Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE
Washington.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Keeper, Semiamoo Harbor L. S. Stat.	$636.	L. H.	Aug 1, 1918.
" Increases "	780	"	Nov 1 1918.
" (Prob.) "	"	"	Feb. 1, 1919
SERVICES DISCONTINUED		close April 30, 1920	

INACTIVE

Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Sup't, 17th DISTRICT,

Portland, Oregon, (City.) August 28 1918 (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed ninety days from date of establishment of eligible register for the position.

Name, Mrs. Estella A. Durgan. Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Assistant Keeper, Lighthouse Service. Salary, $636 per annum.

Location, Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective August 1, 1918, [1] the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

Former position, New appointee. Former salary,

Location,

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

Previous incumbent, Ralph J. Nead. Services terminated, July 31, 1918.

Reason, Resignation.

Members of family in Government Service, Husband; Keeper of Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Washington.

Remarks: Mrs. Durgan was placed on duty in the absence of an eligible register, which will be established shortly.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, AUG 22 1918, 191

IN ABSENCE OF REGISTER. PENDING ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTER

T. C. Preston
Secretary, ELEVENTH Civil Service District.

Warnack
Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 28 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 30 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1918.

Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Madam:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Six Hundred and Thirdy Six dollars per annum, effective August 1, 1918.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

ORDERED

Amended

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION REGISTERED
AUG 31 1918
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Ralph J. Nead.

Legal Residence: Washington.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan

CHIEF CLERK

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.

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☞ Mrs Estelle A. Durgan
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 14th day of September, A. D. 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) George Shomfort

(Official title) United States Comm

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
Keeper, Present Lighthouse Service	$636.00 A.	Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash.
Former[5] New appointee.		

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

CARDED

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 17th DISTRICT

Portland, Oregon (Address), September 20, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 1, 1918 (Date)

Warrack
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent.

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

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

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

[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

SEP. 20, 1918.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK

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To: Commissioner of Lighthouses;

Subject: Appointment Estelle A.Durgan - Temporary Keeper.

Herewith is appointment of Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan as a temporary keeper in the Lighthouse Service at $636 per annum. It is requested that the appointment be changed from Estella A. Durgan to Estelle A. Durgan.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 26 1918

Warrack
Superintendent.

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1918.

Mrs Estelle A. Durgin,
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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 836 per annum to $ 760 per annum, effective November 1, 1918; and to continue for a period not to exceed thirty days from the date of establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

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.

OR BASIS OF THIS ACTION IS
LETTER DATED 10-30-18
IN FILE OF 1095-17

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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11th CITY SERVICE DISTRICT, OFFICE OF SECRETARY

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE ~~INSPECTOR~~ Sup't, 17th DISTRICT,

JAN 20 1919 LIGHT HOUSES

Portland, Oregon, January 10, 1919.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

CHIEF CLERK

Name, Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan. JAN 13 1919

Legal residence, Washington.

Position, Keeper (Ass't), L. H. Service.

Salary, $780.00 per annum. 1919 JAN 23 PM 1 55

Location, Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective February 1, 1919,

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

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, No. 7 Rating, Ass't/Keeper Percentage, 75.00, Other eligibles considered:

No eligibles on register willing to accept this station at the present time.

Previous incumbent, Same. (herself) Temp

Services terminated, January 31, 1919.

Reason, Expiration of temporary appointment.

Members of family in Government Service, Husband - Edward Durgan, Keeper of Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash.

Remarks: No quarters are provided at the station for the families of Keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, JAN 14 1919, 191

F. C. Preston

Secretary, // *Civil Service District.*

Warrack

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

JAN 22 1919

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JAN 25 1919 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Conway

Acting Commissioner

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1919.

Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Madam:

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 (b) 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 enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. .....) issued by the Local Civil Service Board for the 17th Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Yourself.

Legal Residence: Washington.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 27 1919

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LIGHT HOUSES FEB 13 1919

CHIEF CLERK

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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I, Estelle A. Durgan (Mrs.)

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.

Mrs Estelle A. Durgan,
(Appointee signs here)

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

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. Monfort

(Official title) Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Blaine, Wn.

My commission expires Oct 18 1922

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper, (Assistant) Present Lighthouse Service	$780.00 A.	Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash.
Keeper, (Assistant) Former Lighthouse Service	$780.00 A.	" " " " "

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

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 17th District

Portland, Oregon (Address), February 8, 1919. (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 1, 1919. (Date)

Robert Warrack Superintendent.
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a lighthouse inspector or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of lighthouse inspectors and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHT
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
SEP 25 1918
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Lighthouse District

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mrs. Estelle Angie Durgan.

