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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Flynn, Kylie	10136655
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
Durfee, William, H.		1890 CT

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: 1977

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 (RI)	From: 1920	To: 1944
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0005572425

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Attendant Signature:

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 4/23/25 KFH

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SCREENING NOTES

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

CMRS CASE #: C-0005572425 .

Employee Name: DURFEE, WILLIAM H. . **DOB:** 1890, CT .

SOUNDEX: D610

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
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If Negative:

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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:

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Notes:

FWO-JHG

Sept. 22,1937

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
'Through Supt.of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass.)

SUBJECT: Position of 1AK, Race Rock Lt'Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.15,1937.

1. In reply to your letter of September 15, 1937 you are advised there is no vacancy at Race Rock Light Station that has not already been provided for. The rate of pay for 1AK at Race Rock Lt.Sta. would be $1740.00 per annum.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SECOND DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta. R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 15, 1937

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 17 1937 CHELSEA, MASS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 18 1937 RECEIVED TOWER ISLAND, N.Y.

Supt. J. T. Yates
Through
Supt. G. E. Eaton
Sir.

I have been informed that there is a chance to transfer to Race Rock Lt. Sta. as first asst. Keeper.

Would please inform me as to what my pay would be at that station if I should transfer there.

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee
Keeper.

Office of Superintendent, 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 20, 1937.

1. Forwarded to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, Staten Island, New York. This office has no objection to transfer in the above case. Mr. Durfee is at present employed as Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station this district, salary $1800 per annum in the range $1680-2040. There are no family quarters provided at this station.

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent

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CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 7 1935
RECEIVED
THIRD DISTRICT

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

July 5, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District,
Staten Island, New York.

1. With reference to your letter dated July 1, in regard to the proposed transfer of William H. Durfee, Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station to Race Rock Light Station, you are advised that letter has been received from Durfee this date, requesting that plans for the transfer be cancelled, and same is forwarded to you herewith.

For and in the absence of
the Superintendent.

Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Draftsman
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Junior Engr.
Radio Elec.
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
6th Clerk
Messenger
Depot Kpr. (WH)
Depot Kpr. (Oh)

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 5 1935
2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

SECOND DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt Sta R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 3, 1935

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUL 6 1935
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt J. T. Yates
Through
Supt. G. E. Eaton,
Sir.

If I have not been considered transfering to Race Rock. Would you please Cancle it. There are reasons arisen why I do not wish to be transfered at the present time.

Signed

Wm. H. Dupee Keeper.

Supt.
1st Asst. Supt.
Chief Clerk
Asst. Supt.
Draftsman
Junior Engr.
Radio Elec.
1st Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk
5th Clerk
6th Clerk
Accountant
Depot Spr. (WH)
Depot Spr. (Ch)

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 27 1935 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS.

SECOND DISTRICT

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 26, 1935

Supt. J. T. Yates
Through.
Supt. G. E. Eaton.
Sir.

Would it be possible for me to transfer to Race Rock Lt. Sta. As first asst. With Leonard Fuller.

My reasons for trading is that it would be nearer my home.

I find it is quite an expence to travel so far.

If I could be considered for a transfer with Mr. Fuller I would like to have it take affect around July 15, 1935.

Signed
Wm. N. Durfee
Keeper.

GEE-RMC

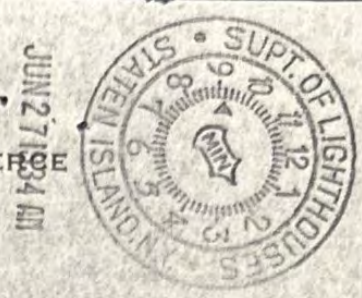
Office of Superintendent, Second District,
Chelsea, Mass., June 27th, 1935.

Forwarded to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. This office would have no objections to the above transfer.

EATON,
Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON



JUN 27 1934 AM

RECEIVED

June 25, 1934.

Hon. Joseph W. Martin, Jr.,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

In further reference to your letter of May 15, in the interest of Mr. Ernest Metiver who desires to exchange his position as assistant keeper at New London Ledge Light Station, Conn., with Mr. William H. Durfee who is keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, R. I.:

This Service has no objection to arrangements as a result of which keepers obtain a transfer to a station located more desirably from their standpoint, although often in such arrangements the individual keepers may not get the position of the exact status they desire. In the present case Mr. Durfee occupies a position of principal keeper while Mr. Metiver occupies one of second assistant keeper, and the exchange would involve a demotion in pay for Mr. Durfee and he has advised that he, therefore, does not desire to make an exchange at this time. The procedure in the present case would be for Mr. Metiver to file application with the Superintendent of his district listing the stations to which he desires to be considered for transfer in case a vacancy develops.

To 3d

Very truly yours,

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG-EK

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

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

GEE-RMC

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

June 6, 1934.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

Subject: Exchange of positions, E.Metiver, 2nd assistant keeper, New London Ledge Light Station and W.H. Durfee, keeper, Sakonnet Light Station.

1. With reference to previous correspondence on the above subject, will you please advise the salary range of the position of 2nd assistant keeper, New London Ledge Light Station. Mr. Durfee has enquired of this office what his salary would be in event of this transfer. His present pay is $1800 per annum and he is in the range $1680-2040, with no family quarters furnished.

GEO.E.EATON
Superintendent

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FWO-JHG 3d L.H.Dist.,Staten Is., N.Y.
June 7,1934.

1. Returned to Superintendent, 2nd Lighthouse Dist. The pay range of the position of 2AK of New London Ledge Lt.Sta.is $1500-1860.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W.J.Lawton, Chief Clerk

ENDORSEMENT

Office of Superintendent, 2nd District,
Chelsea, Mass., May 25, 1934.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses, with advice that this district has no objection to the transfer of Mr. Durfee to the position of 2nd assistant keeper at New London Ledge Light Station in the Third Lighthouse District provided that same meets with the approval of the Superintendent of the Third District.

2. However, in the event that this transfer is effected, it is recommended that the present 1st assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, who has been in the service since 1922, be promoted to keeper at Sakonnet and that the 2nd assistant keeper who has been in the service since 1926, be promoted to 1st assistant and Metiver then be transferred to position of 2nd assistant at Sakonnet, inasmuch as his length of service is of shorter duration than either of the above mentioned assistant keepers, and it is not believed that he would be entitled to promotion over them.

GEO.E.EATON
Superintendent.

Copy for Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District, Staten Island,N.Y.

Above endorsement in reply to report requested by Bureau on Third District's letter dated May 22, on the subject of exchange of positions, E.Metiver 2nd Asst.keeper and W.H.Durfee, keeper.

