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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
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INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Drayton, Robert, N.		1894 MA

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:

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

Type of Rank:

- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)	
Lighthouse Service (MA)	
From: 1922	To: 1922
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	
From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Mr. Robert N. Drayton

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Massachusetts

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Prob. Keeper The Graves L.H. Mass	$40	L.H.	Oct. 2, 1922
" " " "	900	"	Dec. 1, 1922.
RESIGNED CLOSE OF		Dec. 31, 1922.	

Mr. Robt. N. Drayton

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

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Boston, Mass. (City.) September 22 .., 1922 (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert N. Drayton — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840. per annum.

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective October 1, 1922, { ~~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, 2 Asst. Lighthouse Keeper Rating, Percentage, 83., Other eligibles considered:

Clifton A. Smith, C - Hilliard E. Hopkins, C.

ACTION TAKEN SEP 27 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Previous incumbent, Charles W. Schumann, Jr. Services terminated, September 30, 1922.

Reason, Transfer.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Quarters are not provided for families of keepers at this station. Mr. Drayton has had no previous Government Civil Service. He served in the U.S. Army from April 25, 1914, to July 15, 1919. He was not required to appear at this office owing to distance, but his vouchers showed clear record in previous employment. Mr. Drayton was born April 19, 1894.

Selection regular, ~~subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission~~, SEP 23 1922, 19

Harry A Dutton
Acting Secretary, First Civil Service District.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.
Marce
1st Assistant Superintendent.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 25 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OFFICE OF SECRETARY SEP 23

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1922.

Mr. Robert H. Drayton,

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 Eight Hundred and Forty 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 Acting Secretary, First Civil Service District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Charles W. Schumann, Jr.

Legal Residence: Massachusetts.

(See reverse side.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 27 1922 ON JOURNAL 6080 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
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DIVISION.
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I, Robert N. Drayton

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

Robert N Drayton.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] Second day of October, A. D. 19--

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Aquilla P. Barrows

(Official title) Klasha K. Secretary

My commission expires .....

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper	$840. per annum	The Graves Light Station, Massachusetts
Former [5] ---	----	-----

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT

Boston, Mass. (Address), October 9, 1922. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on October 2, 1922. (Date)

CARDED
U. S. REPORT DATE

F W Eaton
(Signature, followed by title)

Superintendent, 2nd District.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time 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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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: Mr. Robert N. Drayton
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District: Second
4. Place of duty: The Graves Light Station, Mass. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $840. 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 Assistant Lighthouse Keeper examination, May 5, 1922.

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. Robert Howell Drayton

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

Robert N Drayton

CARDED

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

Mass. (State or Territory.) Essex (County.) Marblehead (City or town.) 6th. (Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Marblehead Neck Mass

7. When were you born? April (Month.) 19 (Day.) 1894 (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.") Single

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

Mrs. H. S. Drayton (Name.) Marblehead Neck Mass. (Number and street.)

Marblehead (City or town.) Mass. (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.") Yes 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.
H. I. Drayton	Marblehead Mass.	Position Keeper. Department or office Commerce	Father	Married
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

12. Have you any physical disabilities? (Answer "yes" or "no.") No If so, describe fully. (If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

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

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
Med Corp 5th Hosp. Field. etc. U.S.A.	Apr 25-1917	July 15-1919	Expir. of enlistment

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.
Field Hosp #5 Med Corps. etc U.S.A.	April 25 1914	July 15 1919	Expir. of enlist.

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.") 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.)

Boat repairman and Mechanic

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.)

Graduated Public schools.

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.")

Chauffer.

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

Asst Light House Keeper. May 5 1922.

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

Date, Oct. 2, 1922

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Robert H Drayton

(Present address) — (Number and street.)

Marblehead (City or town.) Mass. (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 October 9, 1922.

(Signature) Fred E. Eaton

(Official title) Superintendent, 2nd District.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 NOV 6 PM 4 28

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., (City.) November 2, (Date.) 19 22

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Robert N. Drayton — Legal residence, Massachusetts

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900. per annum.

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass. — Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective December 1, 1922 — [the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.]

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $840. per annum

Location, The Graves Light Station, Mass.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 7 1922 APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

Previous incumbent, Brainard E. Bailey Services terminated, November 30, 1922.

Reason, Resignation.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Mr. Drayton is a capable employee and deserving of this promotion.

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

11/7/22.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 7 1922 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

NOV 4 - 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[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

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November 7, 1922.

r. Robert N. Drayton,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective December 1, 1922.

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,

W. J. GARDNER,
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Acting

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 DEC 9 AM 9 15

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Superintendent Second DISTRICT.

Boston, Mass., December 6 . 1922

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, Robert N. Drayton Position, Keeper

Legal residence, Massachusetts Station, The Graves Light Station, Mass.

Salary, $900. per annum.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 9 1922

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of December 31, 1922.

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

Remarks: ---

DEC 11 1922

Superintendent.

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Enclosure

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON DEC 8 1922

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Marblehead Mass.
Dec 5, 1922

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
2d DIST.
DEC 6 1922
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BOSTON, MASS.

Supt. of Lighthouses.
Boston Mass.

In reply to letter dated Dec. 4, in regards to withdrawing my resignation will state, I desire my resignation to become effective Jan. 1, 1923.

I would like my check for December sent to Marblehead Mass.

Respectfully
R. N. Drayton.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1922.

Mr. Robert N. Drayton,

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 December 31, 1922.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... The Graves LightStation, Massachusetts.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $900 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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