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

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

U. S. Light-House Service, Semiamoo Harbor, Lt Sta, Seventeenth
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel). District.

4. Position to which appointed ~~Assistant~~ Keeper.

5. Compensation Six Hundred and Thirty Six dollars per annum

6. Appropriation from which paid Salaries Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Without examination. (Temporary)

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

Blaine, Washington, Whatcom, Second
City or town. State or Territory. County. Congressional district.

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

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

11. Where were you born? Midland County, Michigan,

12. When were you born? March Twenty third 1866.
Month. Day. Year.

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married.

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

Edward Durgan, Box 816
Name. Number and street.

Blaine, Washington.
City or town. State or Territory.

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16. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? Yes.

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Edward Dungan	Box 816 Blaine, Wn	Position Keeper; Department or office Lighthouse	Husband	married.
		Position; Department or office		
		Position; Department or office		

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

No disability. Use glasses to read fine print and to do fine sewing.

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
Post Office		Postmaster	no salary	about Oct. 1899.	Jan 1st 1900.

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

No

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

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

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

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

22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) No

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service .....

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

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

Housekeeper in my own home.

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

My education was gained in a country school except for one year. Probably about a Seventh grade.

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

No special qualification

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

No civil service examination.

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

They are all written by myself.

Date, September 14, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Mrs Estelle A. Burgan

P. O. Address: Blaine
City or town.
P.O.B. Box 816,
Number and street.
Washington,
State or Territory.

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

SEP 20 1918

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded ....., 191

(Signature) Robert Ward Jack

(Official title) SUPERINTENDENT 17th LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 12 1920
LIGHTHOUSES
Office of Superintendent, 17th District

LIGHT JUN 21 1920 HOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.
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June 15, 1920.

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To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Mrs. Esstelle A. Durgan.

1. On February 29, 1920, Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan, Assistant Keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash., was taken ill and was granted sick leave and paid to March 31, 1920.

2. Not only is there no probability of her resuming her duties, but up to date she is not in a dondition to even sign a resignation.

3. The matter has been allowed to rest, this office hoping for a favorable turn in Mrs. Durgan's condition. Since she left the station and until June 8, 1920, when Alexander Wiebe, Additional Assistant Keeper, was sent to Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Mrs. Ellen Betteker, wife of the Keeper has assisted in its care and work.

4. Mrs. Durgan is the wife of the late Edward Durgan, Keeper in this district, who died March 19, 1919, after about 25 years' faithful service, leaving nothing for his family. In all probability the present condition of his widow is due to the prolonged and almost hopeless struggle of raising a very large family at more or less isolated light stations on a meagre salary. The care of the mother seems to devolve entirely on one unmarried daughter in very modest circumstances.

5. This is a most pitiful case and it is hoped that the Bureau can see its way clear to authorize some compensation in excess of the 30 days' leave for which Mrs. Durgan has already been paid.

6. On receipt of Bureau's reply recommendation regarding service of Mrs. Ellen Betteker will be made.

Superintendent.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT
JUL 12 1920
17th Lighthouse District

July 7, 1920.

LIGHTHOUSES

Subject: 17th Supt's. letter, June 15, 1920,
Estelle A. Durgan, leave.

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1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon, for specific recommendation as to additional leave with pay in the case of Mrs. Durgan; state how much leave, if any, remains to her credit for the present calendar year. It is noted from attached nomination that you propose to assign Alexander Wiebe to the position of assistant keeper, vice Mrs. Durgan, effective July 15, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, and in view of this fact state what final disposition of Mrs. Durgan's services you propose to recommend. Also state what recommendation you propose to make in the case of Mrs. Betteker, who does not now hold an appointment.

2. In future it is desired that specific recommendations be made in cases of this kind, giving the facts in detail, in order that the Bureau may be able to submit appropriate recommendation to the Department.

3. Return all papers with your reply.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Office of Superintendent, 17th Lighthouse District,
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 1920.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses. It is recommended that Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan be granted additional leave with pay from April 1st to June 30, 1920, inclusive. She has already been granted the full leave (30 days) to which she is entitled under the Regulations for the current year.

2. It is further recommended that effective July 1, 1920, Mrs. Durgan's services be discontinued without prejudice, she being physically incapacitated to perform her duties at the station.

3. Authority is requested to pay Mrs. Ellen Betteker as an additional Assistant Keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station at the rate of $780.00 per annum from March 1, 1920, to June 7, 1920, inclusive, the time she actually performed the duties of Assistant Keeper at the station.

4. All papers returned herewith.

Superintendent.