EATON
Superintendent.

FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: May 22,1934

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions,E.Metiver,2AK and Wm.H.Durfee,Keeper.
REFERENCE: Bureau endorsement May 17,1934 forwarding letter of May 15,1934 from Congressman Joseph W. Martin.

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. Mr.Durfee, Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, 2nd Lighthouse District, has served entirely on light stations other than those equipped with power fog signals such as at New London Ledge Light Station. It appears however that he has had some experience with power boat engines, and this office would not object to his appointment as 2nd Assistant Keeper at New London Ledge Light Station. Mr.Metiver, 2nd Assistant Keeper at New London Ledge Light Station has been in the service, entirely as 2nd Assistant Keeper, since September,1928. This office has no information to show whether the Second District would approve of Mr.Metiver's transfer and promotion from 2nd Assistant Keeper at New London Ledge Light Station to Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, or whether there are other second and first assistant keepers in the Second District who would be entitled to promotion over Mr.Metiver.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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1. Copy, together with copy of Congressman Martin's letter,forwarded for his information to the Superintendent of the Second Lighthouse District.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

(COPY:HR)

See file 2818 (1934 files)

Joseph W. Martin, Jr.
14th District Mass.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 15, 1934.

Hon. George R. Putnam,
Commissioner of Lighthouses,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Commissioner:

I am interested in Mr. Ernest Metiver, who comes from my district, and who is an Assistant Keeper at the New London Ledge Light Station, New London, Conn. Mr. Metiver and William H. Durfee, Keeper at the Sakonnet Light Station, Sakonnet Point, Rhode Island, applied for a mutual transfer, which would have the beneficial effect for both men of placing them nearer their respective home residences. Metiver's home is Fall River, Massachusetts, and Durfee's is New London, Conn.

I understand the Chief Clerk at Staten Island informed both Metiver and Durfee the transfers were not agreeable to the service because Metiver had been in the service only since September, 1928, and Durfee was not familiar with the operation of power fog signals, with which the New London Ledge station is equipped.

I am wondering if the cause of disapproval cannot be overcome in some manner. Would it not be possible for Durfee to learn, within a reasonably short period, to operate the power fog signals.

Since the transfer would accomplish mutual benefits for both men concerned, I sincerely hope you may be able to work out some method of arranging the transfers. I would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Joseph W. Martin, Jr.

RG-EK

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
May 17, 1934.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y. for report and return.
For the Commissioner:

(Sgd.) W. P. Harman
Administrative Assistant.

FWO-JHG

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass.

April 29,1935

SUBJECT: Pay of Keeper Durfee, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 25,1935

1. Enclosed for your information is copy of District Circular No.227 of Feb.21,1919, which fully describes the matter of examination of Keepers re operation of power fog signals. It may be stated that this plan is inoperative at the present time in view of the fact that the Economy Act prohibits promotions.

2. For your general information it may be stated that the correspondence your office is now having with Keeper Durfee is quite similar to correspondence that he had with this office before Sakonnet Lt.Sta. was transferred to the Second District.

3. Samuel L. Fuller never received an increase in pay due to fog signal examination or to the operation of a fog signal at any of the stations at which he was employed. His rate of pay therefore has no connection whatever with fog signal matters.

4. Mr.Fuller was employed as Asst.Keeper and Keeper at several different stations before being transferred to Sakonnet and at different stations received increases in pay as keeper, and at the time of his transfer to Sakonnet he was receiving as keeper the 4th step above the minimum of his range, and accordingly when he was transferred to Sakonnet he was given the 4th step above the minimum of the range for 1AK, this rate of pay being $1740 p.a., whereas Keeper Durfee was receiving $1800 p.a. It appears that the correspondence of Keeper Durfee is brought about by the fact that in his opinion he should receive more pay in order that there might be a greater difference between his rate of pay and that of the 1AK.

5. The present pay ranges for keepers at Sakonnet were authorized in August,1931, they having been adjusted on account of establishment of power fog signal at that station. There were however no increases in pay approved by the Bureau because of the establishment of the fog signal.

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6. Keeper Durfee's reference to $10 possibly pertains to adjustment of pay in connection with the 8-1/3% deduction which was later changed to a 15% deduction.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
APR 27 1935
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

April 25, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

1. Reference is made to this district's letter of March 6, forwarding to your office a copy of letter received from W.H.Durfee, Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station in regard to his pay, and to your reply to same dated March 8. There is given below copy of a second letter on the same subject from Mr. Durfee. Will you kindly advise this office in regard to same? It would also be appreciated if you would advise as to the system in effect in regard to fog signal examination in your district.

"This station prior to 1932 was without a fog signal. The pay at that time was the same as it is at the present time. In August 1932 the fog signals were installed. We were told by Insp. O.C.Luther we would be given five dollars more a month for the care and upkeep of the engines which we have not received. I find that S.L.Fuller is receiving fog signal money(not for fog signal examination). I do not understand how S.L.Fuller could receive so many steps in pay. I have been here for fiteen successive years. When the pay range started here I was started at one hundred and twenty five dollars. I received five dollars for longevity pay ten dollars for Welch Act and two steps in pay of five dollars each which makes my present salary. When the pay range was made up Keeper started at $1620 and ended at $1980 and when fog signal was installed the pay range here changed to $1680 to $2040 which gave us our fog signal money on pay range. But we have never benefited by it. We have a letter to this effect of May 22,1933, from the Third district. In regards to the $10.00 I spoke of I can not give the date exactly. But it must have been around March or May of the year of 1933. Both the second assistant and myself received it one month and the next it was taken away again."

GEO. E. EATON
Superintendent.

FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Through Spuerindent of Lighthouses,
Chelsea, Mass.

March 26,1934

SUBJECT: Transfer to New London Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Mar.22,1934.

1. In reply to your letter of March 24,1934 relative to exchange of positions with the 2nd Assistant Keeper of New London Ledge Light Station; you are advised it is noted from your service record that you have never been employed at a light station equipped with power fog signal such as New London Ledge Lt.Sta. Unless you have had other experience that would provide equivalent qualifications, your transfer to a station with a power fog signal would not be desirable. It is also noted that 2nd Assistant Keeper Ernest Metiver of New London Ledge Lt. Station has been in the service only since September,1928, and it is quite probable that there are other 2nd and 1st Assistant Keepers in the 2nd Lighthouse District who have had longer periods of service and would no doubt be given first opportunity for promotion to keeper at Sakonnet Lt. Station in case that position should become vacant.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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March 26,1934

1. Copy forwarded to Ernest Metiver,2nd Asst.Kee per, New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,attention being invited to your letter of March 23rd re exchange of positions with Mr.Durfee.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
37 Marginal Street,
Chelsea, Mass.

March 8,1935

SUBJECT: Sakonnet Lt.Sta., pap of keepers, etc.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 6,1935.

1. As shown by the service cards of William Durfee and John Gonze, copies of which have heretofore been furnished the Second District, there was no change in their base pay in 1933 or subsequent thereto as indicated in your letter. It may be stated that neither Durfee or Gonze ever took the fog signal examination, which prior to Economy measures provided for an increase in pay of $5.00 per month. Likewise Mr.Fuller never took the fog signal examination and therefore has never received any increase in pay in that connection. Mr. Fuller was formerly keeper of Saybrook Breakwater light station, and when he was transferred and demoted to the position of 1st Assistant keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, he was given the same step in the pay range as he received as Keeper at Saybrook Breakwater.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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CHELSEA, MASS.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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PRINCE VILLE, IND.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 2D DISTRICT
37 MARGINAL STREET
CHELSEA, MASS.

March 6, 1935.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, New York.

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1. The following letter has been received at this office from William H. Durfee, Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station. Will you please advise this office as to the explanation of the matter? The reference to fog signal money received by keepers of this station in March 1933 is not understood, inasmuch as the service cards on file at this office for above men do not show any change in pay at this time.

"In regards to fog signal money. I am writing to see if you will explain how 1st asst.S.L.Fuller is receiving fog signal money at this station. Neither 2nd Asst. John Gonze or myself are receiving same. We were given ten dollars in March 1933 and it was taken away again in April 1933 with the cut.

"But we find that S.L.Fuller is still receiving fog signal money. His base pay is one hundred forty five dollars per month, while mine is only one hundred and fifty per month, and John Gonze's pay is one hundred and twenty five dollars per month.

"We consider we are away under paid at this station according to S.L.Fuller's pay. I myself am a fifteen year man and John Gonze is a ten year man and I think S.F.Fuller is about the same."

Eaton

GEO.E.EATON
Superintendent.

See Filer 4766 (1930)
547 (1931)
4793 (1933)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 23, 1934

Superintendent 2nd district
through superintendent 3rd district
Subject transfer

W. M. & Keeper on Sabonnet Lt sta and myself Ernest Metivier 2nd asstkp on New London Ledge Lt sta would like to exchange station and position if it is agreeable with the superintendent of both district

Ernest Metivier
2nd asstkp New London Ledge
Lt sta New London conn

I. A. L. Southworth,
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MAR 28 1934 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Superintendent of 2nd district
through superintendent 3rd distrct

New London Ledge
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Subject transfer

March 23, 1934

W M & Purser Keeper on Sakonnet
Lt sta and my-self Ernest Metivier
2nd ass kp on New London Ledge
Lt sta would like to exchange
station and position if it is
agreeable with the superintendent of
both district

Ernest Metivier
2nd ass kp New London Ledge
Lt sta New London conn

I. H. Southworth
Keeper

1934

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
CHELSEA, MASS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LIGHTHOUSES 2nd DIST. CHELSEA, MASS. MAR 22 1934

(7)

1st asst
Per
Engineer

SECOND DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta. R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar. 22, 1934

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAR 23 1934 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt. J. T. Yates
Through. Supt. W. E. Eaton.
Subject.
Transfer.
Supt. Sir.

I would like to be Considered a transfer With the 2 nd. Asst. on New London Ledge Light Station. As I live in Groton and Wife in Fall River I think it would be a great help to both of us.

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee
Keeper.

Forwarded: For and in the absence of the Superintendent:
Edward J. Curran
Chief Clerk,
Superintendent 2nd District.

Temp. addl
Ernest Snetsen — 2 a/K — New Ldn Lg

FWO-JHG

June 28,1933

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer list.
REFERENCE: Your letter June 27,1933.

1. You are advised the list filed by you in this office of stations to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy, will be kept on file, but no assurance can be given you as to when you may be considered for transfer.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 27, 1933

Supt.

Sir.

In regards to transfering in to 2nd dist. I would like to get some information on how I could still stay in the 3rd. district. As I belong in the vicinity of New London having my home there I would not like to go any further to the eastard. Will you please inform me if my transfer list will stand good in your office. If now would you please tell me how it would be possible for me to be transfered back to the second district.

Signed
Wm. N. Dunfee
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

May 22,1933

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Pay.
REFERENCE: Your letter May 20,1933.

1. In reply to your letter of May 20,1933, you are advised the present authorized pay ranges and the present authorized rates of pay for Sakonnet Light Station, are as follows:-

Keeper.....Pay	- $1800	Pay Range--	$1680-2040
1st Asst..... "	- 1740	" "	1500-1860
2nd Asst..... "	- 1500	" "	1440-1800

2. These are the pay ranges that are applicable to Sakonnet Light Station regardless of what previous experience the several keepers may have had.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

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

SERIAL NO. 6

1. NAME Durfee (SURNAME) William (FIRST NAME) Henry (MIDDLE NAME)

LEAVE BLANK

ACTIVE NUMBER	WITHDRAWAL NUMBER	STATUS 7

	CODE
2. a. DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE: Commerce	
b. BUREAU OR SERVICE: Lighthouse, 3d District	
c. STATE: R. I. ~~New York~~	
d. CITY OR TOWN: Little Compton ~~Staten Island~~	

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

4. ARE YOU SUBJECT TO RETIREMENT LAW? — CODE 9

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

5. PLACE OF BIRTH: Connecticut (STATE OR COUNTRY) — 10

6. LEGAL (VOTING) RESIDENCE: CONG. DIST. 2d 11 STATE R. I. — 12

7. ANNUAL RATE OF COMPENSATION ON:

		CODE			CODE
a. JUNE 30, 1920	$ 780	1	d. JUNE 30, 1923	$ 960	
b. JUNE 30, 1921	960		e. JUNE 30, 1924	960	2
c. JUNE 30, 1922	960		f. JUNE 30, 1925	1560	3

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

QUARTERS ____ MEALS ____ LAUNDRY ____ CASH IN LIEU OF Subsistence (NOTE WHAT)

OTHER ____ (STATE WHAT)

9. STATE ESTIMATED ANNUAL VALUE OF ALL ALLOWANCES, $ 161.25 (PER ANNUM) — 4

10. WHEN WERE DEDUCTIONS FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND FIRST MADE FROM YOUR PAY ____ (DATE)

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

12. DATE OF BIRTH — MONTH 3 | DAY 16 | YEAR 1890 — 13

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

14. INDICATE NUMBER OF FULL YEARS INSTRUCTION COMPLETED IN THE KINDS OF SCHOOLS LISTED: — 15

COMMON SCHOOL 8 YEARS
HIGH SCHOOL ____ YEARS
COLLEGE ____ YEARS
____ SCHOOL ____ YEARS

LIST DEGREES RECEIVED, IF ANY

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—7018

Name Durfee William Henry
(Surname) (First name) (Middle name)
Department or office Commerce
Bureau or service Lighthouse, 3d District
Employed Little Compton, R. I.
(City) (State)

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

Former name ____ *Changed* ____ (Date)
Former name ____ *Changed* ____ (Date)

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

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

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

KIND OF SERVICE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	NAME OF EACH DEPARTMENT AND BUREAU OR OTHER BRANCH IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED AND ITS LOCATION	APPOINTED OR ENLISTED			SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED			LEAVE BLANK		
		MONTH	DAY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	Y	M	D
A	Cook & Bakers School, Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama	Aug	6	1918	Dec.	13	1918			
C	3d Lighthouse Dist., S. D., N. Y.	Mar	1	1920						

TOTAL SERVICE, CIVIL AND MILITARY: YEARS 5 MONTHS 8 DAYS 8 17

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

6—7018

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

May 20, 1933

Supt. Liv.

Received your letter of May 16 1933 explaining the 15 % Cut. I fully understand the Cut. But do not understand how the first asst keeper gets More according than I do. My first asst. draws $123 00 Per. Month While the second only draws $106.24 Per Month. According to other stations the assistants are five dollars with each other While the keeper draws $15 00 dollars More than the first. We do not understand Why a new Man gets paid for running Vapor light and fog signal and We have run same for two Years for the same pay as We received before they Were installed. Could You please explain this Matter to us as it Would be appreciated

Signed Wm. H. Dunfee

WJL:BS

May 16, 1933.

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Explanation of pay check for April, 1933.

REFERENCE: Your letter dated May 12, 1933.

You are advised that your annual rate of compensation is $1800.00 per year, which is $150.00 monthly. From this monthly rate 15% is to be deducted in accordance with the Economy Act and Presidential authority, which deduction became effective April 1, 1933; thus your pay for April was arrived at as follows:

$150.00	Rate per month
22.50	15% Compensation deduction
$127.50	Amount of check for April pay.

J. T. Yates,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Sakonnet Pt Sta

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 12, 1933

1793

Supt Sir.

Could I ask for an explination on our last Cut. For the Month of march I received $143.75, Thinking that We were put on the scale of Wages at this Station after installing vapor light and fog horn. Were surprised to receive a more severe Cut than before. And more surprised to receive only five dollars more than my first assistant after thirteen years of Continuis service against eleven of his. If there should be any mistake would you please explain it to me.

Signed
Wm. H. Munroe
Keeper.

FWO:HR

(N)

April 10, 1933

Mr. Chas. A. Welch,
Box 372,
Noank, Conn.

SUBJECT: Alleged indebtedness of William H. Durfee, Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 3rd.

Sir:-

You are advised that the matter was taken up with Mr. Durfee, and there is enclosed for your information a copy of his reply dated April 7, 1933.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Apr. 8th., 1933

W H Durfee

5/25

Supt.

Sir.

Please Consider me a transfer for
Stations mentoned below

X Latimer Reef as Keeper
X New London Ledge as Keeper
X X Race Rock as 1st. Asst Or Keeper
X Watch Hill as Keeper

Signed
Wm. H. Hunter
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Pt Stn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 7, 1933

1st Post

Att Cor

Supt.

Sir.

In regards to your letter of April 5th. 1933. It is a surprise to me that I owe Mr. Welch any rent. As I send Money home every month to pay my bills. But Will go to see Mr. Welch as soon as I go on leave And if such may be the Case I Will make arangements to pay same as soon as possible.

Signed
Wm. N. Dunfee
Keeper.

FWO:HR

April 5, 1933

Mr. Chas. A. Welch,
Box 372,
Noank, Conn.

SUBJECT: Alleged indebtedness of William H. Durfee, Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter April 3rd.

Sir:-

In reference to the matter of your claim against Mr. Durfee in the amount of $36.00 for rent of cottage, you are advised that there are no means whereby this Service can compel an employee to make payment of personal debts contracted, nor is it possible to make deductions from pay due employees on account of personal debts contracted. In cases where it is proven that an employee refuses to make payment of just and proper debts, charges may be preferred against him with the view of his dismissal from the Service. However, the matter referred to in your letter will be brought to Mr. Durfee's attention.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

FWO:HR

April 5, 1933

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

1. This office has received a claim against you from Mr. Chas. A. Welch of Noank, Connecticut, in the amount of $36.00 for rent of cottage. Please advise this office whether or not this is a just and proper debt, and if so, you will state definitely what action you propose to take in the matter.

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

By: W. J. LAWTON,
Chief Clerk.

Apr. 3- 1933 4-12

3662

1st Asst.

Supt of Lighthouse Service

Dear Sir:

3662

Mr. William H. Durfee

Employed by you on

Sakonnet Light-house

Point. R.I

Owes me $36.00 for (2) months

rent. of cottage in Town Groton

conn.

Would you kendly use

your method in notifying

him as I need this money-

Right away and if it is not

Paid.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHT HOUSES
APR 4 1933
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

I will have to take other
means of collecting
Thank you very kindly
for the services you are
rendering me.
I remain Respectfully

Chas A Welch.
Norwalk Conn.
Box 372.

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FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

April 3,1933

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 31,1933

1. In reply to your letter of March 31,1933, you are advised this office has no knowledge of any prospective vacancy in the position of Keeper at Latimer Reef Lt·Sta. In connection with your request for transfer to that position; your attention is called to circular letter previously sent you, a copy of which is attached hereto, giving instructions in regard to filing in this office a list of the stations and positions to which a Keeper would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy. Your attention is also called to the fact you have no such list on file in this office.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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1933
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 31, 1933

3578

Supt. Div.

I have been informed that there were a vacancy for Keepers position on Latimor Reef Lt. Sta. If so I would like to be considered for that position. Being as it is nearer my home and I have been stationed here for thirteen years I think it would be better for me as it will Cut a lot of expense.

Signed
Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta. R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 23, 1933

Supt. Sir.

Will you please mail me a district Circular stating range of pay of Keepers and assistant keepers pay in this district.

927

Signed
Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Jan. 24,1933

SUBJECT: Keeper's Pay Range.
REFERENCE: Your letter dated Jan. 23,1933.

1. In reply to your letter dated Jan.23,1933, you are advised this office has no circular letter giving the present pay ranges of the keepers and assistants at light stations in this District. The pay ranges at Sakonnet Light Station are as follows:-

Keeper.....$1680-$2040
1st Asst.K..... 1500-$1860
2nd Asst.K..... 1440-$1800

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 9, 1932

Re Cancelled 12-15-32

2219

Supt Sir

Please Cancel my transfer
list Which I have in your Office

Signed
Wm. H. Humfee
Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta. R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 26, 1931

Supt. Lts.

After attending my sister in laws funeral. I returned to station on June 25. 1931 at 10 a.m.

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Little Compton R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 22, 1931

Supt Sir.

Left Station 1 Pm. June 22 1931 to go home on account of death in family. Will return as soon as possible

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee Keeper.

Form A-38

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1930

Mr. Wm H. Durfee

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

You are advised that your compensation has been changed as indicated below, effective January 1, 1931.

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1740

To: $1800

Service and grade: Range $1620-1980

Appropriation (unit): Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

3d District.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 11—9061

FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Dec. 26,1930

SUBJECT: Transfer.
REFERENCE; Your letter Dec.24,1930.

1. You are advised that at the present time there are no vacancies at any of the stations you have on your list to which you would accept transfer, and none in prospect. There is no objection to your corresponding with Keepers or Assistant Keepers at other stations with the view of finding some man who would exchange positions with you. Should you locate a man willing to exchange positions with you, consideration will then be given to the matter of transfers, provided each is qualified to perform the required duties of the position concerned.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 24, 1920

1st Pers Recd Dec

2638

Supt Lts.

As I have been at this station for nearly eleven years. And have had a transfer in for a long while and never have had a Chance to transfer I thought I would write and see if there were any Chances that were known in the office where any keeper would transfer with me. I prefer an off shore light if there should be any such Chance I would appreciate you in assisting me in locating such.

Signed
Wm. H. Hughes
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Cancelled
12-15-30

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

11/6, 1930

Supt Sir

I Wish to be Considered a position as keeper
At light stations named below

X Hog Island Lt. Sta. — Portsmouth R.I.
X Latimer Reef Lt. Sta. — Stonington Conn.
X New Haven Lt. Sta. — West Haven Conn.
X New London Lt. Sta. — New London Conn.
X Orient Point Lt. Sta. — Orient Point N.Y.
X Penfield Reef Lt Sta. — Fairfield Conn.
X Race Rock Lt. Sta. — Fishers Island N.Y.
X Stratford Shoals Lt Sta. — Bridgeport Conn.
X Whale Rock Lt. Sta. Narragansett Pier R.I.

Signed
Wm. H. Chafee
Little Compton
R.I.

FWO-JHG

July 17,1930

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Whale Rock Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 14, our letter July 15.

1. Daniel A. Sullivan, Keeper of Whale Rock Light Station has advised this office he does not wish to transfer to Sakonnet Light Station, and letter from this office dated July 15th directing you to relieve Mr.Sullivan on August 1st is to be considered as cancelled.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

July 17,1930

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Exchange of positions, D.A.Sullivan and Wm. H. Durfee, Keepers.
REFERENCE: Forms 73a dated July 15,1930.

1. Referring to Forms 73a, forwarded to the Bureau July 15,1930, recommending exchange of positions between Daniel A. Sullivan, Keeper of Whale Rock Lt.Sta.,R.I., and William H. Durfee, Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, R.I.; it is requested the Bureau cancel the above-mentioned forms 73a, as Mr.Sullivan has advised this office he does not wish to be transferred.

J. T. YATES

FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compoton, R. I.

July 15,1930

SUBJECT: Transfer to Whale Rock Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter July 14,1930.

1. Referring to your letter dated July 14,1930 requesting transfer in the event of a vacancy, to the position of Keeper of Whale Rock Lt.Sta.; you are advised you have been selected for this position, and in accordance therewith are directed to report at that station and relieve the present keeper, Daniel A. Sullivan, at the close of July 31,1930, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his charge, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office.

2. Daniel A. Sullivan, Keeper of Whale Rock Lt.Sta. has been selected to succeed you as Keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta., and has to-day been directed to relieve you at the close of July 31,1930. Upon his arrival, you will turn over to him the station and all Government property under your charge, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed.

3. Report to this office promptly by separate letters, the date on which you turn Sakonnet Lt.Sta. over to Mr.Sullivan, and the date on which you take charge of Whale Rock Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

July 15,1930

1st Asst.

Sullivan has request for transfer to Sakonnet, but Durfee has no request for transfer to Whale Rock.

Sullivan entered the service June 14,1924 - record O.K.

Durfee entered the service March 1,1920 - record O.K.

JHG

Form 73a

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES. 3rd DISTRICT.

Staten Island, N. Y., July 15,1930, 19

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following-named employee will be transferred as indicated, and will enter upon duty at his new station on August 1,1930.

Name, William H. Durfee Position, Keeper

From Sakonnet Lt.Sta. and Sakonnet Bkw.Light, R.I. To Whale Rock Lt.Sta.,R.I.

Previous incumbent, Daniel A. Sullivan

Services terminated, July 31,1930 Reason, Transferred.

Present Pay.....$1740 p.a. Proposed Pay------$1740 p.a.
Present Range....$1620-$1920 p.a. Proposed Range....$1620-$1920 p.a.

Letter from Mr.Durfee requesting this transfer attached hereto.

Cancelled

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

, 19

The above-referred-to transfer became effective beginning with _____, _____

11—4598

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(73)

COPY

Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

July 14,1930

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Supt., Sir:

Could I please be considered a transfer with Daniel Sullivan at Whale Rock Lt.Sta.

I have had a talk with him and he says he is willing to trade with me as it is closer to his home and also brings me about fifty miles closer home.

/s/ Wm. H. Durfee,

Keeper.

Cancelled

WJL-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, Rhode Island

Aug. 30, 1929

SUBJECT: Position of Keeper, Latimer Reef Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Aug. 28, 1929.

1. You are advised this office has no information in regard to the resignation of the Keeper of Latimer Reef Light Station. Should the keeper of this station later tender his resignation consideration will be given to the matter of your transfer to this position.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

75

Per Mon about 1 ths

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet L. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 28, 1929

Supt Sir.

I have been informed that the keeper of Latimer Reef is resigning. As I have been here for over Nine years and have had a transfer in for said station, I would like to be Considered a transfer to this station.

Signed

Wm. H. Hunter Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 23, 1927

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Superintendent Sir.

I wish to state that I have been called home as my Wife is seriously ill. Will send in a more definate report later.

Signed
William H. Dunfee.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Sahonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 26, 1927

Superintendent

Sir.

Subject to absence.

I returned to Station on Sunday Sept. 25, 1927 after being absent on account of my Wife having an attact of acute Indigestion. My absence Were absolutely necessary

Signed
Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

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STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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COMMERCE

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 25, 1927

Superintendent Sir

In regards to Borden Flats light station I must say I am unable to take it on account of family conditions. Would except a shore station or Latimer Reef as the later is nearer my home.

Signed
Wm. H. Dunfee
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Per

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July 25, 1927

Mr Yates
I understand there to become a vacancy Borden Flats Fall River Mass. being my home, locality would greatly appreciate said station.

Joseph H Dubois
2nd Asst.

Signed
Wm. K. Dunfee
Keeper.

He has been nominated for transfer to Fire Is.

AAG

(so admin Asst already done & state will be comm'd for B Flats.

DURFEE

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 28, 1925

Pers-was since Feb 1st $60 or more?
Pay increased from $1364.25 to $1560. = Inc. of $195.75

Superintendent Sir

Just a line to inform you that my five years of Continuous service expires to day Feb. 28. 1925.

Signed
Wm. H. Durfee
Keeper.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

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Sakonnet Light Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 1, 1924

Supantendent Sir

I would like to be considered for a transfer to Stations Named below. As Keeper.

X Latimer Reef Stonington Conn. as Keeper
X North Dumpling New York a Keeper
X Watch Hill ~~W~~atch Hill Westerly R.I. as Keeper

Signed Wm. H. Hunt
Keeper.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Resigned July 6-1923

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11, 1923

Superintendent 3rd District

Sir;

I am submiting a list of stations for which I would like to be considered for the positions as indicaded below in case of a vacancy.

Stations	Positions	Stations	Positions
Absecon	1st or 2nd Asst.	Sandy Hook	Keeper
Bluff Point	Keeper	Sea Girt	"
Conover Beacon	"	Shinnecock Bay	1st or 2nd Asst.
Cedar Hill	"	Stepping Stones	Keeper
Chapel Hill	"	Saugerties	"
Coney Island	"	Stuyvesant	"
Elm Tree Beacon	"	Sands Point	"
Great Beds	"	Tarrytown	"
Hereford Inlet	"	Tucker Beach	"
Hudson City	"		
New Dorp Beacon	"		
Plattsburg Bkw.	"		
Plum Island	"		
Princess Bay	"		
Rondout	"		

Respectively Yours
Gilbert H. Griffith 2nd Asst. Keeper
Sakonnet Lt. Sta. Little Compton R. I.

Wm. H. Hunter
Keeper

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses;- Feb. 23,1922

SUBJECT: William H. Durfee, keeper, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

1. Returned herewith for cancellation, is Department letter, in duplicate, addressed to William H. Durfee, changing his pay from $960.00 to $780.00 per annum, in connection with his transfer from the position of keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, R.I., to the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, Conn.

2. Mr. Durfee has advised this office he does not wish to be transferred at this time to the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station.

J. T. YATES.

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FWC-JHG

William S. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Feb. 11,1922

SUBJECT: Transfer to New London Ledge.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 9,1922.

2. Referring to your statement in letter of February 9th that you were unable to transfer to New London Ledge Light Station on account of having lost your purse; in view of this fact you are informed that orders containedin letter from this office dated Feb. 9th directing you to report for duty at New London Ledge, are to be considered as cancelled. Letter from the Department of Commerce, dated Feb. 6th,1922, notifying you of change in salary on account of said transfer, is to be return to this office promptly for cancellation.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Copy forwarded, for his information, to the keeper of New London Ledge Light Station.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Feb. 9,1922

SUBJECT: Transfer to New London Ledge Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Feb.2,1922.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated Feb. 6, 1922 appointing you to the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to report for duty at that station on February 19,1922, or the earliest practicable date thereafter. Transportation charges will be at your own expense.

2. Mr.Wilfred A. Teasdale, 1st Asst.Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, has been appointed to succeed you as keeper, and you are directed to turn over to Mr.Teasdale on the date you leave Sakonnet the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which should be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 were mailed to you on February 2,1922.

3. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you leave Sakonnet and turn the station over to Mr.Teasdale.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

1. Copy forwarded to keeper of New London Ledge Lt.Sta., for his information. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which Mr.Durfee enters on duty as 1st asst.Keeper at New London Ledge Lt.Sta.

J.T.YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

In Penn. cancel his aff & order 2 others of the same claim. Get new man for Ledge Off

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Newton Ct. Feb. 9, 1922.

Superintendant Sir.



Owing to an Accident of loosing my purse with one hundred and Seventy dollars in it I am unable to transfer as I have got to borrow money to get back to Sakonnet then for I will be unable to Meet my bills in either place.

Signed

William L. Dunfee.
Keeper of Sak. Pt. Lts.

Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., (City.) Feb. 2, 1922 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer and demotion.

Name, William H. Durfee

Position, Keeper

Location, New London Ledge Lt.Sta.,Conn.

Effective February 19,1922

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Salary, $780.00 p.a.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $960 per annum

Location, Sakennet Light Station and Sakennet Bkw.Light, R. I.

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

Previous incumbent, Isaac G. Eaton Services terminated, Feb.18,1922

Reason, Services discontinued.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Letter from Mr.Durfee requesting this transfer attached herete.

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

J. T. YAILS.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

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-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Feb. 2,1922

SUBJECT: Transfer.

1. Referring to your list of stations filed in this office to which you would accept transfer in the event of a vacancy; you are advised you have to-day been nominated for appointment to the position of 1st assistant keeper of New London Ledge Light Station, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty at that station as soon as definite orders are sent you. The probable date of your transfer will be about February 19th.

2. Fill out the three copies of Form 30 enclosed herewith to show all the Government property under your charge at Sakonnet Light Station. Hold the three forms at the station until you receive further orders in regard to same.

3. Notify Mr. Teasdale he has been nominated for promotion to the position of keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Applicants for both

Position of 1st Asst.Keeper, New London Ledge

" 2nd " do

William H. Durfee - keeper, Sakonnet. Entered service March 1,1920, same station. Efficiency 85%. Record O.K.

Transfer to 1st Asst. Keeper Ledge — Ord 7/2.

Israel H. Southworth, 2nd Asst.Keeper, Greens Ledge. Entered service in that position Nov.21,1921. No efficiency rating. Record O.K.

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Present 2nd Asst.at New London Ledge is Frank A.Wheaten. Entered service Oct.26,1921. No rating. Record O.K.

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Wilfred A.Teasdale, 1st Asst.Keeper, Sakonnet, entered service Dec.7,1920, as 2 A K same station. Promoted to 1 A K Feb.1,1922. Efficiency rating 87%. Record O.K. No transfer list on file.

Promoted to Ledge —

Promote 2d asst to 1st

Get new 2d Asst

Ord 7/2.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Personnel Number 75

Letter from Wm H. Murfee - Keeper - Sakonnet L. St. Sta

Date Feb 1st 1922

Subject W. A. Teasdale entered on duty at above station as 1st Asst Keeper Jan 31st 1922

Original filed under

Unit Personnel Number 75

Michael F. Harrington

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 27 1921
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Sakonnet Lt Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 27, 1921

Cancelled a/c nomination to transfer to new Edy Lg

Superintendant Sir

Please Consider Mr for Stations Named below as Keeper 1st or 2nd asst.

X Bridge Port Harbor
X Castle Hill
XX Latimer Reef.
XX New Haven
XXX New London Ledge
X North Dumpling
X Plum Island
XX Southwest Ledge
XX Watch Hill.

Signed
Wm. H. Rumfs
Keeper.

MAL.

May 14th, 1921.

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Excess Leave.

In view of the fact that the absences noted on your monthly report submitted for the month of April, are in excess to the authorized allowance, you are directed to see that the prescribed monthly allowance of eight (8) days be adhered to in the future.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

Sakonnet

FWO/MBM.

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October 1st, 1920.

William H. Durfee, Keeper.
Sakonnet Light Station.
Little Competon, Rhode Island.

SUBJECT: Positionof 2nd Assistant Keeper.

1. Referring to the vacancy in the position of Second Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station; if you know of anyone who would like to be considered for this position, have him fill and return one of the enclosed application blanks to this office at the earliest possible date.

2. Advise this office by letter of the name and address of those to whom you give the application blanks.

J.T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
SEP 27 1920
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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9/27 - What date mailed checks mailed 9/20 W Held up for reports. CC

THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 20, 1920

Durfee

Superintendant Sir

To the date of this letter the Asst Keeper or I have not Received of our Checks for Aug. We have both families dependant on our support and it puts us in a bad state as we have our our stores to settle here Hoping to hear from our Checks soon I remain

Resp.

Wm. H. Durfee Keeper.

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Durfee

William H. Durfee, 1st Asst.Keeper, August 23,1920
Through the Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

SUBJECT: Promotion to keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated August 17,1920 promoting you to the position of keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to relieve the present keeper, John J. Morrissey and take charge of the station, at the close of August 31,1920, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Report to this office promptly by letter the date on which you take charge of the station, and by separate letter, the date on which George F. Stone enters on duty as 1st assistant keeper.

J. T. YATES.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. SEP 3 1920 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT 3rd.

Sakonnet Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 31, 1920

Superintendant Sir

I Wm. H. Durfee 1st asst Keeper at Sakonnet Lt. Sta took Charge as Keeper Aug 31/1920 At 6.30 P. M.

Respectfully
Wm. H. Durfee Keeper

Durfee E O D as Keeper Sept 1-1920

Dist
9/9/20

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) August 12, 1920 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Dr. Sec'y and C. S. Dist.)

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William H. Durfee

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Position, Keeper

Salary, $960 per annum

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw. Light, R. I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective September 1,1920 { [1]the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $780 per annum

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.& Sakonnet Bkw.Lt., R.I.

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

Previous incumbent, John J. Morrissey

Services terminated, Aug.31,1920

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr.Durfee entered the service as assistant keeper at Sakonnet Lt.Sta. on March 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 Mr.Durfee 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, , 19

For and in the absence of the Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
HOUSE INSPECTOR
KINEVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 12, 1920

Superintendent

Reference your letter of August 7.
Subject 1st. Asst. Keeper Wm. H. Durfee.

Durfee is a competent man in all ways except one.
He came to this station twice during his time on here when the sea was breaking all arround. I expected to see the boat swamp any minute
I advised him but he told me he did not think it was very rough
I believe he is too reckless for an off shore station in rough weather

Respectfully
John J. Morrissey
Keeper

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John J. Morrissey, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

August 7,1920

SUBJECT: Probation, 1st Asst.Keeper Durfee.

1. The probationary period of employment of William H.Durfee, 1st assistant keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, will expire on August 31,1920. 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 respect he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES.

FWO-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

March 26,1929

SUBJECT: Record of Medical Examination.
REFERENCE: Your letter March 23,1929.

1. As requested in your letter of March 23rd, there is forwarded herewith copy of Form 206 giving a Record of your Physical Examination by the Public Health Service. There are also enclosed five copies of Form 207 - Application for Medical Examination, etc.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet R.I.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 23, 1929

Supt. Sir.

I would like to have a duplicate Copy of my medical papers fowarded to me as mine are Worn so they Can not be read. Also I would like to know about Medical slips. I Were to a doctor while on leave and he said I should have some kind of a slip. I emagine it is a sort of a request for medical Aid. Would like to get a little information on same.

Signed
Wm. H. Duffee
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

VC GS 10/19/22

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

DATE, March 22, 1920, 191

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

SIR:

Please examine William H. Durfee, Assistant Keeper, Sakonnet Light Station

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 5 feet 4½ inches;

weight, 140 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Blue

distinguishing marks, Initials tattooed on right forearm.

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. Dist. ~~Lighthouse Inspector.~~

(Signature of applicant:) William H. Durfee, Keeper

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Andrew Zuius, 1st Asst. Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Providence, R. I.

DATE, Oct. 11, 1922, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

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

(Sgd.) W. A. Korn

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Providence, R. I.,

DATE, October 11, 1922, 19

Name of applicant, William H. Durfee

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, None

chronic inflammation, None; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, None; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, None

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses ____

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, None

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 25 feet; left ear, 25 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 8 feet; left ear, 8 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, Rhode Island.

Oct. 17,1922

SUBJECT: Record of Physical examination.
REFERENCE: Form 206 dated March 22,1920.

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

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form 206 D COPY File 1

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

DATE, March 22, 1920, 191

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

Providence, R. I.

SIR:

Please examine William H. Durfee, Assistant Keeper, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 30; height, 5 feet, 4-1/4 inches;

weight, 140 pounds; color of hair, brown; color of eyes, blue

distinguishing marks, Initials tattooed on right forearm.

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,

(Sgd.) J. T. YATES

Supt.,3rd L.H.Dist. ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) William H.Durfee,Keeper

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) (Sgd.) Andrew Zuius, 1st Asst.Keeper

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Providence, R. I.

DATE, Oct.11,1922, 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

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

(Sgd.) W. A. Korn

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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MAR 17 1920 9 00 AM

LIGHT
MAR 17
HOUSES

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1920.

Mr. William H. Durfee,

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 Eighty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (March 1, 1920)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

S.
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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Walter O. Brown.

Legal Residence: Rhode Island.
Third District

(See reverse side.)

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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.

March 11,1920

John J. Morrissey,
.....Keeper,
Sakonnet
.....Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.
.....

Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper William H. Durfee, and return this sheet to this office.

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Born in (Country or State) Connecticut

Age Thirty

Height ~~Five~~ feet 4 ~~4~~ inches

Weight 140 pounds

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes Blue

Distinguishing marks ~~None~~ Initials tatooed on right forearm

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

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

John J. Morrissey ...Keeper

ADDRESS: SECRETARY SECOND CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT, CUSTOMHOUSE, NEW YORK CITY

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VC - attach to papers of

SECOND UNITED STATES CIVIL-SERVICE DISTRICT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
NEW YORK.

RECEIVED MAR 9 1920 TOMPKINSVILLE

March 8, 1920.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Third District, Tompkinsville,
StatentIsland, N. Y.

Sir:

In connection with that appointment of William H. Durfee, as Keeper, Sakonnet Lt. Station, R. I., effective March 1, 1920, this office has charged Elwood L. Butler, 86.60 and Wallace D. Bonnell, 82.40 with one consideration.

Messers. Dodd and Gregoire were not within reach on the combined register, their names appearing number six and seven respectively. The name of Mr. Dodd, of course, was not removed from the register.

Please amend your records to conform with the above.

Respectfully,

Assistant District Secretary.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y., (City.) March 5, 1920 (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William H. Durfee

Legal residence, Rhode Island

Position, Keeper

Salary, $720 p.a.

Location, Sakonnet Lt.Sta. & Sakonnet Bkw.Light, R. I.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective March 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, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 83.0 , Other eligibles considered:

Joseph F.Dodd D. (Name removed from register) Jules H.Gregoire A.
Elwood L.Butler A.

Previous incumbent, Walter O. Brown Services terminated, Feb.15,1920

Reason, Resigned

Assignment to duty on March 1,1920 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: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 4 on eligible list will accept appointment only at certain specified stations.

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

For & in the absence of the Supt.
F. W. Ockenfels

V C

Secretary, Civil Service District.

1st Asst. Supt.

Mrs P

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT..... Number 15

Letter from.....

Date Mar. 2-1920.

Subject William H. Dunfee. (Keeper.)

Original filed under

Unit Sakonnet Lt. St. Number 601

Mar. 2 1920.

FILE COPY

JHG

John J. Morrissey, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, R. I.

Feb. 24,1920

SUBJECT: New assistant keeper.
REFERENCE: Our endorsement Feb.17,1920.

1. William H. Durfee has advised this office he will report for duty as Assistant Keeper at Sakonnet Light Station, on Monday, March 1,1920.

J. T. YATES.

Westerly R.I.
Feb. 21-20

To Light House Supt.

Dear Sir
I will be in Little
Compton on Monday
March first to take up
duties as assistant
Light House keeper
Yours Truly

Wm. H. Dunfee
72 Mechanic St.
Westerly
R.I.

FILE COPY

JHG

William H. Durfee,
72 Mechanic Street,
Westerly, R. I.

Feb. 17,1920

SUBJECT: Position as Asst.Keeper, Sakonnet Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.6,1920.

1. You are advised you have been selected for the position of Assistant Keeper of Sakonnet Light Station, Rhode Island, 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 is John J. Morrissey, Little Compton, R.I. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which you expect to report for duty at Sakonnet Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Sakonnet Lt.Sta., for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the date on which Durfee reports for duty as assistant keeper.

Letter dated Feb.11,1920 addressed to Joseph F. Dodd, directing him to report for duty as assistant keeper at Sakonnet, has been cancelled.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

1st Asst.Supt.

JHC

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

Wm. H. Durfee,
Westerly, R.I.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Feb. 4, 1920 .19

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Furniture: (State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)
Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes.

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Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES
Clerk

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Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? ..... Yes .....

If selected, I can report for duty in 9 9 10 days from to-day. 2-6-20 to 2-6-20

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? ..... Yes .....

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Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.
As soon as possible

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." ..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

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(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) Wm. H. Durfee

Date 2-6-20

(Post-office address) 72 Mechanic St.

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JHC

Wm H Durfee

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Keeper of Ida Lewis Rock states he would accept transfer to position

of Keeper of Hog Island Shoal
Whale Rock, or
Sakonnet Light Stations.

None of the keepers at these three stations has asked for transfer to Bordens Flats.

William H. Durfee,, Keeper of Sakonnet, entered the service on March 1,1920.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Sakonnet Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 2, 1920

Superintendent

Asst. Keeper William H. Durfee arrived for duty at 10. A. M. March 1st

Respectfully
John J. Morrissey
Keeper

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E O D March 1-1920

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1928.

Mr. William H. Dawson,

Through the Chief, Bureau of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1620

To: $1740

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHTHOUSES 75

1925 FEB 4 PM 3 00

January 31, 1925.

Mr. William H. Durfee,

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.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1560.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 1, 1927.

Mr. William H. Durfee,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

From: $1560 per annum.

To: $1620 per annum.

Service and grade: Field.

Appropriation (unit):

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FWC-JHG

William H. Durfee, Keeper,
Sakonnet Light Station,
Little Compton, Rhode Island.

Oct. 31, 1924

SUBJECT: Employment of your son.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 25, 1924.

1. You are advised that before consideration can be given to the employment of your son as an assistant lighthouse keeper, it will be necessary for him to fill out an application blank and have his name placed on the eligible register. After his name is on the eligible register he can be given consideration for employment at Sakonnet or any other light station at which there is a vacancy at the time his name is within reach on register. The necessary application blank is enclosed.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Sakonnet R.I.
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Oct 25, 1924

Supaintendent Sir

I Wish to state that I have a boy eighteen 18- years of age which I would like to get on with me. He is first Class around the Water understands boating in all ways rowing sailing and power. As he has never been away from home I would like to have him with me to break in to the light house service. And he wants to Come here but do not think he would Consider any other light. And as there has been a vacancy here for nearly a month did not think it would be any harm in asking for this Vacancy for him

Signed

Wm H. Hunter.

Keeper.