

Pvt. Att Cor

40 Reservoir Ave
Bkpt Conn
April 4th 1921

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 8 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Superintendent
Sir

Refering to your letter April 4, 1921
Claim should have ben $70.05
not $102.18
You are advised it will be paid
as it allways has ben.

E J Downey

(75)

FWO:MBM.

April 6,1921.

Canfield,Beecher & Mara.
308 Security Building,
1115 Main Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Edward Downey.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 4,1921.

Sirs:-

1. In reference to the indebtedness of Edward Downey, to Sam Alley, in the amount of $102.18 for provisions furnished to Mr. Downey's family, you are advised that Mr. Downey is no longer employed by the Lighthouse Service, his employment having terminated on March 28th,1921. With reference to your suggestion in regard to witholding pay due Mr. Downey, you are advised that there are no means whereby deduction can be made from salaries due an employee for the purpose of applying such salary toward any indebtedness of an employee. All persons in the service are required to pay their honest, just and legal debts, failure to do so being considered cause for dismissal. Mr. Downey, as stated above, already terminated his services.

2. This office will take the matter up with Mr. Downey and call his attention to the claim referred to in your letter, but this service has no means whereby he may be compelled to settle the account, the only redress apparently being civil action against him.

Respectfully,

F.F.YATES.

Superintendent.

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FWO:MBM.

April 6,1921.

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness for provisions.

1. Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated April 4th, received from Messrs. Canfield,Beecher, & Mara of Bridgeport, Connecticut, concerning the matter of your indebtedness to Sam Alley in the amount of $102.18 for provisions furnished your family.

2. Please advise this office as to what action you propose to take in reference to the claim against you referred to in the attached letter.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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April 6, 1921.

M. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on March 31, 1921.

Bureau ..... Lighthouse Service

Station ..... At Large, Third District

Position ..... Keeper

Salary ..... $720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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C
3rd district

(75)

FWO-JHG

Mr. Sam Alley,
178 Connecticut Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 5,1921

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J. Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter of April 1,1921.

1. In reference to your letter above referred to of April 1,1921 concerning your bill of $108.18 against Elwood J. Downey for groceries; you are advised that Mr.Downey is no longer employed in this Service, he having left the Service on March 28,1921. Mr. Downey's address, according to our records, is 40 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and it is suggested that you take the matter up directly with him.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

G. W. Ockenden

1st Asst.Supt.

(75)

FWO-JHG

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Ave.,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 4,1921

SUBJECT: Bill for Groceries $102.18 in favor of Sam Alley.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter and bill dated April 1,1921 from Mr.Sam Alley of Bridgeport, Conn., stating that you are indebted to him to the extent of $102.18 for groceries.

2. You are requested to advise this office as to whether or not this is a proper claim against you, and if so, what action you propose to take toward settling the account.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Form 93

(45)

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., April 4, 1921, 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Elwood J. Downey Position, Keeper (Additional)

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, At Large, 3rd Lighthouse District

Salary, $720.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of March 31, 1921.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

VC
Mess

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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FWO-JHG

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 4,1921

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter, without date, received April 1,1921.

1. Your letter, without date, received at this office April 1,1921, resigning your position as Additional Keeper at Large, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of March 31,1921.

J. T. YATES

40 Reservoir Ave
Bridgeport
Conn
April 1 1921

(75)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Superintendent
Sir
Refering to your letter March 30, 1921.
On March 3rd 1921 I sent word to your office that I was alone at Stratford Shoal. When Asst Super inspected the Station it was found that the books were all false as you are aware.
For that reason I was held responsible for your office finding them incorrect.
At 12 o'clock on March 28, 1921 I asked Keeper Crandall if I could go to port

for water and provisions and he said he did not care.

So if you will put these facts together you will find. Like grapevines there is a reason. It is only another false report

Yours with regret

E. J. Mooney
Addl Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 1, 1921

Supt, Sir.,

Letter dated March 30, 1921 probationary period of Elwood Downey and Keeper, I do not consider him competent to recieve permanent employment, as he is unable to properly opirate Fog Signal Engines, after being instructed continually the past five months, and is naturally slack in his work.

Harold K Hobson
Keeper

FWO-JHG

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Harold K. Hobson, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

March 30,1921

SUBJECT: Probation of Elwood J. Downey.

1. The probationary period of employment of Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, will expire on April 30,1921. 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.

April 1, 1921

178 Connecticut Ave
Bridgeport,
Conn.

Superintendant of Light-Houses
Sir,

Mr Elwood Downey who works at Stratford Shoal Light-Station is in debt to me for groceries to the sum of $102.18 can I have his pay stopped untill he pays me this overdebt.

Yours Truly
178 Connecticut Ave
Bridgeport Conn

HONE

Bridgeport, Conn. April 1, 1921

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SAM ALLEY

Tobacco - Confectionery - Groceries - Gasoline - Supplies - Etc.

178 CONNECTICUT AVE.

SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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SOLD TO Mr. Elwood Downey

Groceries for Novembe, Decemby, January, March Total $10218

No payment has been made on this bill during these months please make prompt payment.

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per
Sent
4-4-21

40 Reservoir Ave
Bridgeport
Conn
March 31, 1921

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, NY

Superintendent

Sir

Pleas send me an aplacation for Keeper in the light house service

And oblige.

E J Mowney

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COPY

40 Reservoir Avenue,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Superintendent

Sir:

Please accept my resignation at the close of March 31,1921.

Respectfully,

E.J.Downey,

Stratford Shoal Light Station,

Bridgeport, Conn.

Memo:

Charges were made by Kpr Crandall (dismissed Mar 31) and denied by Downey. Downey recently stated verbally that the Kpr & 1st Asst Bobrowicz came down on him for telegraphing office that he (Downey) was alone at the Stn. In view of this, & as Kpr has been dismissed for unreliability, including apparent false records, there is doubt as to whether the report of Crandall, or the reply of Downey is correct. Therefore Downey's resig was accepted. Adm

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Charges – E J Downey

Additional Keeper

RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED ARTICLE

Registered at the Post Office Indicated in Postmark

No. 49365

Class postage

Complete record of registered mail is kept at the post office, but the sender should write the name of the addressee on back hereof as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry.

POSTMASTER, 9

Per

Postmark clearly, showing date and office.

MAR 30

Form 3806.

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RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Edwood J Downey

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery 4/1, 19 24

Form 3811

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, March 30,1921
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with disobedience of orders and absence from duty without authority, in that you left Stratford Shoal Light Station without permission or authority at 12:30 P.M. on March 28th,1921.

2. You are directed to submit any statement you may desire to make through official channels, within three days from the receipt of this letter. Any statement made must be couched in temperate language, free from countercharges and confined to the point at issue.

3. If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

40 Reservoir Ave
Bridgeport, Ct

Original letter to his home address
Copy of " to Station.

C.C.
V.C.

3/29/21

(75)

Hold up March pay of
Downey Add'l Keeper
Stratford Shoal Lt Sta
pending disposition of
matter of absence

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JC:

Elwood Bowey Stratford Hood
understand leave March 15 to March
19. See me before payment for March
is made

WK
3/23

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoals L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 28, 1921

Super Sir.,

Elwood Downey Asst Kpr leaves station at 1230 P.M. without authority he has had 4 days leave this month since receiving orders dated March 14, that 48 hrs was all until the station was in proper condition which it is not at the present date.

Colby Crandall
Kpr

(75)

3/4/21

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Hold all pay checks for Stratford Shoal Lt. for Feb. until you hear from me

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 12, 1921

Per

Superintendent of Lighthouses.
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir:

I was laid up with the gripp during during this absence and did not employ a doctor

Elwood J Downey
Asst Keeper

? absent 19 days!

1921 absence

Jan 1-9
Jan 21-31
Feb 1-8 } Continuous-



CC ltr 1/15/21

VC

Elwood J Downey, Asst
Keeper Stratford Shoal

Pay salary for
Jan 1 – 21 inc 1921 } Paid Vo# 1625-

and from
Feb 9 until further notice, when
due

Ack

Paid 2/9-28-22 days
Vo# 1718 – 67.67

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Re:
Holdup Elwood
Downey addKey
Stratford shoal Cuttil
absence for Jan 21
1921 has been accounted
for.

WK
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Paid Vo# 1635

cc

VC

2/15/21

Elwood J Downey, Adal
Keeper Stratford Shoal

Pay salary for
Jan 1 - 21 inc 1921

and from
Feb 9 until further notice, when
due — Ade

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

REQUEST

Stratford Shoal (Station.) Feb 12 1921

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 19 days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan 21 1921 to Feb 9 1921, inclusive, 191 . I have had 5 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

(Name.) , (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

40 Reservoir Ave (Street or R. D. Route.) Bridgeport (City.), Conn (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

Colby Crandall Keeper
Keeper in charge.

Elwood J Downey
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb.15,1921, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 19-1/6 days, from 2:30 P.M., Jan.21st to 6 P.M., Feb.9th, inclusive, 1921, provided the excess leave taken in this instance is deducted from the amounts for future months and not taken. Advise this office when excess leave is made up when the matter of paying salary for excess absence will be taken up.

Substitute need not be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

J. T. Yates
Inspector, Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 2:30 P.M. Jan. 21, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 6 P.M. Feb 9, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 19 days.

Period charged: 19 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Colby Crandall Keeper
Keeper in charge.

Elwood J Downey
(Applicant's signature.)

Asst Keeper
(Title.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoals Lt
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 9, 1921

Super Dis.,

Elwood Downey arrives at Station 6. P.M. February 9, 1921., Says he has been sick with grippe.

Coast Guardsman
Keeper

FWO-JHG

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Feb. 9,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 7,1921.

1. Your explanation as to your failure to advise this office of the reason for your absence from duty as Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, is not satisfactory, as Section 4 of Paragraph 105 of Instructions to Employees plainly states the procedure to be followed whenever a keeper or assistant keeper is unable to return to his station at the expiration of leave granted. You are directed to submit application for leave to cover the period of your absence, on Form 76, to which you will attach a Doctor's certificate to cover the period of your absence from duty.

J. T. YATES.

FWO-JHG

Colby H. Crandall, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Feb. 9,1921

SUBJECT: Absence of Additional Keeper Downey.
REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, has notified this office he expects to return to the station on February 10,1921. Advise this office by letter as to the date on which he actually returns to duty.

F. T. YATES.

Bridgeport, Conn.
Feb. 7, 1921.

Superintendent of Lighthouses
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Sir:

The reason for not returning for duty at the Stratford Shoal Light Station is on account of sickness.

It has been my understanding that all comunications were to be through the keeper, which explains why I didnt comunicate with your office.

Feb. 2nd I made a report of the circumstance through William Hardwick, Keeper of the Bridgeport Light Station.

The failure of Keeper Crandall to comprehend its meaning or to make inquiries at my home, when sending in the report is beyond my understanding.

I left duty on January 21, 1921 and will be able to report for duty Feb. 10, 1921.

Yours Truly.
Elwood Downey.
Additional Keeper.

FWO-JHG

Colby H. Crandall, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Feb. 5,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from duty of Additional Keeper Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter February 4,1921.

1. If Additional Keeper Downey returns to Stratford Shoal Light Station, advise this office of the date of his return.

J. T. YATES.

FWC-JHG

Elwood Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Feb. 5,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. The keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station has advised this office you left your duties as Additional Keeper at that station on January 21,1921, and have since failed to return to the station or advise the keeper of the reason of your absence.

2. You are directed to advise this office by return mail of the reason of your absence from duty, and also the date on which you intend to return to the station. You are also directed to submit full explanation of your disregard of the regulations in regard to notifying this office and the keeper of the station of the reason of your failure to return to duty at the proper time.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 4, 1921, 19

Dear Sir;

Elwood Downey Cidd. Kpr leave Station Jan. 21, 1921 and has not returned to date and have received no word from him.

Colby Crandall
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Not examined.

Colby H. Crandall.....Keeper

Stratford Shoal.....Light Station

Bridgeport, Conn.....

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper. Elwood J. Downey....., and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in(Country or State) New York State.....

Age...24.....

Height.....5.....feet.....9.....inches.

Weight.....160.....pounds

Color of hair...Dark.....

Color of eyes...Grey.....

Distinguishing marks Operation scar on right groin.....

J.T.YATES

Superintendent

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Resigned from Service

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Dec. 6,1920

Elwood J. Downey, Addtnl.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

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 206, said Form 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 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

Form 206 FILE No. S

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y., Dec.6,1920

DATE, Dec. 6,1920, 191

To the MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 24; height, 5 feet, 9 inches;

weight, 160 pounds; color of hair, Dark; color of eyes, Gray

distinguishing marks, Operation scar on right groin.

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,

J. T. YATES.

Supt.3rd L.H.District ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Inspector.

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(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 Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , 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.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES 75

1920 NOV 18 AM 7 04

November 15, 1920.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

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 Seven Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (November 1, 1920.)

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: James C. Davis

Legal Residence: Connecticut.
3rd district

(See reverse side.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, ~~3rd~~ DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) Nov. 6, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Elwood J. Downey

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3d Lighthouse Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 1, 1920 { 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, 86.0, Other eligibles considered:

None.

Previous incumbent, James C. Davis

Services terminated, Oct. 31, 1920

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty Nov. 1, 1920 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: After appointment this employee will be detailed to duty at an off shore station where no family quarters are provided.

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

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockentels

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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FWO/MBM.

Oct. 15th, 1920.

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position of Additional Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept. 27th, 1920.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of 2nd Ass't. Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on November 1st, 1920. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the Keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District.
FWO/MBM. Tompkinsville, N.Y. Oct. 15th, 1920.

Copy forwarded for his information to the Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Harold K. Hobson, leaves Stratford Point Light Station, the date on which James C. Davis, enters on duty as First Assistant Keeper, and the date on which E. J. Downey, reports for duty as 2nd Ass't. Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Asst. Supt.

FWC/MBM.

Oct. 6th, 1920.

Elwood Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position of additional keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.
REFERENCE: Your letter October 2nd, 1920.

1. It is expected that there will be a vacancy in the position of Additional Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, in about one week, As soon as this place is open, it is expected to orderyou to report for duty as Additional Keeper.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

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Bridgeport, Conn.
Oct. 2, 1920

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Office Supt. of lighthouse
Tompkinsville N. Y.

Sir -

Received your letter of Sept. 29. reffering to the position of assistant keeper of little Gull Island Light Station. I am willing to accept either this position or the position of additional keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station. But at the present time I would much rather

accept the position at
Stratford Shoal Light
Station.

Respectfully,
Elwood Downey.

[redacted]

Bridgeport, [redacted]

Sept. 27. 1920.



Office Super. of light-
houses. 3d District,
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir.

Received your
letter referring to the
vacancy in the position of
additional keeper at Stratford
shoal Light Station. I would
like to be considered for
this position and could
report for duty Oct. 1, 1920.

Edwood D Downey.

NBM.

Sept. 25, 1920.

Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position Additional Keeper Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.
REFERENCE: Application filed in this office.

Sir:-

1. Referring to your application filed in this office, you are advised there is at present a vacancy in the position of Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, located off shore, Middle Ground, New York.

2. The total monthly pay of this position is $93.50 per month, consisting of base pay at the rate of $60.00 per month, a ration allowance of 45¢ per day, which is paid in cash at the end of each month, and a temporary increase of $20.00 per month. Quarters are provided for keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers.

3. Advise this office by return mail, whether or not you wish to be considered for this position, and state how soon you could report for duty, if selected.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Respectfully,

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

FWO/MRM.

September 18, 1920.

Elwood Downey,
40 Resevoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Position as keeper or assistant keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept. 15, 1920.

Sir:-

1. Referring to your letter of Sept. 15, 1920, in regard to the position of keeper in the Lighthouse Service, Enclosed for your information, is application blank together with two circularletters, which will give you full information in regard to the position. If you will fill out the application and return same to this office, your name will be consideration when any vacancies occur.

J.T. YATES.

Superintendent.

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Bridgeport, Conn.
Sept. 15, 1920.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTION 32 DIST. SEP 15 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Office of Supt. of light-
houses, Third Dist.
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Sir:-

I am desirous of a
position as keeper in the
light-house service. If there
is a vacancy, kindly send
me an application.

Yours Truly.
Elwood Downey.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JUL 8 1919
HOUSES

July 3, 1919.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1919.

Bureau	Lighthouse Service
Station	At Large, Third Lighthouse District
Position	Additional Keeper
Salary	$720 per annum

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., June 26, 1919, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Elwood J. Downey Position, Additional Keeper

Legal residence, Connecticut Station, At Large, 3rd L. H. Dist.

Salary, $720.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of June 30, 1919

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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C O P Y

Stratford Shoal

June 21,1919

Superintendent,

Through the Keeper,

Colby H. Crandall, Kpr.

Sir:-

I herewith resign position of Add.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, to be effected June 30,1919.

Elwood J. Downey, Ad.Keeper

Stratford Shoal Light Station

B'pt, Conn.

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Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, June 26,1919
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 21,1919.

1. Your letter dated June 21,1919 resigning your position as Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of June 30,1919.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst. Supt.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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Resigned

Elwood J. Downey, Add'tnl Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,

March 27,1919

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 206, said Form 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 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

The Assistant Keeper is to sign Form 206 where marked "A", and the keeper to sign where marked "B".

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Colby H. Crandall .....Keeper
Stratford Shoal .....Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn. .....

March 18,1919

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper...Elwood J. Downey....., and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate:-

Born in (Country or State) N.Y.City.....
Age..24 yrs.....
Height..5.....feet.....8.....inches.
Weight..140.....pounds
Color of hair..Dark.....
Color of eyes..Grey.....
Distinguishing marks..Operation scar right groin

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

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Date..March 24 1919...

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

Colby H. Crandall .....Keeper

Form 206

FILE NO. 8

RECORD OF 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, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, March 27,1919, 191

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

Bridgeport, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 24; height, 5 feet, 8 inches;

weight, 140 pounds; color of hair, dark; color of eyes, gray

distinguishing marks, Operation scar, right groin.

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.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Respectfully,

1st Asst. Supt. of Lt. Houses Third *Lighthouse Inspector.*

A

(Signature of applicant:)

(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 Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

TO LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

SIR: This certifies that I have this day examined the eyesight, hearing, and physical condition of , 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.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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CLASS OF SERVICE	SYMBOL
Telegram	
Day Letter	Blue
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Night Letter	N L

If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a telegram. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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SUPT LIGHT HOUSES

3 RD DISTRICT TOMPKINSVILLE NY

SEND RELIEF STRATFORD$SEND/LIGHT STATION KEEPER ON SICK LIST/ SECOND ASSISTANT HAS TAKEN MONTHLY REPORT/FIRST ASSISTANT DOWN WITH APPENDICITIS/WEATHER VERY FOGGY/NEED RELEIF/IN THE ABSENCE OF THE KEEPER

ADD KEEPER DOWNEY

645PM

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
BOSTON, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Elwood J. Downey

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
BOSTON, MASS.

May 4, 1926

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

It is requested that this office be informed if the services of Elwood Joseph Downey were satisfactory while serving as keeper in your district. He claims to have served from March 12, 1919, to June 30, 1919, and from November 1, 1920, to March 30, 1921.

Superintendent.

FWO-JBG

Staten Is., N.Y., May 5,1926

1. Returned to Supt.2nd Lighthouse District.
2. Mr.Downey was employed as Additional Keeper from March 12,1919 to June 30,1919, when he resigned. Also as Additional Keeper from Nov. 1,1920 to March 31,1921, when he resigned without giving any notice. He had claims against him for unpaid grocery and other bills, on account of which he is not considered desirable for reemployment.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

per

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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It is important that this letter be answered promptly

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
FEB 3 1922
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

E. J. Downey

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District.
Tompkinsville, N.Y. Jan. 30, 1922

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the ~~position~~
xx, temporary position of 2nd assistant keeper of Block Island Southeast Light station, locateden @ Block Island, Rhode Island.

1002.00 600.00

TOTAL COMPENSATION: $ per annum, (which includes: Salary $ per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum; and subsistence 45 cents per day.)
LONGEVITY PAY: In addition to the above keepers receive $60.00 per annum, after five years of continuous service, as longevity pay.
QUARTERS AND FUEL: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station.

Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.

FURNITURE:

PROMOTION: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.
SHORE LIBERTY: Not exceeding 30 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES.

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? yes

If selected, I can report for duty in 10 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? yes

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? yes

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Homer C. Downey	unknown	Position midshipman Department or office U.S.N.	Brother	Single
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature)

Date (Post-office address)

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Mr. Sam Alley,
178 Connecticut Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 20,1921

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Elwood J.Downey.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 19,1921.

1. If Mr. Downey has moved from 40 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn., this office has no information as to his present address.

W. T. YATES.
Superintendent

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april. 19. 1921

Superintendent of light houses.
Tompkinsville N.Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 20 1921
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Dear Sir.

Recieved your letter april. 18/ 1921 Als went to Mr Dewney home on 40 Reservoir Ave And found out that he has move away. Then went to the P't post master to see if their could give me any information, But they dont know where he move. They told me to write to you and see what you would do about it.

Sam Alley
17 Connecticut Ave.
Bridgeport
Conn.

[redacted] COMMUNICATIONS TO—
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 29 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 21, 1921

Superintendent Through the Keeper (Colby Crandall Kpr.)

Sir

In event of a vacancy I would like to be transfered to any of the following. as Keeper or Ass't Keeper Or any others with family quarters.

Abscon
Bergen Point
Beaver Tail
Bristol Ferry
Borden Flats
Bullock Point
Bridgeport Harbor
Black Rock
Castle Hill
Coninicut Island
Dutch Island
Eatons Neck
Esopus Meadows
Fort Addems
Goat Island Shoal
Hog Island
Great Captain Island
Horton Point
Hudson City
Latimer Reef
Long Beach Bar
Mussel Bed
Montauk Point
Morgan Point
New London Ledge
North Brother Island

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
ITHACA, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

_____
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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New Fort Harbor
Oldfield Point
Point Judith
Princess Bay
Pomaham Rocks
Plumb Island
Rose Island
Robins Reef
Roundout North Dike
Rockland Lake
Stonington Breakwater
Saybrook Light
Stamford Harbor
Stratford Point
Sands Point
Stepping Stones
Shinnecock
Stoney Point
Saugerties South Dike
Sea Grit
Tarry Town
Throgs Neck
Whale Rock
Wickford Harbor
Watch Hill
Warwick

Elwood J Downey

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Resigned March 31-1921

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 21, 1921

Superintendent Through the Keeper (Colby & Randall K'p's)

Sir

In event of a vacency I would like to be transfered to any of the following as Keeper or Asst Keeper or any others with family quarters

Abscon
Bergen Point
Beaver tail
Bristol Ferry
Borden Flats
Bullock Point
Bridgeport Harbor
Black Rock
Castle Hill
Cominicut Island
Dutch Island
Eatons Neck
Esopus Meadows
Fort Addems
Goat Island Shoal
Great Captain Island
Hog Island
Horton Point
Hudson City
Latimer Reef
Long Beach Bar
Mussel Bed
Montauck Point
Morgan Point
New London Ledge
North Brother Island

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
INTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT
TOMPKINSVILLE

THIRD DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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New Fort Harbor
Old Field Point
Point Judith
Princess Bay
Pomaham Rocks
Plumb Island
Rose Island
Robins Reef
Roundout North Dike
Rockland Lake
Stonington Breakwater
Saybrook Dynde
Stamford Harbor
Stratford Point
Sands Point
Stepping Stones
Shinnecock
Stoney Point
Saurgerties South Dike
Sea Grit
Tarry Town
Throgs Neck
Whale Rock
Wickford Harbor
Watch Hill
Warwick

Elwood J Downey

Bridgeport
Conn

March 17 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 18 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendent

Sir,

You are informed that on account of South'o Westerly winds I am not able to land on Station But will report as soon as possible Station is not short handed.

Respectfully,

Elwood J Downey

Asst Keeper

Stratford Shoal Light Station

Bp't

Conn

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March 18,1921

Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 17,1921.

1. You are directed to advise this office of the date on which you left Stratford Shoal Light Station, and also the date on which you return to the station.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 19, 1921

Supervisor,

Elwood Downey Add. Kpr. leaves station on March 15, 3 P.M. for shore leave and overstays his 48 hours leave returns today Mar 19, 1921. 11.30 A.M.

Colby Crandall

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Per—what is it?

Wrote him re above 3/15 40 Reservoir Ave,
to 3/19. Recd the info. Btp Conn
req. from keepers April 6. 1921

Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Sir

Refering to your letter March 18, 1921 directing to advise your office on the date on which I left Stratford Shoal and also returned I cannot without refering to the Stations journal. With accuracy.

C J Mowney

Newbold
attn file 4454

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

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3-31-21

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 1, 1921, 191

Superintendent
Through the Keeper Colby Crandall Keeper

Desireing a transfer as Keeper or assistant keeper the folowing list of Stations is forwarded for your consideration.

Bridgeport	X	Sands point	X
Black rock	X	Stamford Harbor	X
Cold Spring	X	Stratford Point	X X
Eatons Neck	X X	Throgs Neck	X
Falkner Island	X X		
Greens Ledge	X X		
Horton Point	X		
Montauk Point	X X		
New Haven	X X		
New Haven & N. Ledge	X X		
Saybrook Lynde	X		
Stepping stones	X		

Elwood J Downey
Stratford Shoal light Station
Bridgeport Conn

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 15 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 13/1921, 191

Superintendent.
Through the Keeper Colby Crandall Keeper

Desireing a transfer as Keeper or assistant keeper the folowing list is forwarded for your consideration.

Bridgeport
Black rock
Cold spring harbor
Eatons Neck
Falkner Island
Great Captain Island
Greens Ledge
Horton Point
Montauk Point
New Haven
N. H. Southwest ledge
Saybrook Lynde
Stepping stones
Sands point
Stamford Harbor
Stratford point
Throgs Neck

Elwood J Downey
Stratford Shoal Light Station
Bridgeport Conn

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Appointment Division
Washington

Commissioner of Lighthouses: 75 December 21,1920

Referring to the personal question sheet executed by Elwood J. Downey under his appointment, dated November 15,1920, as Keeper in the Third Lighthouse District at $720 per annum, the Department notes that Mr. Downey gives the date of his birth as February 5,1896. Inasmuch as Mr. Downey gave his date of birth as February 5,1897 in a personal question sheet previously executed, the Department requests to be advised as to which is the correct date.

By direction of the Secretary.

Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
Dec. 23,1920

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

CONWAY,
Acting Commissioner

NC — P.S. 1/7/20

JHG

Elwood J. Downey, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station.
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dec. 28,1920

SUBJECT: Date of birth.

1. Advise this office by return mail of the correct date of your birth. In two applications for position of keeper submitted by you the date of your birth is given as Feb.5,1895, and in one Personal Question Sheet you have given the date as Feb.5,1896 and in another Personal Question Sheet as Feb.5,1897.

J. T. YATES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Straitsport Shoal F.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan. 1, 1920, ~~191~~

Dear Sir,

(through the Keeper C.H. Bedell all Keepers)
Yr reply to letter Dated Dec. 28, 1920 in
regard to age was born February 5- 1895
will be 26 next birth day.

Elwood J Downey

JHG

Jan. 3,1921

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Date of birth of Elwood J. Downey.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec. 21,1920.

1. Department letter dated Dec.21,1920 re date of birth of Elwood J. Downey, keeper, is returned herewith. The Bureau is advised Mr.Downey informs this office by letter the date of his birth was Feb. 5,1895, and that he will be 26 years old on his next birthday. In two applications filled in this office at different times, Mr.Downey gave the date of his birth at February 5,1895.

J. T. YATES.

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1919

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHC

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.), April 19, 1919 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Elwood J. Downey

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper

Salary, $720 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L. H. Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 1,1919 [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Additional Keeper

Former salary, $600 per annum

Location, At Large, 3rd L.H. Dist.

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

Previous incumbent, New position * Services terminated,

Reason,

Members of family in Government Service,

*Authorized by Bureau endorsement of April 16,1919.

Remarks: Mr. Downey entered the service as Additional Keeper at Large in the 3rd Lighthouse District on March 12,1919. His promotion is recommended as this vacancy could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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LIGHT HOUSES APR 26 1919

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1919.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $600 per annum to $720 per annum, effective May 1, 1919, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty at the increased rate of pay.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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JHG

Elwood J. Downey, Addtnl.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 30,1919

SUBJECT: Notice of Change in Salary.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated April 25,1919 notifying you of change in your salary from $600 to $720 per annum. The effective date of this increase will be May 1,1919.

J. T. YATES.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

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LIGHT
MAR 21 1919
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1919.

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

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 dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (March 12, 1919.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Harry M. Hobson.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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(See reverse side.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 13, 1919 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Thr.Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.)
Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Elwood J. Downey

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Additional Keeper

Salary, $600 per annum

Location, At large, 3rd L.H. Dist.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 12, 1919 { 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, 80.0 , Other eligibles considered:
None

Previous incumbent, Harry E. Hobsen Services terminated, Feb. 28, 1919

Reason, Promoted

Assignment to duty on March 12, 1919 was necessary for the reason that it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. Downey has been detailed to Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Sta., where no family quarters are provided. Nos.1 to 7 on eligible list will accept appointment only to certain specified stations.

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

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J. T. YATES.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal L S
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 12, 1919

Superintendant Sir;

Mr Elwood J Downs arives at Station today as Additional Kpr.

Colby Crandall Keeper.

E O D March 12-1919

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March 10,1919

Mr.Elwood J. Downey,
General Delivery,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Position as Additional Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 6,1919.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at that station at the earliest possible date after receipt of this letter. Transportation 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 are Colby H. Crandall, Bridgeport, Conn.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent

Copy forwardedto keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Downey enters on duty as Additional Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES.



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Per:

General Delivery
Bridgeport, Conn.
Mar. 6, 1919.

Lighthouse Inspector:-
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir:-

In your letter was stated that there is a vacancy in the position as assistant keeper at the Stratford Shoal light Station. I would like to be considered for this position or any other offered. And if selected I could

report for duty at any appointed time.

Truly Yours,
Elwood J. Downey.

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Mr. Elwood J. Downey,
General Delivery,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Feb. 27,1919

SUBJECT: Position as Assistant Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 25,1919.

1. As requested, there is enclosed herewith application blank, together with circular letter, which will give you full information in regard to the position of assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service. If you will fill out the application and return it to this office, your name will be given consideration for any vacancies which may occur.

2. There is at present a vacancy in the position of additional keeper at Stratford Shoal Light Station, located off shore in Long Island Sound opposite Bridgeport. The salary is $50 per month, in addition to which there is a ration allowance of 45 cents per day which is paid in cash at the end of each month. There is also a temporary increase of $10 per month for the period up to June 30,1919. Quarters are provided for keepers, but not for keepers family. Advise this office by return mail whether or not you would like to be considered for this position, and state how soon you could report for duty if selected.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses: April 7,1921

SUBJECT: Elwood J.Downey, Additional Keeper, promotion.

1. Returned herewith for cancellation, is Department letter in duplicate, dated March 21,1921, addressed to Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, At Large, promoting him to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York. The Bureau is advised Mr.Downey resigned from the Service at the close of March 31,1921, and therefore did not enter on duty in his new position.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

40 Rese[illegible]r Ave
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Conn

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April 6 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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1921
RECEIVED
COMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendent

Sir

As requested in your letter
April 4. 1921
Inclosed find letter promoting me
to Second Assistant Keeper of
Stratford Shoal Light Station

E J Downey

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Elwood J. Downey,
40 Reservoir Avenue,
Bridgeport, Conn.

April 4,1921

SUBJECT: Resignation.

1. You are directed to return to this office, for cancellation, letter from the Department of Commerce, dated March 21,1921, addressed to you, promoting you to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, which letter was forwarded to you with letter from this office dated March 25,1921.

J. T. YATES.

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Elwood J. Downey, Additional Keeper, March 25,1921
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 21,1921 promoting you to the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position at the close of March 31,1921.

U. S. MAIL

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COPY

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS --- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Department of Commerce
Appointment Division
Washington

March 21,1921

Mr. Elwood J. Downey,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:-

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $720 per annum to $840 per annum, effective April 1,1921, 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,

(Sgd.) Clifford Hastings,

Chief of Appointment Division

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., March 17, 1921, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Elwood J. Downey

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1921 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper (Additional)

Former salary, $720 p.a.

Location, At large 3d L.H.Dist. (Detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.)

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

Previous incumbent, James C. Davis

Services terminated, March 31,1921

Reason, Promoted

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Downey entered the Service as Additional Keeper at Large and was detailed to Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., on Nov.1,1920. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. No other employee of District desired transfer to this position.

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

J. T. YATES.

Secretary, *Civil Service District*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Pt. Jefferson Shoal



Feb. 25, 1919

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to you in request of information regarding light house work. I would like to know whether there are any such vacancies. Or could you inform me where to apply for such a position.

Sincerely Yours.

Elwood J. Downey

General Delivery

Bridgeport Conn.