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JEH-Hol.

2 inclosures.

September 11, 1920.

Subject: 17th Supt's. indorsement, Aug. 13, 1920,
Estelle A. Durgan, additional leave.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, together with the 17th Superintendent's report of June 15, 1920. It is recommended that Mrs. Durgan be granted additional leave with pay from April 1 to 30, 1920, inclusive, and that her services be discontinued without prejudice, effective at the close of April 30, 1920, on account of her physical condition.

2. It is also recommended that the Department authorize the employment of Mrs. Ellen Betteker as additional assistant keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station at $780 per annum, base pay, from March 1 to June 7, 1920, inclusive, subject to the submission by the 17th Superintendent of nomination bearing the approval of the District Secretary. The Superintendent has been requested to submit explanation for not heretofore obtaining authority for the employment of Mrs. Betteker.

(Signed) G R Putnam

APPROVED:

J. W. Alexander Sept 17 , 1920.
Secretary of Commerce.

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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September 17, 1920.

Madam:

In view of a report to the effect that you are physically incapacitated for duty, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has discontinued, without prejudice, your services as Keeper of Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Washington, at $780 per annum, effective at the close of business on April 30, 1920.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
SEP 1920
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

September 27, 1920.

CHIEF CLERK

1920 OCT 9 AM 11 3

To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Keeper (Asst.) Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash.

APPOINTMENTS

1. The present status regarding above position at the station is -

2. Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan, former incumbent, services dispensed with effective April 30, 1920, account of being physically incapacitated to perform duties, as per Department letter of September 17, 1920. 1920 OCT 9 PM 3 2

3. Mrs. Ellen Betteker recommended appointed as Additional Assistant Keeper at station from March 1, 1920, to June 7, 1920, inclusive.

4. Alexander Wiebe, Additional Assistant Keeper at $600.00 per annum has been on duty at the station from June 8, 1920, but no action has, apparently, been taken on form 73 of June 14, 1920, of this office asking his reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service for duty as Assistant Keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash., compensation $780.00 per annum.

5. Through inadvertance this office has paid Mr. Wiebe at $780.00 per annum from June 1, 1920.

6. As Mr. Wiebe has actually performed the duties of the position from June 8, 1920, it is requested that his compensation as Additional Assistant Keeper be increased from $600.00 to $780.00 per annum from that date until such time as his reinstatement is made effective. Collection can then be made to cover the overpayment to him from June 1 - 7, 1920, inclusive.

Warrack

Superintendent.

TSC-Hol. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., October 8, 1920.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being invited to Bureau indorsement of Sept. 11, 1920, in regard to additional leave for Estelle A. Durgan.

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the above, the Bureau has requested the Superintendent to submit nomination for temporary appointment of Wiebe at $780 per annum, vice Estelle A. Durgan, under the emergency clause of the Regulations, pending reinstatement, etc.

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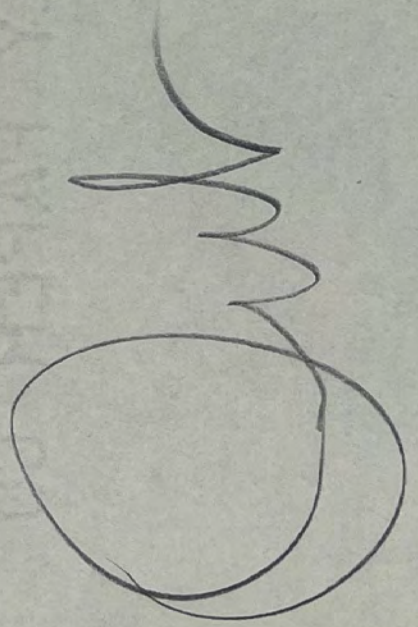
H. D. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ESTELLE A. DURGAN



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2 inclosures.

July 7, 1920.

Subject: 17th Supt's. letter, June 15, 1920,
Estelle A. Durgan, leave.

1. Returned to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon, for specific recommendation as to additional leave with pay in the case of Mrs. Durgan; state how much leave, if any, remains to her credit for the present calendar year. It is noted from attached nomination that you propose to assign Alexander Wiebe to the position of assistant keeper, vice Mrs. Durgan, effective July 15, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, and in view of this fact state what final disposition of Mrs. Durgan's services you propose to recommend. Also state what recommendation you propose to make in the case of Mrs. Betteker, who does not now hold an appointment.

2. In future it is desired that specific recommendations be made in cases of this kind, giving the facts in detail , in order that the Bureau may be able to submit appropriate recommendation to the Department.

3. Return all papers with your reply.

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHT HOUSES JUN 21 1920

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comm.
Secretary.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 17TH DISTRICT
PORTLAND, OREG.

7/7/20 Add. to 17th Supt.

June 15, 1920.

To: Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Subject: Mrs. Esstelle A. Durgan.

1. On February 29, 1920, Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan, Assistant Keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Wash., was taken ill and was granted sick leave and paid to March 31, 1920.

2. Not only is there no probability of her resuming her duties, but up to date she is not in a condition to even sign a resignation.

3. The matter has been allowed to rest, this office hoping for a favorable turn in Mrs. Durgan's condition. Since she left the station and until June 8, 1920, when Alexander Wiebe, Additional Assistant Keeper, was sent to Semiamoo Harbor Light Station, Mrs. Ellen Betteker, wife of the Keeper has assisted in its care and work.

4. Mrs. Durgan is the wife of the late Edward Durgan, Keeper in this district, who died March 19, 1919, after about 25 years' faithful service, leaving nothing for his family. In all probability the present condition of his widow is due to the prolonged and almost hopeless struggle of raising a very large family at more or less isolated light stations on a meagre salary. The care of the mother seems to devolve entirely on one unmarried daughter in very modest circumstances.

5. This is a most pitiful case and it is hoped that the Bureau can see its way clear to authorize some compensation in excess of the 30 days' leave for which Mrs. Durgan has already been paid.

6. On receipt of Bureau's reply recommendation regarding service of Mrs. Ellen Betteker will be made.

Warrack,

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, OREG.

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Mrs. Durgan entered service Aug. 1, 1918 — is 54 yrs. of age.
From statements contained in 17th's letter of 6/15/20, there does not appear to be any good reason for granting her additional leave with pay for 3 months. She has been granted the leave that would accrue during this year.
Rec. to Dept. to grant her add'l leave with pay for 30 days (month of April) and discontinue her services at close of April 30, 1920. Also rec. auth. employment of Mrs. Betteker for period stated by Supt. subject to nomination bearing approval of Dist Secy.
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& call down Supt for not getting authy immediately after assignment to duty — Relas — art — Betteker (9/8)

RCH/GG Office of Superintendent, 17th Lighthouse District,
9/11/20 Wrote Dept. Copy to 17th Supt. Portland, Oregon, August 13, 1920.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses. It is recommended that Mrs. Estelle A. Durgan be granted additional leave with pay from April 1st to June 30, 1920, inclusive. She has already been granted the full leave (30 days) to which she is entitled under the Regulations for the current year.

2. It is further recommended that effective July 1, 1920, Mrs. Durgan's services be discontinued without prejudice, she being physically incapacitated to perform her duties at the station.

3. Authority is requested to pay Mrs. Ellen Betteker as an additional Assistant Keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station at the rate of $780.00 per annum from March 1, 1920, to June 7, 1920, inclusive, the time she actually performed the duties of Assistant Keeper at the station.

4. All papers returned herewith.

Warrack,
Superintendent.

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September 11, 1920.

Subject: 17th Supt's. indorsement, Aug. 13, 1920,
Estelle A. Durgan, additional leave.

1. Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for his information, together with the 17th Superintendent's report of June 15, 1920. It is recommended that Mrs. Durgan be granted additional leave with pay from April 1 to 30, 1920, inclusive, and that her services be discontinued without prejudice, effective at the close of April 30, 1920, on account of her physical condition.

2. It is also recommended that the Department authorize the employment of Mrs. Ellen Betteker as additional assistant keeper at Semiamoo Harbor Light Station at $780 per annum, base pay, from March 1 to June 7, 1920, inclusive, subject to the submission by the 17th Superintendent of nomination bearing the approval of the District Secretary. The Superintendent has been requested to submit explanation for not heretofore obtaining authority for the employment of Mrs. Betteker.

APPROVED: Sept. 17, 1920.
(Sgd.) J W. ALEXANDER,
Secretary of Commerce.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
September 11, 1920.

Referred to Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Oregon, for his information, guidance, and files, attention being invited to his indorsement of August 13, 1920. You will be later advised of Department action. Upon receipt of Department's approval of the above recommendation submit nomination through the District Civil Service Secretary for the appointment of Mrs. Betteker, effective March 1. Nomination in this case should have been submitted immediately upon the assignment of Mrs. Betteker to duty in accordance with Regs. 1918, Art. 406 (fine print at bottom of page 151), and an explanation is requested. This regulation should be strictly observed in the future.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
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Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To Superintendent of Lighthouses Portland, Oregon

for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner.