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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

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
Ebbitts, Robert, H.		1874 NY

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1910	To: 1927
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Time Out:

Final Return:

Robert H. Ebbitts

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STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
New York. ~~Conn.~~

STATUS

DESIGNATION			SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Asst. Kpr.	New Haven Outer Brw. etc Conn		$480.	L. H.	Sept 29. 1910
	Resigned		—	Clerk Oct 3. 1911	
2nd Asst. Kpr.	Race Rock L. S. Ny.		456	L. H.	Sept 14, 1911
1st "	" " " " "		564.	"	Oct 6, 1916
Keeper	Increase	"	900	"	Nov 1, 1918.
"	"	"	1080	"	Apr. 1. 1919
"	"	"	1140	"	Sept 14, 1921
	Dismissed	Clerk	Dec 31 1924		
Keeper	Stratford Shoal L.H. Ny.		840	L. H.	Apr. 29, 1923
"	" " "	"	900.	"	July 1, 1923
"	" " "	"	1080.	"	April 1, 1924
"	Read	"	1320	"	JUL 1 1924
"	Readjustment of pay Act - Dec. 6, 1924	"	1740	"	FEB 1 1925
"	INCREASE IN COMPENSATION	"	1920	"	JUL 1 1925

Dismissed - Dec. 30, 1925.

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Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED OCT 8 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, New York.

The Commissioner,
~~The Light-House Board,~~
Bureau of Light Houses.
Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED OCT 8 - 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

October 4, 1910.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) probationary appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Robert H. Ebbitts, of (3) Connecticut.
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) .....
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) .....
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $..... to (7) Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ 40. per mo., effective beginning (10) Sept. 29, 1910. (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) William B. Manchester,
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was transferred and promoted on (13) Sept. 20, 1910.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) Ebbitts stands No. (15) 2 in list of eligibles,
Class (16) I, with an average of (17) 82.4 per cent, and
was considered with (18) Wilmot E. Chapman (Declined)
Anson A. Brownell (Declined)
(19) letters of declination of Messrs. Chapman and Brownell herewith.

Respectfully,

R. M. Doyle

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

HSB-JL
FOUR inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor
~~LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD~~
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

10-8-10 + two papers

October 6, 1910., ~~190~~

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Attention is invited to the attached letters relative to the persons considered for this position.

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner.

Sent declinations to Com. 10-10-10.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED OCT 8 1910 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN OCT 10 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 6 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

October 4, 1910.

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Light Houses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office dated October 4th, 1910, nominating Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts of Connecticut for appointment as Assistant Keeper at the New Haven Outer Breakwater and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut, and to the fact that Jacob Vandewater, whose name precedes Mr. Ebbitts on the eligible register in class I, was not considered in connection with this nomination.

I have the honor to inform the Bureau that a letter dated September 14th, 1910, was sent to Mr. Vandewater in connection with the appointment of a Second Assistant Keeper at the West Bank Light Station, New York, to which Mr. Vandewater has made no reply.

As Mr. Vandewater is located on the Fire Island Light Vessel, and owing to the infrequent mail connections with that ship, no recommendation will be made at this time regarding the removal of Mr. Vandewater's name from the eligible register

until it can be definitely ascertained as to whether or not Mr. Vandewater's failure to reply is due to his own negligence.

Respectfully,

R. M. Doyle

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

October 5, 1910.

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Light Houses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office dated October 4th, 1910, nominating Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, of Connecticut, for appointment as Assistant Keeper at the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut, with pay at the rate of $40. per month, and to the declination of Anson A. Brownell attached thereto.

I have to invite the Bureau's attention to Mr. Brownell's notation on his declination that he desired his name restored to the eligible register on April 1st, 1911.

The records of this office have been changed to comply therewith.

Respectfully,

R. M. Doyle

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
OCT 6 - 1910

Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT-PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington,

October 10, 1910.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per ~~annum~~, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning September 29, 1910, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Vice William T. Manchester.)

(Civil-service certificate No. _____)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED OCT 11 1910 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CHANG - REPORTED OCT - 1910 C. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitt

Through the Superintendent of Light-Houses. Acting Chief Clerk.

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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 7 1926
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Commissioner of Lighthouses;

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.14,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated Dec.14,1925 addressed to Robert H. Ebbitts, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York; the Bureau is advised that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr. Ebbitt's was at the close of December 30,1925.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN - 8 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE OCT 22 1910 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES NOV 8 1910 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Robert H. Whitte

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

Robert H. Whitte
(Appointee signs here.)

[b] Sworn to (See below.) and subscribed before me, this 17th day of October, A. D. 1910

(Affix official seal here.)

(Name:) Henry N. Innsheuer

(Official title:) Notary Public

Official Title.	Pay.	Name of Station.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which last appointed.
Asst Keeper	480 00 per ann	New Haven Gnd Bk Rd Sta & N.H., Middle Bk W end End Rd Conn	New York	Connecticut

(The above should be filled in by the district officer.)

Office of the Inspector 3d Light-House District,

Tompkinsville N.Y. (Address.) Nov 7/10 (Date.)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct 29, 1910 (Date.)

Ent'd NOV 21 1910 (Signed:) R. M. Doyle

Capt. U. S. Navy,
Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

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

[b] Insert here "Sworn to" or "Affirmed," as the case may be.

[c] 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.

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NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be taken any time prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.

A letter of transmittal (use Form 95) should accompany oath, stating the **exact** date of the entrance on duty of the appointee and the above blank also filled out and properly signed by the district officer.

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

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
NOV 8 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
RECEIVED
NOV. 9 - 1910
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

May 15, 1909.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

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PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr. Robert Hobart Abbitt

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

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

Hartford	Conn.	Hartford	4th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Buena Vista, Va.

6. When were you born? March 13th. Friday 1874

Month.	Day.	Year.

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No.

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

Mrs. Robert Whitte — 386 Park St.

Name. — Number and street.

Hartford Conn.

City or town. — State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Robert Whitte	Father	Light House		Keeper

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Local Examination for keepers held Sept 1/1910 Filing my application papers

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

No.

12. 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.
No					

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

16. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

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

Common School

18. 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").

Mechanic

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

Local Examination for Keepers held Sept 1, 1910

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Oct 17, 1910

(Signature) Robert H. Chitty

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: West Haven
City or town.

Colonial Ave
Number and street.

State or Territory. Conn.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Nov 7, 1910

(Signature) R. M. Doyle

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(Official title) Capt. U. S. Navy,
Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist.

PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

Bureau of Lt-Hs (Bureau or Service.) | New Haven Outer Dist a (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) | 3 (District)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Coast Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Oct 10/10

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Sept 29/10

5. State the date of the oath. Oct 17, 1910

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sep 29/10

7. What is his salary? 680 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? SALARIES OF KEEPERS OF LT. HOUSES, 19

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896

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

Local Examination for Keepers held Sept 6, 1910

12. Is the employee required to give bond? Yes

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Respectfully

~~Reviewed, approved, and~~ forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) I A Clark

Chief Clerk,
BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

NOV 8 - 1910

Date: ....., 19

(Official title)

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Set of inclosures.

Robert H. Ebbitts -
dismissal.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Washington

October 3, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
OCT 5 - 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter of the 2nd instant, together with its inclosures, from the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, recommending the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light Conn., for excessive use of intoxicants.

After examining the papers submitted herewith, the Bureau is of the opinion that Ebbitts is not a proper person to have in the Lighthouse Service, and therefore concurs in the Inspector's recommendation that he be dismissed effective upon a date to be later reported to the Department.

Respectfully,

L. C. Putnam

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FOR WARDEN TO
OCT 5 1911
APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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

October 2, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington,D.C.

Sir:-

1. Forwarded herewith are charges preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., and his reply thereto; also previous correspondence showing his inaptitude for the service.

(a) Letter March 11, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(b) Letter March 14, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(c) Letter March 16, 1911, to Mr. Ebbitts. (Copy)

(d) Letter March 18, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(e) Letter September 19, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(f) Letter September 19, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(g) Letter September 26, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(h) Letter September 23, 1911, to Mr. Ebbitts (Charges).

(i) Letter September 28, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts (reply to charges.

2. It is recommended that Robert H. Ebbitts be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., effective at the close of the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal; or, if the Department

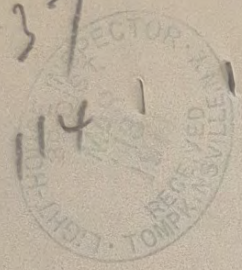
cannot see its way clear to dismissing him from the Service, that his resignation be accepted, effective at the close of a date to be later reported to the Bureau.

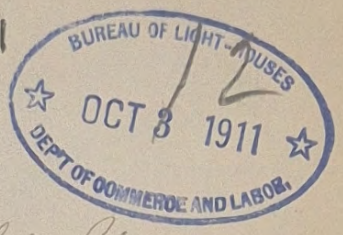
Respectfully,

C. D. Stearns

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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New Haven Outer Bkw Light Station
Colonial Inn. West Haven, Conn.
March 11, 1911

Captain W. M. Doyle
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Dear Sir-

In reply to your letter of March 7th in regards to Robert H Ebbitts as proper person to receive a permanent appointment as assistant Keeper at this station. He is a good man in regards to his duties at the station. but I am informed he drinks intoxicating when he is ashore. as soon as he gives up drinking I am ready to recommend him.

Yours Respectfully
William L. Tully

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New Haven, Outer Bkiv Light Station
Colonial Inn. West Haven, Conn.
March 17 1911

Captain R. M. Doyle
Tompkinsville N.Y.
Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of March 13, in regards Robert H Ebbitts assistant at this station; I beg to state as befor in regards his duties at station he is all right. But when I send him ashore, he stops ashore longer than he should. He has been in about every bar-room in Savin Rock. One in particular that I will mention is Joseph Asthone cor of Grove and Thomas Sts His wife went in there and forbid them from giving him any more liquor Also officer Pond of Noble St has seen him intoxicated Also he went to come to the light not long ago, when he got about 200 yards from shore, he tried to stand up in the boat and fell over board. Mr Robishaw picked him up. He came out next day to the light all right. He has promised me that he won't drink any more. I like him fine if he would keep away from liquor.

Yours Respectfully
William L. Tuttle

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

March 16, 1911.

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Robert H. Ebbitts,
Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Otr.Bktr.Lt.Sta.,
Colonial Inn,West Haven,Conn.

Sir:-

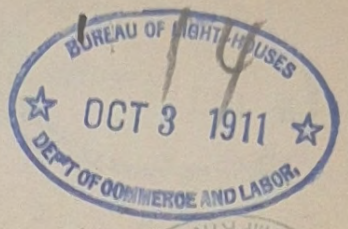
Enclosed herewith are copies of letters received from the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., from which it appears that you are addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

Any reply you may wish to make in regard to the statements made by Mr. Tutty, the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station in his letters of March 11th and 14th, 1911, should be forwarded to this office within three days from the receipt of this letter.

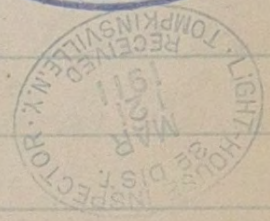
Respectfully,

D. M. DOYLE,
Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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New Haven Dist. Bkln. Lt. Sta.

March 18, 1911.

Inspector.

Sir:

In regards to the information you received from the Keeper, I am ready to admit that I take a glass or two when ashore, but I do not thank you for it; or neither do I abuse it. I did not know that I was doing wrong. I wish to state that from now on I shall abstain from the use of all intoxicants.

Yours respectfully,
Robert H. Chittenden, Asst.
William L Tuttle, Keeper

Give him a chance

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

New Haven, Outer B'k'w Light Station
Colonial Inn. West Haven, Conn.
Sept. 19. 1911

Commander C W. Stearns
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir:

Robert H Ebbitts assistant at this station left 18th he could not perform his duties at this station on account of having blood posin in his left arm. caused from alcholic drink. Mr Ebbitts have been a heavy drinker since he has been on this station. whenever he went ashore or got leave from the office to go ashore. he drank to excess. He was not any use on the station three or four days after on account of the effect of liquor. I have reported him to the office befor. And he was not recommed for the service by one. He left the station Sept. 9th on leave of absence reported to the station Sept 14 for duty. he did not pay Mr Elias Robishaw his substitute his wages which is 6 dollars. He said at the time of leving the station that he was going to send in his regisination.

Respotfully William L. Tutty

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 1ST DIST.
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New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station
Colonial Inn
West Haven
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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Inspector

Sir.

Please accept my resignation to take effect Oct. 1st. I cannot afford to stay on this station any longer as my family expenses are too high.

I will accept Race Rock station if you see fit to give it to me. Yours Respectfully

Robert N. Ebbitts Asst.

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William L Tutty
Keeper

received this letter from
Hartford this morning Sept 20th

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3d DIST.
SEP 27 1911
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

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New Haven Outer Bkr. Li. Sta.
Colonial Inn. West Haven Conn.
Sept. 26, 1911.

Light House Inspector
Tompkinsville N.Y.

Sir.

In regards of letter received of some payments of Mr. Elias Robichaux substituting. I am sorry to say I am unable to pay him now as Doctor bills have taken all my ready Cash.

If you would make out a check for him Ten dollars deducting from my check, foward to Keeper to give to him you would oblige me.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chittenden Asst.
William L. Tutty
Keeper

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOU
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Registered - receipt requested.

September 25, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:-

You are hereby charged with inefficiency due to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and with violation of your agreement of March 18, 1911, in which you stated that "from now on I shall abstain from the use of all intoxicants."

A copy of a letter dated September 19, 1911, received from the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station is enclosed.

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

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

Respectfully,

C. P. Stearns,
Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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West Haven Outer Breakwater Lt. Sta.

Colonial Ave. West Haven Conn.

Sept. 28, 1911.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
SEP 29 1911
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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 3 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Inspector—

Sir.

Received your letter and contents noted. I struck my hand while working on the engines at this station, it healed in a few days, then I happened to hit it later causing it to bleed, I put some salve on that I had here and it grew worse causing me severe pain, then I often thought it was blood poison and so did I, it was necessary for me to be under the Doctors care, when he saw my hand he said it was not blood poison but that the salve that I used at the station was to strong and drew the sore to much causing it to get worse. As soon as he prescribed for me it was well in six days, as you will readily see that it was not alcoholic Blood poison. I am very sorry to say that I did break my promise of March the 18th and have been guilty of using intoxicants to some extent, for which I beg your humble pardon, I am exceedingly sorry that the Keeper found it necessary to report me for I have

worked hard at this station trying to do my duties to the best of my ability, I hope you will accept my apology as I wish to leave this station on a fair basis.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Whitten Asst.

William L Tuttle
Keeper

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

October 8, 1911.

Memorandum for the Acting Secretary in re proposed dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut.

It appears that the keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, in letters of March 11 and 14, 1911, exhibited a disinclination to recommend Mr. Ebbitts for absolute appointment on account of his use of intoxicants when ashore, although he performed his duty properly when at the station.

Copies of the keeper's letters were referred to Mr. Ebbitts for such statement as he might wish to make. In a reply dated March 18, 1911, he acknowledged indulging in the use of intoxicating liquors in a moderate way when ashore, and stated that he would abstain from its use in the future.

Mr. Ebbitts' explanation was apparently satisfactory to the Inspector, for the correspondence was not forwarded to the Department at that time.

On September 19, Mr. Ebbitts tendered his resignation effective on October 1, having left the station on September 18 to receive surgical treatment for an injured hand.

On the 23rd ultimo the Third Inspector charged Mr. Ebbitts with inefficiency due to the use of intoxicating liquors, and with violation of his agreement of March 18, that, "from now on

I shall abstain from the use of intoxicants."

Mr. Ebbitts, in reply dated September 28, 1911, said:

> "I am very sorry to say that I did break my promise of March 18 and have been guilty of using intoxicants to some extent, for which I beg your humble pardon. * * * I hope you will accept my apology as I wish to leave this station on a fair basis."

The Inspector recommended that Mr. Ebbitts be dismissed, or, if the Department could not see its way clear to dismissing him, that his resignation be accepted.

In forwarding the papers the Bureau recommended that Mr. Ebbitts be dismissed effective upon a date to be later reported to the Department.

Full consideration of all the papers in the case leads to the belief that Mr. Ebbitts is not a proper person to have in the Lighthouse Service on account of his inability to refrain from intoxicants which unfitted him, so the keeper stated to the Inspector on September 19, from proper performance of duty for several days after each indulgence.

This fact, and the attendant one that he could not keep his word with respect to abstemiousness, convinces me that he should be separated from the service as soon as possible.

As he tendered his resignation while physically incapacitated for duty, before charges were preferred against him, it is believed that the interests of the service would be as well

subserved by accepting it as by dismissing him.

Geo. W. Kaufley
Chief of Appointment Division.

Approved
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October 10, 1911.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, with pay at the rate of $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, effective at the close of a date to be later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Abordon Cummings

Acting Chief Clerk.

CARDED.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

CHANGE REPORTED

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
"LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT,
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y."

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES
OCT 16 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

October 13, 1911.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
RECEIVED
OCT 17 1911
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to Department letter October 10, 1911, accepting the resignation of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut:

2. Mr. Ebbitts' last date of service was October 3, 1911.

Respectfully,

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Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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U. S. COMMISSIONER

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
REPORTED
OCT 17 1911
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor
Bureau of Light-Houses
Washington
OCT 16 1911
Respectfully submitted to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for his information.

Acting Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
FORWARDED TO
OCT 17 1911
APPOINTMENTS
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SPECIAL

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

LIGHT SEP 12 1916 HOUSES

SPECIAL

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 6, (Date.) 1916

CHIEF CLERK SEP 12 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, **Robert H. Ebbitts,** Legal residence, **New York**

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY SEP 11 1916

Position, **2nd Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$456.00 per annum**

Location, **Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

APPOINTMENTS SEP 12 1916

Effective **September ~~11~~, 1916** *12 {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, **Keeper** Percentage, **74.0** , Other eligibles considered:
George N.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Wm. E. Woodward, FR.

Previous incumbent, John P. Ross Services terminated, **August 31, 1916.**

Reason, **Resignation.**

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Remarks: No employee of dis trict desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1 to 10, and 15 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. Nos. 14,16 and 18 on eligible list are not eligible for appointment to this position. No.11 on list will not accept appointment at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 11 1916 , 191

H. C. Abbe
Secretary, SECOND Civil Service District.

J. T. Yates
Inspector, 3rd L.H. District.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
September 12, 1916.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
Inclosed is a letter of September 6, 1916, from the Third Inspector, in regard to Ebbitts, which is concurred in by the Bureau.

9-12-16

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
SEP 9 1916
HOUSES

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Mar. Engr.
Personnel
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Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Insp. Constr.
Commr.

SPECIAL

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

September 6, 1916.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to nomination of this date forwarded on Form 73 through the district secretary for the probationary appointment of Robert E. Ebbitts as 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

It is requested that this office be informed by telegraph of Mr.Ebbitts' appointment in order that he may be directed to enter on duty at the earliest possible date.

In this connection it may be stated that Mr.Ebbitts was employed as Assistant Keeper of New Haven Light Station from September 29, 1910, to October 3, 1911 at which time his resignation was accepted, although charges had been preferred against him and his dismissal recommended on account of the excessive use of intoxicants. Mr. Ebbitts is recommended for appointment at this time on account of the fact that he is the only one on the exisiting eligible register who will accept appointment at Race Rock Light Station.

In this connection it may be stated that very few applications for keeper or assistant keeper are being received at the present time. On August 4th an advertisement was issued of an examination to be held on September 11th and up to the present time only 6 applications have been received.

J. T. Yates

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1916.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six 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 Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice John P. Ross.

Legal Residence New York.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 12 1916 BY JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CHANGE REPORTED SEP 1916 C. S. COMMISSION

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 29 1916 HOUSES CHIEF CLERK OCT 6 1916

APPOINTMENTS OCT 6 1916

I, Robert H. Ebbitts

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

Robert H. Ebbitts
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 26th day of September, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Rudford de Lamater

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$456 p.a.	Race Rock Light Station
Former[5]		

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), Sept 28/16 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Sept 14, 1916 (Date)

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY DIRECTION OF INSPECTOR.

Haskell Supt
(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, 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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OCT - 6 1916

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES SEP 29 1916

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) Sept. 28, 1916 (Date.) 191

CHIEF CLERK SEP 30 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 1st assistant keeper — Salary, $564 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 30 1916 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Effective October 6, 1916 — {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd assistant keeper — Former salary, $456 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Louis Bendel — Services terminated, October 5, 1916

Reason, Resignation

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Ebbitts entered the service as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Race Rock Lt. Sta. on Sept. 14, 1916. 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. Ebbitts 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.

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In the absence and by direction of Inspector

Haskell

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Superintendent

9-30-16

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 29 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1916.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixty-four dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

CHANGE REPORTED
OCT. 1916
C.S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Louis Bendel.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED
SEP 30 1916
ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT OCT 19 1916 HOUSES
APPOINTMENTS OCT 27 1916
CHIEF CLERK OCT 27 1916

I, Robert H. Ebbitts,

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

Robert H. Ebbitts
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 12th day of October, A. D. 1916

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Bedford C. Chamblin

(Official title) Notary Public

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	1st Asst. Keeper	$564 p.a.	Race Rock Lt. Sta., N.Y.
Former[5]	2nd "	$456 p.a.	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address), OCT 17 1916 (Date)

CARDED.

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Oct 6, 1916 (Date)

J. T. Yates
(Signature, followed by title)
Inspector

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

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OCT 26 1916

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 17 1917

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

DEPARTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 23 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

May 16, 1917

CHIEF CLERK MAY 22 1917

Commissioner.

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1 - Copy of letter of charges dated May 1st, addressed to Ebbitts.
2 - Letter, dated May 7th, from Ebbitts.

In addition there is enclosed a folder of correspondence re Ebbitts absence from duty, which it is requested be returned to this office.

Mr. Ebbitts having submitted explanation to the effect that he was injured in the course of his employment, report of injury on Form C.A.-1b has to-day been forwarded to the Bureau. In view of Mr.Ebbitts statement that his absence was due to an injury, it is recommended that no action be taken at this time in his case, other than to caution him to notify this office and also the keeper of the station promptly should he at any future time be prevented for any reason from returning to duty upon the expiration of leave granted him.

Mr.Ebbitts will not be paid salary by this office for the period from April 18,1917, the date he claims incapacity began, to May 1st, inclusive. In view of his statement that this absence was due to injury, payment for this period will be subject to the action of the Compensation Commission.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, May 21, 1917.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the 3d Inspector to caution Ebbitts, as above recommended, a copy of the caution to be furnished the Department for its files. Return of accompanying folder in this case is requested when no longer required at Department.

Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT
MAY 17 1917
HOUSES

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

May 1,1917

You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, without leave, you have been granted seven days leave of absence on April 13th, at the expiration of which leave you did not return to your duties nor had you returned up to the close of April 28th. You have also failed to advise the keeper or this office as to the reason of your absence or to submit any explanation in regard to same.

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

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

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

Copy forwarded to Robert H.Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

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

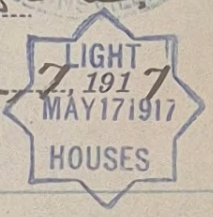
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Rose Rock Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 7, 1917



Inspector

Your letter of May 1st received to day. In regards to explanations, I wish to state that I knocked the skin off my hand in the engine room on this station. While on leave of absence it started to swell, on return at New London I went to a Doctor and he advised me to stay ashore as it needed dressing ever day, and that I was more fit for duty as infection had set in my hand, it is still bandaged, but I am doing my duty to the best of my ability. I would have been off on the station four or five days sooner but could not get here on account of rough weather. I also wish to state that I notified Keeper Hedges as to my condition by Postal Card.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Whitten
1st asst. Keeper

M. H. Hedges
Keeper

May 23, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 16th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 23rd instant, relative to the matter of charges preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, on account of unauthorized absence from duty, and in view of the explanation submitted by Mr. Ebbitts, approves the recommendation that no further action be taken than to direct the Inspector to address a letter of caution to him, a copy of the same to be furnished the Department for its files.

The folder which accompanied the Bureau's communication is returned herewith, as requested.

SIGNED] E. F. SWEET
Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure 372.
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 29 1917

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

CHIEF CLERK JUN 1 1917

May 28,1917

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

APPOINTMENTS 1917

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 1,1917 relative to your absence from duty as 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, without leave, during part of the months of April and May, and to your letter dated May 7th submitting as an explanation of your absence the statement you had been injured in the course of your employment.

In view of the explanation submitted as to the reason of your absence from duty without leave, no further action will be taken at this time in regard to same.

You are, however, hereby cautioned for having failed to promptly notify either this office or the keeper of Race Rock Light Station as to the cause of your failure to return to duty, and advised that should another similar breach of the rules be brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary measures will be taken.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official record in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

File

Two copies forwarded to the Commissioner for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of May 25,1917.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

MAY 31 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 21 1917

June 21, 1917.

Memorandum for the Assistant Secretary:

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 22 1917

Attached hereto is letter of the 18th instant from the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, forwarded by the Bureau on the 20th instant, relative to a report from the commanding officer at Fort H.G. Wright, New York, to the effect that Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, had arrived at the fort on May 25, 1917, in a drunken condition, to such an extent to make it necessary for the guard to restrain him.

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Mr. Ebbitts has not denied the charge, but has appealed for clemency, stating as follows:

> "I had a heavy cold on my lungs and I did take a few drinks of liquor as I thought it would do me good, not being used to the stuff I suppose it made me sick to my stomach, I never have been in such condition before, and I was not as bad as they report me. I have never been discharged from any position, and I appeal to you for one more chance."

It is provided in the Civil-Service Act that "no person habitually using intoxicating beverages to excess shall be appointed to, or retained in, any office, appointment, or employment to which the provisions of this act are applicable."

The Department's records indicate that in the latter part of 1911, Mr. Ebbitts was recommended for dismissal from a position of assistant keeper which he held at that time, it having been established that his efficiency was impaired through indulgence in intoxicants. He, however, submitted his resignation before charges were preferred against him, and he was therefore allowed to resign without prejudice.

He was given probational appointment at Race Rock Light Station on October 6, 1916. In submitting nomination the Inspector stated that he had taken Mr. Ebbitts' previous record into consideration, and recommended his appointment on account of the fact that he was the only one on the existing eligible register who would accept appointment at Race Rock Light Station. Mr. Ebbitts was reprimanded on May 28, 1917, for overstaying leave of absence and was advised that should another breach of the rules be brought to the attention of the office, more severe disciplinary measures would be taken. With reference to the charge of intoxication preferred against Mr. Ebbitts, the Inspector has recommended that he be reprimanded for a violation of the regulations, but that no further action be taken in the matter at this time owing to the difficulty of obtaining men. The Bureau concurs in the Inspector's recommendation and requests that it be authorized to address a severe

letter of reprimand to Mr. Ebbitts, with the understanding that further report and recommendation will be made at the end of six months.

This office hesitates to add its recommendation for approval, in view of the nature of the charge and Mr. Ebbitts' past record, but in consideration of the Inspector's expressed unwillingness to dispense with Mr. Ebbitts' services at this time, it is suggested that the Bureau's recommendation be approved, with the explicit understanding that a further lapse of this character will result in immediate suspension and dismissal.

Clifford Harding
Chief of Appointment Division.

Approved:

E. F. Arlook
Assistant Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUN 19 1917
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 21 1917

June 18,1917

MEMORANDUM WRITTEN.
JUN 21 1917

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commissioner:-

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated May 25,1917 from Major F.L.Carmichael,C.A.C.
2. Letter dated May 27,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
3. Copy of letter of charges, dated May 28,addressed to Ebbitts.
4. Letter dated May 28th from Ebbitts.
5. Letter dated June 1st,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
6. Letter dated June 5th from Ebbitts.
7. Copy of letter dated June 9th to Keeper Hedges, with his endorsement thereon dated June 14th.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that 1st Asst.Keeper Ebbitts be reprimanded for violation of the Regulations, but that no further action be taken in the matter at this time owing to the difficulty of obtaining men.

J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

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WASHINGTON June 20, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending, after careful consideration, that no more drastic action be taken at present than that the Bureau be authorized to address a severe letter of reprimand to Ebbitts, a copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files, and that a further report and recommendation be made in this case at the end of six months.

A. J. C. Putnam

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 28 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

HEADQUARTERS FORT H. G. WRIGHT, N. Y., May 25, 1917.

From: Fort Commander.,

To: Coast Defense Commander.,

Subject: Drunken Light Keeper.,

1. Report that Robert H. Hibbetts, 1st Assistant Light Keeper at Race Rock light house arrived at this post this date on Quartermaster Steamer in a drunken condition, to such a extent to make it necessary for the guard to restrain him.

R L Bennett
Major C. A. C.

REC'D HQ. C. D. L. I. S MAY 26 1917

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Hq.C.D.OF L.I.S., Ft.H.G.Wright,N.Y., May 26,1917 - To Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

1.Forwarded for the information of the Inspector of the 3rd Lighthouse District, and for such action as he may deem necessary.

W Wingate Walke
Colonel, C.A.C.,
COMMANDING.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 31 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 27, 1917

Inspector

I sent 1st asst Ebbitts and 2nd asst Carr ashore on May 24th Ebbitts to get the doctors papers filed I sent Carr as the weather did not promise very good And thought two men could get back better than one It was so rough that night they could not get back And the next morning the 25th they started back It was pretty rough and Carr says Ebbitts was under the influence of liquor So he turned and put back to Fort Wright Ebbitts fell overboard And Major Carmichael saw the condition Ebbitts was in And had him put in the guard house to sober up Saturday Ebbitts took the 8:45 ferryboat boat back to S I And Carr returned To the station as soon as the weather permitted which

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 31 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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was this morning May the 27th
Carr says that Mayor Carmichael
has reported the matter to you
Respectfully

W H Hedges

Keeper

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

LIGHT
JUN 19 1917
HOUSES

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is.,N.Y.
(Through the Keeper)

May 28,1917

You are hereby charged with being in a drunken condition when you arrived at Fort H. G. Wright on the Quartermaster's Steamer on May 25th,1917, your drunken condition at that time being such as to make necessary for the guard at Fort H. G. Wright to restrain you.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

LIGHT HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 31 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

Southold, L.I.
May 28, 1917.

Inspector:-

I have had six (6) days off this month and had to come home on account of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy, and am confined to my bed. I hope to report back to Race Rock Lighthouse in four (4) days. Also have some fever. I am attended by Dr. J. M. Hartranft.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Hotts
1st asst

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Rondout Block
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 1-st 1917

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 2 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

Inspector

2nd asst- R H Ebbitt
1st asst- went ashore on May 24th 1917
at 9.00 A M to get his papers typed
He has not returned to station and
has sent me no word As he only
returned to station the 2nd day of May
at 9.00 A M I did not intend for him
to have any leave in the month I simply
let him go ashore to get the papers typed

Respectfully

N H Hedges

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST.
JUN 1917
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 5 1917.

JUN 15 1917
HOUSES

Inspector-

Your letter of May 28 received.

I had a heavy cold on my lungs and I did take a few drinks of liquor as I thought it would do me good, not being used to the stuff I suppose it made me sick to my stomach, I never have been in such condition before, and I was not as bad as they report me. I have never been discharged from any position, and I appeal to you for one more chance.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Abbott.

W H Hedges
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.
June 9,1917.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JUN 16 1917 RECEIVED
LIGHT JUN 19 1917 HOUSES

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to the reply to charges received from Assistant Keeper Ebbitts, copy enclosed.

Please advise this office by return mail as to whether or not Mr.Ebbitts' services have been satisfactory as First Assistant Keeper of the station in your charge.

J T Yates

June 14/17

Inspector

In reply to the above. Will say that Mr Ebbitts services as 1st Asst Keeper have been satisfactory

Respectfully

W H Hedges

June 22, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Third Inspector's letter of the 16th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 20th instant, relative to the charge of intoxication preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York.

Upon consideration of the matter, the Department has approved the recommendation that no more drastic action be taken at this time than to address a severe letter of reprimand to Mr. Ebbitts (copy to be furnished the Department for its files), with the understanding that a further lapse of this character at any time will result in immediate suspension and dismissal. It is noted that further report and recommendation will be submitted at the end of six months.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Acting Chief Clerk.

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JUN 23 1917

Reprimand.

CHIEF CLERK JUN 26 1917

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
First Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,
New York.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York).

APPOINTMENTS JUN 27 1917

The Bureau has been advised that when you arrived at Fort H. G. Wright, May 25, 1917, on the quartermaster steamer, you were intoxicated to such extent as to make it necessary for the guard at Fort H. G. Wright to restrain you.

In this connection, your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 28, 29, and 30, in regard to the use of intoxicants. Personal habits which are liable to detract from the ability to perform duty in times of stress or danger, will not be excused or tolerated. Habits of intemperance militate against the prospects of employees for promotion, and, if carried to excess, can but result in dismissal. After careful consideration, it has been decided that no more drastic action will be taken at present, than to severely reprimand you for your violation of the instructions above referred to, and warn you that a further report and recommendation will be made in your case at a later date, at which time, if further infractions of the instructions are brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

(Signed) G. T. Perkins

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 23 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Attention is invited to Dept letter of June 22, 1917.

G. T. Perkins
Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 4 1917

PERSONNEL DIVISION RECEIVED ACTION TAKEN DEC 20 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHIEF CLERK DEC 19 1917

December 3,1917.

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Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of June 23rd 1917 on Department letter of June 22nd relative to charges of intoxication preferred against Robert H.Ebbitts, 1st Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

The Bureau is advised that during the past six months Mr.Ebbitts' services have been entirely satisfactory and there has been no occasion for criticism for his use of intoxicants, and it is recommended that no further action be taken.

APPOINTMENTS DEC 19 1917

J. O. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 18 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

December 20, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 3rd instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 18th instant, reporting that the services of Robert H. Ebbits, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service, have been satisfactory since the receipt by him of letter of reprimand dated June 23, 1917, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in his case at this time.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Acting Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DAT[illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1918.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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 Nine Hundred dollars per annum,

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from first assistant keeper at $564 per annum.

CARDED FOR BASIS OF THIS ACTION DATED 10/10/18 1095/3

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED NOV 14 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 11 1918

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I, Robert H. Ebbitts

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.

CHIEF CLERK

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Robert H. Ebbitts

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 7th day of December, A. D. 191[illegible]

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) Rudford C. Hamblen

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires March 31, 1920

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$900 p.a.	Race Rock Lt.Sta., N.Y.
Former[5] 1st Asst.Keeper	$564 p.a.	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 3rd District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) (Date)

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

Capt. 2nd Lt.

W H Hedge A.M.

(Signature, followed by title) Keeper

CARDED

[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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Form 73

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 4, 1919 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1080 per annum

Location, Race Rock Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $900 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

APPOINTMENTS

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Percentage, 1919 MAR 6 PM 3 46, Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, William H. Hodges — Services terminated, March 31, 1919

Reason, Transferred.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

MAR 7-1919

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

J. Ogden

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

3-7-19 Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1919.

M
r. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900. per annum to $ 1080. per annum, effective April 1, 1919, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hawkins.
Chief of Appointment Division.

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MAR 8 - 1919

U. S. REPORT DATA
ENTERED

February 24, 1920, the following named employee of Lighthouses E. C.D. on the date indicated 4-1-19 by Promotion

Name R. H. Ebbitts

See original letter in the file of Julius Almstaedt.

if desired, there being four keepers employed at the station. The allowance of leave for keepers at Race Rock Light Station is eight days per month and this allowance is not to be exceeded during any one month under any circumstances. You are directed to see that this allowance is adhered to at all times by yourself as well as the assistant keepers at your station and to refrain from telephoning this office or sending special letters to this office, requesting extension of leave as such are unnecessary unless very extraordinary conditions exist.

2. You are hereby cautioned on account of your violation of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence and advised that a repetition of this character will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J.T. YATES.

Sept. 14th, 1921.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 16 1921

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Superintendent has been instructed to submit further report in this case at the expiration of six months.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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.

September 14, 1921.

R.H. Ebbitts, Keeper.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty without leave.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office Sept.8th, 1921.
and your reply Sept.10th, 1921.

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1. Your explanation in reference to the matter of exceeding the authorized leave for the keepers at Race Rock Light Station is entirely unsatisfactory. Your comment in reference to remaining on the station all summer on account of workmen being employed there does not justify your taking excess leave at this time, since there is no reason why you should not have taken your leave each month, if desired, there being four keepers employed at the station. The allowance of leave for keepers at Race Rock Light Station is eight days per month and this allowance is not to be exceeded during any one month under any circumstances. You are directed to see that this allowance is adhered to at all times by yourself as well as the assistant keepers at your station and to refrain from telephoning this office or sending special letters to this office, requesting extension of leave as such are unnecessary unless very extraordinary conditions exist.

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J.T. YATES.

Sept.14th, 1921.

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
SEP 16 1921

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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. The Superintendent has been instructed to submit further report in this case at the expiration of six months.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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

September 17th, 1921.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

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SUBJECT: Longevity pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum, on account of longevity, be granted Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, effective September 14th, 1921. Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, entered the service September 14th, 1916. His present rate of pay is $1080. per annum, and the new rate, including longevity, will be $1140. per annum.

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

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J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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September 20, 1921.

r. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1080 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective September 14, 1921 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. GROSS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 21 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Dec. 7, 1921

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta., N.Y.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter Sept.16,1921.

1. The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Nov.23,1921 from Clarence J. Wright, 1st Asst.Keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.
b - Copy of letter of charges dated Nov.25,1921 to Robert H. Ebbitts, keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta.
c - Letter dated Dec.2,1921 from Keeper Ebbitts.

d - Letter dated Dec.1st,1921 from 1st Asst.Keeper Wright.

2. Mr.Ebbitts left Race Rock Light Station on November 8th, and according to the monthly report on Form 65 for November, he returned to the station on December 1st. During this period of absence Mr.Ebbitts made no application for leave or report of any kind to indicate that he was not on duty at the station, until under date of December 2nd, after his return to the station, he replied to the letter of charges addressed to him on November 25th. The fact that Mr.Ebbitts was not on duty at the station was brought to the attention of this office by the 1st Assistant Keeper, who reported under date of November 23rd that the keeper left the station on November 8th at which time he advised the 1st assistant keeper and the Additional Keeper at the station that he would return on November 10th. The keeper's reply to charges, which alleges illness, is not a satisfactory explanation of action in remaining absent from the station under his charge for a period of over three weeks without notifying the 1st Assistant keeper, temporarily in charge of the station, or reporting to the office the facts and necessity for such absence. In view of this extended period of absence without authority or explanation until after his return to duty, and a previous occurrence of similar nature, this office is disposed to doubt the accuracy of Mr.Ebbitt's statement in his letter of December 2nd. In this letter he states that he was too sick to write, whereas in letter of December 1st the 1st Assistant Keeper reports that he met the keeper on shore on November 23rd, at which time the keeper left him to return to the station. The keeper did not, however, return to the station until December 1st.

3. By letter of September 14,1921 referred to in Bureau letter of September 16th,1921, Mr.Ebbitts was cautioned on account of violation

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of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence, and advised that a repetition of such violation would result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken, Mr.Ebbitts having been absent from his station without leave or authority from August 17th to September 1,1921.

4. Mr.Ebbitts action as keeper of a light station in remaining absent from the station under his charge for such periods as are referred to herein without proper authority or notice and without satisfactory explanation, cannot be tolerated or further overlooked if the station is to be operated in an efficient and dependable manner. As a very essential qualification of any lighthouse keeper is reliability, and as Mr.Ebbitts has proven himself to be entirely unreliable and unfit for employment as a keeper, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the position of keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, with pay at the rate of $1140.00 per annum, effective at the close of December 31,1921.

5. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2, Rule 1, Civil Service Rules.

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

J.D. yates

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEC 12 1921
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

12/10/21

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 9 1921

Inclosures

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending for approval.

Acting Commissioner

APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 23, 1921

Supt of Lighthouses
Third district
Tompkinsville N.Y.

I am writing something that I do not like to say but I find it necessary, on November 8th the keeper left this station at noon, the second assistant was then on his leave, the keeper told myself and the add. keeper he would be back on the 10th. of Nov. but has not yet returned to this station, it seems that every time he goes on leave we never know when he is coming back, although I dont think he charges his leave up to himself, in fact I'm sure he doesn't on his reports, I have had no leave myself this month nor has the add. keeper on account of the keeper over staying his leave, I have been told he is in New London by some of the soldiers at Ft. Wright but he hasn't been down to come aboard up to the present date and he has no excuse, as we have had a few nice days in which he could

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have easily come ove, in fact the boat has been out twice and he hasint shown up, now I think it is my duty to let you know of this, I also have asked him through the mail to return but I have received no news what would you advise me to do

Clarence J. Wright
1st. asst. keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

November 25,1921

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as keeper of Race Rock Light Station, without leave or authority, from November 8th to November 23,1921, you having left the station on November 8th,1921 and had failed to return to the station up to November 23,1921, this in direct violation of the regulations pertaining to leave, and also notwithstanding letter from this office dated September 14,1921 cautioning you on account of your violation of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence, and advising you that a repetition of this character would result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Rau Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 7, 1921

Supt.

I have been very sick and was not able to return to the station, I have been far from well since Oct. when Mr. Murphy was here Overhauling the Engines, and have had a terrible cough ever since which makes it most impossible to sleep of nights, the Dr. says my lungs are bad and should have had attention, also that my heart was bad and that my nerves are all a high strain, I should have reported to you but I was so sick so quite, my family worry me as I have take care of them and it takes all I can make, I am far from well but have to stick, I am on my 6th year at Rau Rock and have tried to do my duty. In regard to my health I refer you to Dr. H. A. Dunn, New London, if you doubt my word, but I don't think you do,

Very Respectfully,
R. H. Cobitz, Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock Lt. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

December 1st, 1921

Supt. of Lighthouses
Third District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

On Nov. 23rd. the same day that my letter concerning the absence of the keeper was mailed, I met the keeper on shore and he gave me permission to go on leave, but I did not do so until I saw the keeper leave to return to the station, when I returned from leave I was informed that the keeper did not arrive back to the station, had I known that he would not have returned I certainly would not have taken my leave, I do not know of any reason why the keeper failed to go aboard and hope I am doing the proper thing in notifying you accordingly

Clarence J. Wright 1st. asst. keeper

Robert Curtis

Keeper.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

December 12, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of being absent from duty without authority having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $1140 per annum, effective at the close of business on December 31, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

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Reason, Promoted.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided. No.6 will accept appointment only at a certain specified station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, May 8,1923 191

Emergency case; see attached let

Assistant Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

5/11/23 answered

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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MAY 12 1923 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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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.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; May 3,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of R.H.Ebbitts, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Form 73 of this date, forwarded to the Bureau through the District Secretary, recommending the probationary appointment of Robert H. Ebbitts to the position of keeper (Second Assistant) of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective April 29,1923 the actual date of his entrance on duty; the Bureau is advised that the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station resigned on April 15th. The 1st Asst.Keeper was promoted to Keeper, and the 2nd Assistant to 1st Assistant. Promptly upon receiving the resignation of the keeper steps were taken to procure a new 2nd assistant keeper, and letters were sent to various eligibles. The first acceptance was not received until April 24th, and the eligible was directed to report for duty promptly. He later reported he could not enter on duty on account of illness in family. Another eligible was then selected for the position and directed to report for duty, which he - Mr.Ebbitts - did on April 29th. Stratford Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complement of keepers be available for the care of same, and it was therefore considered to the interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty at earliest practicable date. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. F. Tyler

December 12, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of being absent from duty without authority having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $1140 per annum, effective at the close of business on December 31, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1923.

M. Robert H. Ebbitts.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (April 29, 1923)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
MAY 12 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank Evans.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

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LIGHTHOUSES

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MAY 26 1923 CHIEF CLERK

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I, Robert H. Ebbitts

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

Robert H. Ebbitts
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 23 day of May, A. D. 1923

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Harry M. Nicholls

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires February 1928

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$840.00 p.a.	Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N. Y.
Former [5]		

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

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, Third District

Staten Island, N.Y. (Address), May 24, 1923 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 29, 1923 (Date)

J. F. Wiles
Supt. of Lighthouses, 3rd. Dist.

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

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Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
MAY 26 1923
APPOINTMENT DIVISION.

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Robert H. Ebbitts

2. Position to which appointed: Keeper

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

4. Place of duty: Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.
(City, town, station, or vessel.)

5. Salary: $840.00 p.a.

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

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

From Eligible List of Keepers, Feb. 21, 1923

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

Mr. Robert Hobart Ebbitts

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

Robert H. Ebbitts

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

New York	Suffolk	Southold	[illegible]
(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Orient, N.Y.

7. When were you born? March (Month.) 13th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

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

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

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

Robert Shutts (Name.) Southold, N.Y. (Number and street.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
U.S. Light House Service		Keeper	480.00	Sept. 29, 1910	Oct 3-1911
Race Rock Lt.	do		456.00	" 14-1916	Oct 5-1916
do	do		564.00	Oct. 6-1916	Mar. 15-1918
do	do		624.00	Mar. 16-1918	9/25/18
do	do		780.00	9/26/18	10/31/18
do	do		900.00	11/1/18	3/31/19

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

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

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

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

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19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School

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

None

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

Light House Service, Sept 5, 6, 1916

" " " Feb 27, 1923

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

Date, May 23, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Robert H. Smith

(Present address)
(Number and street.)

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

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 24, 1923

(Signature) J. T. Yates

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. June 15, 1923, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JUN 18 1923 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Robet H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $900.00 p.a.

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

Effective July 1, 1923 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $840.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank Evans — Services terminated, June 30, 1923.

Reason, Services discontinued at end of probation. (not reed)

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth, No employee of District desired transfer to this position.

Remarks: Mr. Ebbitts entered the service on April 29, 1923 as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the

U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

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Secretary, Civil Service District. J. T. Ayles

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON
JUN 16 1923

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

JUN 18 1923
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1923.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective July 1, 1923 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUN 18

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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CROSS REFERENCE.

August 14, 1923, The Bureau of Lighthouses advises the Department of the date of effect of the following change.

Name	Position	Salary	Nature of Change	Effective Date.
Robert H. Ebbitts	keeper	900	Promotion	July 1, 1923

See file Micha el A. Daley

Form 73

NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. March 4 1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: 36

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $1080 p.a.

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

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L.S.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles A. Rogers — Services terminated, March 31,1924

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

1st Asst.Supt.

3/5/24

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 5 - 1924

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1924.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 1080 per annum, effective April 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER,

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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LIGHT-HOUSE

Robt. H. Ebbitts Keeper # 1080 From. Let.3/5/24 Eff. 4/1/24

**See file Louis P. Brown or
Stephen Holm**

(CROSS REFERENCE)

Ekbitt, Robert H. In accordance with authority of the Director of the Budget dated June 27, 1924, the salary is re-adjusted to $1320, effective July 1, 1924.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED FEB 4 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1740. ✓

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

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS—LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1740 per annum to $1920 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting

Chief of Appointment Division.

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

November 7, 1925

LIGHTHOUSES
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SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged:-

a - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that you went on leave at 4:30 P.M. on Sept.9th and returned to the station at 1:30 P.M. on Sept.18th, making a total absence of 8-7/8 days. On September 24th you advised this office that you were one day late, and was ordered to make up same the following month, but failed to do so.

b - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that you left the station on Sept.24th and returned to the station on Sept.26th, which absence you reported in your letter of Sept.30th, after the 1st Assistant Keeper had advised this office of your absence, and which absence you failed to report on your monthly report and also failed to make up during the month of October.

c - With submitting false report in that you failed to note on your monthly report for September the fact that you were absent from Sept.24th to Sept.26th.

d - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that on Oct.16th you phoned this office that your mother was ill and requested 4 days additional leave, stating you had been ashore 8 days and was due back at the station on that date, which leave was granted you with instructions to submit official application for same and to make up excess leave the following month. Your letter of October 29th states you will make up the excess leave granted and that your excess leave was caused by the illness of your father who had almost died of heart failure. Your monthly report states you left the station at 1 P.M. on October 5th and returned at 8 A.M. on Oct.22nd, the date of leaving station being in contradiction of your telephone message of Oct.16th which stated you had been ashore 8 days on that date, which would make the date of your leaving the station October 8th.

e - With drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in that according to information received at this office you are habitually intoxicated while ashore and by reason of such condition

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it appears that you have become notorious in the community where you land from the light station, this being in direct violation of the provisions of Paragraph 29, Page 11, of Instructions to Employees, and a discredit to the Lighthouse Service as well as yourself.

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

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

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

Oct. 17, 1925

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Superintendent,

Dear Sir.,

I drop you these few lines to call your attention to the conduct of the keeper at Stratford Shoal light-house Mr Ebbitts, in the first place he is a disgrace to the government service by his actions every month he is so drunk & falling all over himself along the Stratford one bridge that he is the talk of the water front, he is called the drunken lighthouse keeper, he is always going around

trying to borrow more money for drink he never has any money to pay his boat fare back to his station.

John Mulligan who just left the lighthouse sevice told me before he took the train home for Rhode Island that the keeper still owed him about $18.00 dollars when he left. I guess he must owe his men on the station money also, as I know he never had one cent going back, but plenty of drink on him, he never brought a bit of grocery's back if it wasnt for the other men on his station

just went out there to his station that the day he reported to him at State St address he was so drunk he could not write his name on his papers. He used to borrow money from the harbor light keeper but I dont think he will lend him any more money after seeing his condition. this matter ought to be looked into for the benifit of the government — the men in the light-house service & the man himself. that he is double rupture I dont know how he got into the lighthouse service in the first place. It would do good if you could see this man going back as he is in town 2 weeks now he must be absent from

his station. Jno Ebbitts is known when drunk to go to business men & ask for money. Jno Sam Driver, Manager of the American Express Co here is one who can state so.

Respectfully Yours
Miss Sam Roscoe
Houseboat
Stratford Ave
Bridgeport
Conn.

they'd starve as they bring back all the groceries & meats to eat. You could inquire of any boat man at the bridge or the keeper at the harbor light. or the keeper at the Stratford Light they know him to be drunk every month. I have known this Ebbitt for past 2½ years & never seen him sober yet. if you should call at the furnished room house at 830 State St where he stops when on leave you could see the condition of this man or when he is going back to his station. I was told by the new man that

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Nov. 16, 1925

LIGHTHOUSES
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Supt.

If I have been late coming back to the Station, I have reported myself, but I did not know that I was supposed to add it on to my leave as in the case of Sept. 24th to Sept. 26th, I am not trying to steal extra days but am trying to do right. I am not taking any leave this months and will stay here all next months if you think I deserve punishment. My Mother is in her 92nd year and has been in poor health for some time. Dr. Stevens of Southold will tell you that any Father is liable to die at any time. Can you blame me if I was late in getting back?

In regards to me being intoxicated while on leave is a lie, I am willing to stand on a stack of Bibles and swear that it is not true. Some one is trying to get me discharged from the

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service, I must say it is a mean way to try and frame me up. If it was true I would be in the police Station. I can't see why a person can't attend to there own troubles, I want you to know that it is not true, I do not associate with bums. I can prove any time by by respectable friends who see me every day that it is all a lie. I hope you will not discharge me from the service, I want to stay here and show those people that they can't frame me. I have to help my family and it would be terrible hard if I lost my position. Please give me a chance even if I have to keep out of Bridgeport, I offer to give it a wide birth from now on.

I wish you would please send my D.C. check as I need money for groceries.

and the lady I board[illegible] now have me

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I could not answer before as the Boat that takes us ashore is not coming out for Riedel until the 22nd, it is $1 for us now ashore and back, as the distance is 18 miles both ways, we are paying $1.0 a trip each for boat service.

Both of my assts. have in for transfers, it is hard to keep men out here, they won't stick, I have not asked for a transfer yet, and I am on my third year at this station, I have enough of American sand to stay on the job. I am also proud to say that I have never had to ask for a man to repair my engines or lamps as I have always been able to do it myself.

again Mr. Yates, I ask you to please let me stay on the job, I know I have been framed, if I was as charged in your letter my friends would not recognize me, and the lady I board with would not have me

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in her house if I was as so charged.
My friends are of the upper class and
are now of the above front room.
I can give you these names if you
so desire.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chittis, Keeper.

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DUPLICATE

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

To Accompany Report of { ☐ New Appointments / ☒ Changes in Duties for July, 1923.

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
	a		
	b		
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	d		

1. Ebbitts (Surname.) Robert (Given name.) H. (Initial.)
   (a) Previous incumbent Frank Evans
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Stratford Shoal Light Station
   (c) City or town Bridgeport State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title 1st Assistant Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day see 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ; Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From m. to m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year
   During what months
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation
11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $900.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $900.00 per annum; bonus, $240.00 per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☒ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☒ Light; ☒ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items state the items and the amounts per annum Subsistence $164.25 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $
17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post-graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

Percentage of total time given to each task
100%

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

18a. Not specified, stand watches, work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.

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

Works under the superivision of the Keeper.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? Yes.
If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

General supervision of the work of the Second Assistant Keeper in the absence of the Keeper.

21. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above? 1 month.

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

August 28, 1923., 192 (Date) ..... (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

Impracticable to obtain signature on account of delay that would be involved.
(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

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

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

25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $1740.00 to $860.00

August 28, 1923, 192 (Date) ..... (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

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

26. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete, except as follows: (If necessary, attach a sheet.)

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

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

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

11/21, 1925

Supt.

Dear Sir.

I write these few lines to inform you that the Keeper Robert H. Ebbitts owes me the sum of $28.57 for grocerys and board for past two months, as he never buys any groceriys for station, for the redson he spends all his shoney on liquor while ashore, he never has any money when he comes back from leave, he also owes the 2nd Asst John Mulligan 22 Merino Village R.I, who left the service the 15th of Sept, the sum of $17.00 for grocerys, at present he owes the 2nd Asst William Riedel the sum of $60.00 the 2nd Asst asked the keeper in my presence if he had his pay check, and the keeper told him it was at the postoffice when he returned Oct 22nd, which I found out at

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the Postoffice the Keeper ~~cash the~~, 192 check without permission from the 2nd Asst Keeper and spent the $60.00, and since I returned to station Keeper is instructing the 2nd Asst to say he paid him, which is a lie as I was told by Keeper myself if his check was at the Postoffice for me to cash the Keeper check in order that he could pay before the office heard anything else about it but no check came for the Keeper.

Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport
Conn.

P. S.

Keeper has refuse to sign.

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

December 7, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Investigation of the conduct of the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light.

I have to report the following information brought out by my investigation conducted in Bridgeport, Conn. on November 30th and December 1st.

1. The acquaintances of the keeper, upon whose verbal statements this report is founded include men of such positions as Assistant Collector of Customs, Manager of the American Express Company, Commissioner of Bridges and others. According to all these men the keeper does use intoxicating liquors. No one could personally state that he committed a public nuisance by staggering about the streets and lying in the gutter. The neighboring lighthouse keeper and one bridge tender positively stated that they had often seen him in an inebriated state.

2. practically all the persons interviewed stated that they had repeatedly loaned the keeper money. These loans in all cases had been returned. However several persons had become disgusted and were of the opinion of the customs collector, who said that he would not trust the keeper in any matter.

3. The keeper's relations with the assistant keepers and with the neighboring lighthouse keeper are at the breaking point. The keeper of the Bridgeport Harbor Light positively stated that his fellow keeper was habitually drunk and that his conduct was anything but that of a gentleman. I was granted the privilege of reading a private letter written by the first assistant keeper of the Stratford Shoal Light to the keeper of the Bridgeport Harbor Light. In this letter the first assistant charges his superior with habitual drunkenness and with the act of forging the name of the second assistant keeper on a pay check.

4. According to the assistant collector of customs the wife and children of the keeper have broken connections with him. This trouble is considered to be due to his habit of becoming intoxicated and his relations with other women.

5. The general opinion of the man is that he does not command the respect due an employee of this Service.

John B. Kuttler

John. B. Kuttler
Aid

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

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 9,1925

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone message received Oct.16,1925.
b - Monthly report of station for October.
c - Letter dated Oct.16th from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
d - Letter dated Oct. 29th from Keeper Ebbitts.
e - Letter of charges to Keeper Ebbitts, dated Nov.7th.
f - Letter dated Nov.16th from Keeper Ebbitts.
g - Letter dated Nov.21st from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Oct.17th from Mrs Sam Roscoe.
i - Report dated Dec. 7th by Aid John B. Kuttler.

2 - The charges pertaining to absence without leave stand proven by records.

3 - The charge of drunkenness etc. while denied by Keeper Ebbitts, is considered to be sufficiently proven by the information furnished in the report of Aid Kuttler, letter from Mrs.Sam Roscoe, and letter of Nov.21st from the 1st Asst.Keeper.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Ebbitts was dismissed from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. on December 31,1921 for excessive absence from duty.

5 - It is considered that the charges stand proven to a sufficient degree to justify the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, and such action is recommended effective at the close of the date that he receives notice thereof.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ebbitts has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate, and deduction has already been made from his salary for excess leave taken without authority.

J. Applegate
Otlc.

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1;35 P.M. 10-16-25

Bridgeport, Conn. on phone from pay station 50 call.

Keeper of Stratford Shoals, Ebbitts, says mother sick. Wants four days extra leave; has just received telegram his mother is very sick and wants to go to see her; has been ashore eight days now; due back to-day; says two keepers on station; it will be O.K. with them, etc. Advised O.K. but only on account sickness; to submit application for extra leave and make up.

J. T. YATES

Form 65

MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHT VESSEL

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM Stratford Shoal LIGHT Sta., FOR MONTH OF October, 1905

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or light vessel, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL. Good

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS. Good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS. Good

4. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY.

5. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers). Row Boat No. 433 Good
" " " 382 Fair

I have not purchased any gasoline this quarter.

6.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	
Coal	
Provisions	
Kerosene	
Gasoline	2
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

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7. REPORT OF ABSENCES OF EMPLOYEES DURING ABOVE MONTH:

NAME OF ABSENTEE.	LEFT STATION.		RETURNED TO STATION.		STATE PURPOSE OR NECESSITY OF ABSENCE.
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
T. J. Burns 1st asst.	Oct. 1st	noon	Oct. 5th	a.m. 11.00	On leave.
R. H. Chittick, keeper	Oct. 5th	P.M. 1.00	Oct. 22d	a.m. 8.00	On leave
W. E. Riedel 2d asst.	Oct. 22d	a.m. 8.00	Oct. 30th	a.m. 7.30	On leave.

To SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES,

3rd Dist.

(Sign here) Robert H. Chittick
(Keeper ~~or Master.~~)

Date, Nov. 1st 1925

Bridgeport, Conn.
(Post-office address.)

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This form should be carefully made out by keepers of light stations, lighthouse depots, and by masters of light vessels, and sent to the superintendent on the first day of each month.

2. In reporting the condition of your station or light vessel under the different headings you will use the words "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor."

3. You are directed to report repairs which in your opinion seem urgent, or any other matter requiring official attention, and to briefly and clearly describe the difficulty.

4. If more room is needed than is provided for any subject, you may use a blank sheet of paper and attach same to the form.

5. Masters of light vessels and keepers of light stations should complete Paragraph 6 by filling in the number of days and adding any other article of supplies which will soon be needed, and give the number of days for each item so added.

6. Absence on account of illness should also be reported under Paragraph 7.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

10/16, 1925

Supt.

I wish to inform you that the Keeper, Robert H. Ebbetts left this station on leave Oct 5th at 1 P.M. saying he would be back Oct 10th, after deducting 3 days from his leave I have not seen or heard one word from him since, he boards at 330 State St, Bridgeport, Conn, when on leave.

Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal,
Bridgeport,
Conn.

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THIRD DISTRICT

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Dec. 29, 1925

Supt.

The extension of leave that you allowed me in Dec., I will make up by now taking any leave for the month of November. My Father always died with heart failure, and is liable to pass away at any time. My Brother was also called home from Prov. R.I.

Respectfully,

R.H. Ebbitt, Keeper.

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

LGJ-EK
Incls.

CHIEF CLERK

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DEC 14 1925
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

SUBJECT: 3d Supt's. letter Dec. 9, dismissal Keeper Robert H. Ebbitts, Stratford Shoal Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval as recommended by the Superintendent in paragraph 5. Keeper Ebbitts originally entered the Service on September 29, 1910, and on October 3, 1911 he was permitted to resign in lieu of being dismissed for excessive use of intoxicating liquors. He reentered the Service on September 14, 1916 and on December 31, 1921 was dismissed for excessive absence from the station. On April 29, 1923 Mr. Ebbitts was again allowed to reentered the Service due to a shortage of suitable eligibles and it being impracticable to leave the station without a full complement for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

12-14-25

G. R. Putnam

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPROVED:

ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
DEC 14 1925
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without leave or proper authority and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1920 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service (Third District), effective on a date later to be reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 18 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

DEC 18 1925

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CROSS REFERENCE

SEE FILE--464/16 D#, mad

NAME Ebbitt, Robt. H. POSITION Keeper

BUREAU BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES STATION 3rd. Dist.

CIRCULAR #11----9/15/23

BASE PAY	Bonus	Total	Allowances			As Classified for estimate purposes			Recommendations regarding differential from standard rates		
			Items	Value	Aggregate	Service	Grade	Pay	Is differential recommended	Amt. per annum to be Added	Subtracted
900	240	1140	CR	164.25	1304.25	L-HS	4	1320	yes	120	

CIRCULAR #13----11/13/23

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GRADE RECOMMENDED 6

RANGE OF COMPENSATION RECOMMENDED FROM $1440 TO $1650

16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:

Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)

(a) Elementary school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 ☐5 ☐6 ☐7 ☐8

(b) High school; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(c) Business school; years ☐½ ☐1 ☐1½ ☐2 ☐2½ ☐3

(d) College: Name ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4

(e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐1 ☐2 ☐3

(f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified; stand watches; work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.	

...ICATION BOARD FORM NO. 1
...t in accordance with detailed
...uction sheet, Form No. 2)

Sheet No. 164

2—12758

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE			
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1. Ebbitts (Surname) Frank (Given name) H. (Initial)
2. Department Commerce
3. Bureau Lighthouses
4. Field Service Lighthouse Service
5. (a) Field Station 3rd Lighthouse District
   (b) Subdivision Stratford Shoal Lt. Station
   (c) City or town Bridgeport State Conn.
6. Pay-roll title Keeper
7. Customary office title Keeper 2nd Ass't. Keeper

8. (a) Number of regular working hours of the position, per day See 18a; per week 7 days
   (b) If this is not a full-time position, state percentage of time employed per day ; or per week
   (c) If night work, wholly or in part, state the hours: From Sunset to Midnight or Midnight to Sunrise m. to m.
9. If this is not an all-year-round position, state approximate number of days employed each year
   During what months
10. If the employee receives compensation from any other branch of the Federal Government, or from any city, county, or State government, state the position held and the compensation 240.00 annum 240.00

11. Present rate of pay, exclusive of bonus $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum.
12. Rate of pay, exclusive of bonus, on January 1, 1923, $ per ; bonus, $ per annum.
13. If the employee receives overtime pay, state the rate Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
14. Title of appropriation or fund from which basic compensation is paid
15. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box any of the following allowances received, in addition to salary or wages: ☐ Quarters; ☐ 3 meals per day; ☐ 2 meals per day; ☐ 1 meal per day; ☐ Subsistence or rations in kind; ☐ Uniform; ☐ Laundry; ☐ Fuel; ☐ Light; ☐ Heat. If cash allowances are made for any of these items, state which items and the amounts per annum
    Dwelling $180.00 per annum
16. Indicate what special equipment, if any, the employee is required by law or regulation to furnish at his own expense, and the approximate annual maintenance cost to the employee:
    Kind of equipment None.; annual cost, $

17. Extent of employee's education. (Place an "X" in the box before the highest grade or year.)
    (a) Elementary school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
    (b) High school; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (c) Business school; years ☐ ½ ☐ 1 ☐ 1½ ☐ 2 ☐ 2½ ☐ 3
    (d) College: Name ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4
    (e) Post graduate work: Kind ; years ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
    (f) Correspondence courses: Kind ; number of lessons ; number completed

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

	Percentage of total time given to each task
Assisting in operating illuminating apparatus and fog signal engines; keep apparatus clean and in efficient working order; care for buildings, keep them clean and in order, including painting and minor repairs.	100
18a. Not specified; stand watches; work equally divided; average 8 or less hours per day; Sundays, operation of light and fog signal engines only.	

19. Does employee work under immediate supervision, or to a large extent upon his own responsibility? (Describe fully.)

Works under the supervision of the Keeper.

No.

20. Do the duties involve direction or supervision of the work of other employees? ..... If so, describe the nature of the direction or supervision and give the number and classes of employees directed or supervised.

1 month

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

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

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of Preparing Officer) Superintendent. (Title)

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

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

(Signature of Employee)

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

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

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

Educational Training	Essential	Desirable But Not Essential
College		
High School	X	
Common School		

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

Experience: If essential, kind and extent Light house apparatus, boating, gasoline engines, oil engines, painting.

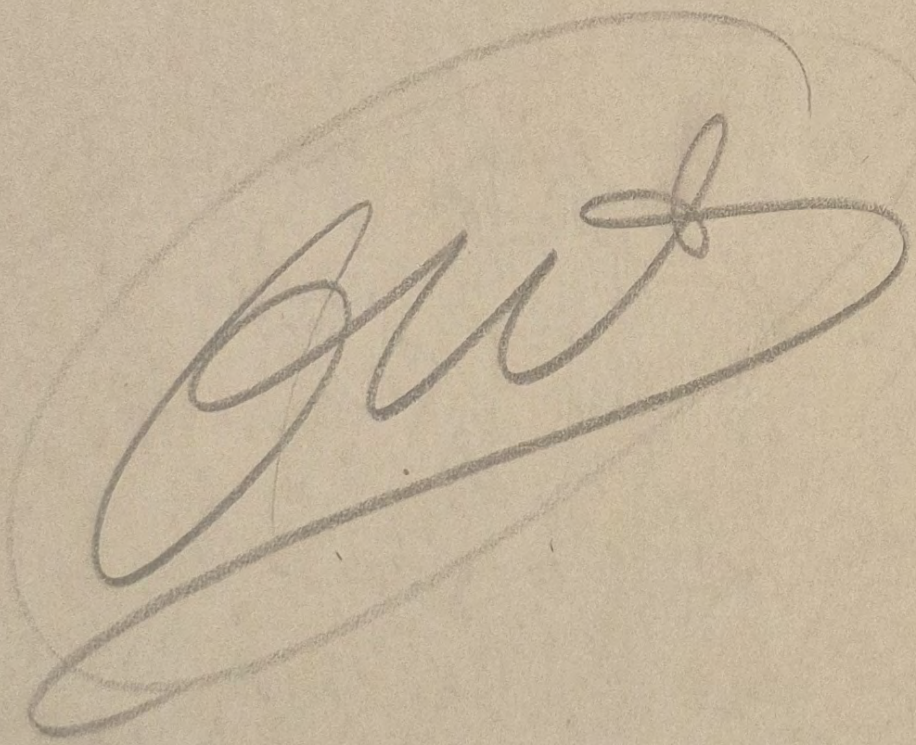
25. I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made are accurate and complete. In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from $ 1380 to $ 1500

JUN 20 1923 (Date), 1923. J. T. Yates (Signature of head of field office or station) Superintendent. (Title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 2—12758

EBBITTS, ROBERT H.

EBBITTS, ROBERT H.



Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE.

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BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES ★ OCT 6- 1910 ★ DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, New York.

The Commissioner,
~~The Light-House Board,~~
Bureau of Light Houses.

October 4, 1910.
(Date)

Washington, D. C.

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) probationary appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Robert H. Ebbitts, of (3) Connecticut.
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) .....
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) .....
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $..... to (7) Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $40. per mo., effective beginning (10) Sept. 29, 1910. (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) William B. Manchester,
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was transferred and promoted on (13) Sept. 20, 1910.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) Ebbitts stands No. (15) 2 in list of eligibles,
Class (16) I, with an average of (17) 82.4 per cent, and
was considered with (18) Wilmot E. Chapman (Declined)
Anson A. Brownell (Declined)
(19) letters of declination of Messrs. Chapman and Brownell herewith.

Respectfully, R. M. Daylo

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

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FOUR inclosures.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

October 6, 1910., 190

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Attention is invited to the attached letters relative to the persons considered for this position.

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.....Commissioner.

NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. .....

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

Sir: October 10, 1910.

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

~~Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station and New Haven~~ Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut,

in the ~~Light-House Service,~~

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning ~~September 29, 1910~~, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Vice William B. Manchester.)
(Civil-service certificate No. .....)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Appropriation:
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HSB
Set of inclosures.

Robert H. Ebbitts -
dismissal.

October 3, 1911.

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a letter of the 2nd instant, together with its inclosures, from the Inspector of the Third Lighthouse District, recommending the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., for excessive use of intoxicants.

After examining the papers submitted herewith, the Bureau is of the opinion that Ebbitts is not a proper person to have in the Lighthouse Service, and therefore concurs in the Inspector's recommendation that he be dismissed effective upon a date to be later reported to the Department.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

October 10, 1911.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, with pay at the rate of $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, effective at the close of a date to be later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON-CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Last day service
Oct 31, 1911.
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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 12 1916 HOUSES

RMD SPECIAL

WIRED 3 INSPR, SEPT. 12, 1916.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 6 (Date.), 1916

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts,

Legal residence, New York

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Salary, $456.00 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective September ~~11~~ 12, 1916 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 74.0, Other eligibles considered:
George N. Thomas, D - Patrick A. Meehan, D - Wm. E. Woodward, FR.

Previous incumbent, John P. Ross Services terminated, August 31, 1916.

Reason, Resignation.

Members of family in Government Service, One.

Remarks: No employee of district desired transfer to this position. No quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos. 1 to 10, and 15 on eligible list will not accept appointment to stations where there are no family quarters provided. Nos. 14, 16 and 18 on eligible list are not eligible for appointment to this position. No. 11 on list will not accept appointment at this station.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. SEP 11 1916, 191

Secretary, Civil Service District.

J T Yates
Inspector, 3rd L.H. District.

* Changed in Bureau

McC.
One inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1916.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
Inclosed is a letter of September 6, 1916, from the Third Inspector, in regard to Ebbitts, which is concurred in by the Bureau.

[redacted] Commissioner.

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

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Washington D C September 12 1916

Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

Yours September sixth Ebbitte appointed second assistant keeper Race Rock effective September twelfth or thereafter

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Commissioner

TODAY'S JOURNAL HB

Sent Dept., 4:19 pm
9/12/16.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

LIGHT SEPTEMBER HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, September 12, 1916.

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six 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 Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice John P. Ross.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

SEP 14 1916

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

LIGHT SEP 29 1916 HOUSES

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Sept. 28, 1916 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, **Robert H. Ebbitts** Legal residence, **Connecticut**

Position, **1st assistant keeper** Salary, **$564 per annum**

Location, **Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **October 6, 1916** { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, **2nd assistant keeper** Former salary, **$456 per annum**

Location, **Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.**

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

Previous incumbent, **Louis Bendel** Services terminated, **October 5, 1916**

Reason, **Resignation**

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Ebbitts entered the service as 2nd Asst. Keeper at Race Rock Lt. Sta. on Sept. 14, 1916. His promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station and the vacancy to which promption is proposed could not be foreseen at the time Mr. Ebbitts 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.

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In the absence and by direction of Inspector

HASKELL

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SEP 29 1916

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
OCT 2 1916
HOUSES

September 30, 1916.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixty-four dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

ESD Oct 6, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Louis Bendel.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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OCT 2 1916

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES MAY 17 1917

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

Route to Dept. with rec. for approval
Instr to send letter, with Sec'y's Bu. & Dept
abob

May 16, 1917

WB May 17

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1 - Copy of letter of charges dated May 1st, addressed to Ebbitts.
2 - Letter, dated May 7th, from Ebbitts.

In addition there is enclosed a folder of correspondence re Ebbitts absence from duty, which it is requested be returned to this office.

Mr. Ebbitts having submitted explanation to the effect that he was injured in the course of his employment, report of injury on Form C.A.-1b has to-day been forwarded to the Bureau. In view of Mr. Ebbitts statement that his absence was due to an injury, it is recommended that no action be taken at this time in his case, other than to caution him to notify this office and also the keeper of the station promptly should he at any future time be prevented for any reason from returning to duty upon the expiration of leave granted him.

Mr. Ebbitts will not be paid salary by this office for the period from April 18, 1917, the date he claims incapacity began, to May 1st, inclusive. In view of his statement that this absence was due to injury, payment for this period will be subject to the action of the Compensation Commission.

McC.
3 incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, May 21, 1917.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the 3d Inspector to caution Ebbitts, as above recommended, a copy of the caution to be furnished the Department for its files.
Return of accompanying folder in this case is requested when no longer required at Department.

Commissioner.

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Commr.

LIGHT
MAY 23 1917
HOUSES

May 23, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 16th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 23rd instant, relative to the matter of charges preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, on account of unauthorized absence from duty, and in view of the explanation submitted by Mr. Ebbitts, approves the recommendation that no further action be taken than to direct the Inspector to address a letter of caution to him, a copy of the same to be furnished the Department for its files.

The folder which accompanied the Bureau's communication is returned herewith, as requested.

[SIGNED] E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
MAY 25 1917

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1 Incl.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Your folder in this case is inclosed. Address a letter of caution to Mr. Ebbitts, sending two copies thereof to this office.

Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 29 1917

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Chief Clk.

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

May 28,1917

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 1,1917 relative to your absence from duty as 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, without leave, during part of the months of April and May, and to your letter dated May 7th submitting as anexplanation of your absence the statement you had been injured in the course of your employment.

In view of the explanation submitted as to the reason of your absence from duty without leave, no further action will be taken at this time in regard to same.

You are, however, hereby cautioned for having failed to promptly notify either this office or the keeper of Race Rock Light Station as to the cause of your failure to return to duty, and advised that should another similar breach of the rules be brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary measures will be taken.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official record in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Two copies forwarded to the Commissioner for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of May 25,1917.

MAY 31 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J. T. YATES.

Commissioner.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 19 1917

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~~Comsr.~~

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

June 18,1917

Commissioner:-

Dept Bu concurs
furth rept
@ end 6 mos
JHG June 19

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated May 25,1917 from Major R.L.Carmichael,C.A.C.
2. Letter dated May 27,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
3. Copy of letter of charges, dated May 28,addressed to Ebbitts.
4. Letter dated May 28th from Ebbitts.
5. Letter dated June 1st,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
6. Letter dated June 5th from Ebbitts.
7. Copy of letter dated June 9th to Keeper Hedges, with his endorsement thereon dated June 14th.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that 1st Asst.Keeper Ebbitts be reprimanded for violation of the Regulations, but that no further action be taken in the matter at this time owing to the difficulty of obtaining men.

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

McC-POJ
7 Inclo.

WASHINGTON June 20, 1917.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending, after careful consideration, that no more drastic action be taken at present than that the Bureau be authorized to address a severe letter of reprimand to Ebbitts, a copy thereof to be furnished the Department for its files, and that a further report and recommendation be made in this case at the end of six months.

EGG-POJ

Reprimand.

JUN 23 1917

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
First Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,
New York.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York).

The Bureau has been advised that when you arrived at Fort H. G. Wright, May 25, 1917, on the quartermaster steamer, you were intoxicated to such extent as to make it necessary for the guard at Fort H. G. Wright to restrain you.

In this connection, your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 28, 29, and 30, in regard to the use of intoxicants. Personal habits which are liable to detract from the ability to perform duty in times of stress or danger, will not be excused or tolerated. Habits of intemperance militate against the prospects of employees for promotion, and, if carried to excess, can but result in dismissal. After careful consideration, it has been decided that no more drastic action will be taken at present, than to severely reprimand you for your violation of the instructions above referred to, and warn you that a further report and recommendation will be made in your case at a later date, at which time, if further infractions of the instructions are brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 23 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. attention is invited to D&T letter of June 22, 1917.

Commissioner.

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Mar. Engr.
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Commr.

LIGHT
JUN 23 1917
HOUSES

June 22, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Third Inspector's letter of the 18th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 20th instant, relative to the charge of intoxication preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York.

Upon consideration of the matter, the Department has approved the recommendation that no more drastic action be taken at this time than to address a severe letter of reprimand to Mr. Ebbitts (copy to be furnished the Department for its files), with the understanding that a further lapse of this character at any time will result in immediate suspension and dismissal. It is noted that further report and recommendation will be submitted at the end of six months.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

Acting Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

June 23, 1917.

2 incls.
To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Inclosed are original and copy of letter of reprimand to Ebbitts. Make further report and recommendation at end of 6 months.

Acting Commissioner.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Robert H. Ebbitts

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

July 9th 1917.

Returned to Commissioner.

Attached are copies of letters written June 29th and July 3rd to Mr. Ebbitts, and copies of his replies thereto. There is enclosed also copy of a letter of May 8th from Mr. Hedges, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, concerning postal card he received from Mr. Ebbitts.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
July 12, 1917.

Referred to United States Employees' Compensation Commission.

J. T. YATES.
Acting Commissioner.

the accident within 48 hours from the time it happened, as required by law.

3. Explain why you did not make report when disability for duty commenced.

(Sgd) - J.T.Yates.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 10 1917
HOUSES

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

June 29th 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G. Wright, Fishers Island, N.Y.

Referring to injury alleged to have been sustained by yourself on April 7th, you will make report immediately on the subject of each of the following paragraphs.

1. Submit a statement in detail showing how the injury occurred.
2. Submit a statement explaining your failure to report the accident within 48 hours from the time it happened, as required by law.
3. Explain why you did not make report when disability for duty commenced.

(Sgd) - J.T. Yates.

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Race Rock Light Sta.

July 2, 1917.

Inspector.

1st. All I can say is that I knocked the skin off my hand while cleaning engine, happened to rub along side a nut and off came the skin.

2nd. I did not report the accident within 48 hours because I had no idea such a little accident was going to cause such trouble.

3rd. I did not report for duty when disability commenced because I had to have it dressed every day by the doctor.

I have answered the questions to the best of my ability.

(Sgd) Respectfully,

Robert H.Ebbitts,

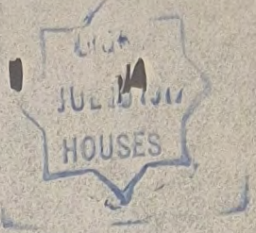
1st Asst.

(Sgd)
W.H.Hedges
Keeper

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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

July 3rd 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of July 2nd, what is required by this office, in answer to paragraph 3 of letter of June 29th, is a statement explaining why you did not submit a report, either to the keeper or to this office, when your hand became infected so that you were disabled for work.

(Sgd) - J.T.Yates.

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LIGHT
JUL 10 1917
HOUSES

Race Rock Light Sta.

July 6, 1917.

Inspector.

In answer to paragraph 3 I wish to state that I did report to the Keeper by postal card that my hand was in bad shape and would have to remain ashore for treatment.

(Sgd) - Respectfully,
Robert H. Ebbitts,
1st Asst.

(Sgd) - W.H.Hedges
Keeper.

COPY-SW

Race Rock
May 8th 1917.

LIGHT
JUL 10 1917
HOUSES

Inspector.

Enclosed find letter from 1st Asst. Keeper R.H.Ebbitts. He sent me a postal in care wharfinger at Fort Wright saying he had blood poison in his hand. I did not get card in time to let you know before he wrote you after he came back, in fact there was nothing to write as the card said he would write me later which he did not do.

(Sgd) - Respectfully,
W.H.Hedges.

LIGHT
DEC 21 1917
HOUSES

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
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Accounts.
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Comnr.
Comnr.

December 20, 1917.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 3rd instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 18th instant, reporting that the services of Robert H. Ebbits, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service, have been satisfactory since the receipt by him of letter of reprimand dated June 23, 1917, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in his case at this time.

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 6, 1918.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, for files of his office.

By direction of the Commissioner:

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Chief Clerk.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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~~Dep. Commr.~~
Commr.

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

December 3,1917.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of June 23rd 1917 on Department letter of June 22nd relative to charges of intoxication preferred against Robert H.Ebbitts, 1st Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

The Bureau is advised that during the past six months Mr.Ebbitts' services have been entirely satisfactory and there has been no occasion for criticism for his use of intoxicants, and it is recommended that no further action be taken.

J T Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 18 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

Commissioner.

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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5/10/23 Form 73 to 2nd Ppt.

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Mar. Engr.
Personnel.
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Dep. Comr.
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses; May 3,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of R.H.Ebbitts, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1. Referring to Form 73 of this date, forwarded to the Bureau through the District Secretary, recommending the probationary appointment of Robert H. Ebbitts to the position of keeper (Second Assistant) of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective April 29,1923 the actual date of his entrance on duty; the Bureau is advised that the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station resigned on April 15th. The 1st Asst.Keeper was promoted to Keeper, and the 2nd Assistant to 1st Assistant. Promptly upon receiving the resignation of the keeper steps were taken to procure a new 2nd assistant keeper, and letters were sent to various eligibles. The first acceptance was not received until April 24th, and the eligible was directed to report for duty promptly. He later reported he could not enter on duty on account of illness in family. Another eligible was then selected for the position and directed to report for duty, which he - Mr.Ebbitts - did on April 29th. Stratford Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complement of keepers be available for the care of same, and it was therefore considered to the interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty at earliest practicable date. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. T. Yates

JEH:Hol.

September 16, 1921.

R. H. Ebbitts,
caution.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. Referring to your indorsement of Sept. 14, 1921, forwarding copy of letter of caution addressed to R. H. Ebbitts, keeper, Race Rock Light Station.

2. You are requested to submit further report at the end of six months in regard to this employee.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 9,1925

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone message received Oct.16,1925.
b - Monthly report of station for October.
c - Letter dated Oct.16th from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
d - Letter dated Oct. 29th from Keeper Ebbitts.
e - Letter of charges to Keeper Ebbitts, dated Nov.7th.
f - Letter dated Nov.16th from Keeper Ebbitts.
g - Letter dated Nov.21st from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Oct.17th from Mrs Sam Roscoe.
i - Report dated Dec. 7th by Aid John B. Kuttler.

2 - The charges pertaining to absence without leave stand proven by records.

3 - The charge of drunkenness etc. while denied by Keeper Ebbitts, is considered to be sufficiently proven by the information furnished in the report of Aid Kuttler, letter from Mrs.Sam Roscoe, and letter of Nov.21st from the 1st Asst.Keeper.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Ebbitts was dismissed from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. on December 31,1921 for excessive absence from duty.

5 - It is considered that the charges stand proven to a sufficient degree to justify the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, and such action is recommended effective at the close of the date that he receives notice thereof.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ebbitts has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate, and deduction has already been made from his salary for excess leave taken without authority.

J. T. Yates

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Incls.

December 12, 1925.

SUBJECT: 3d Supt's. letter Dec. 9, dismissal Keeper Robert H. Ebbitts, Stratford Shoal Light Station.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval as recommended by the Superintendent in paragraph 5. Keeper Ebbitts originally entered the Service on September 29, 1910, and on October 3, 1911 he was permitted to resign in lieu of being dismissed for excessive use of intoxicating liquors. He reentered the Service on September 1[illegible], 1916 and on December 31, 1921 was dismissed for excessive absence from the station. On April 29, 1923 Mr. Ebbitts was again allowed to reentered the Service due to a shortage of suitable eligibles and it being impracticable to leave the station without a full complement for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Jan. 4,1926

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Engr.
Mar. Eng.
Personnel
Financial
Law and Pr.
Adm Asst.
Dep. Comm.
Comm.

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.14,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated Dec.14,1925 addressed to Robert H. Ebbitts, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York; the Bureau is advised that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr.Ebbitt's was at the close of December 30,1925.

J. T. Yates

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN - 6 1926

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 7, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Investigation of the conduct of the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light.

I have to report the following information brought out by my investigation conducted in Bridgeport, Conn. on November 30th and December 1st.

1. The acquaintances of the keeper, upon whose verbal statements this report is founded include men of such positions as Assistant Collector of Customs, Manager of the American Express Company, Commissioner of Bridges and others. According to all these men the keeper does use intoxicating liquors. No one could personally state that he committed a public nuisance by staggering about the streets and lying in the gutter. The neighboring lighthouse keeper and one bridge tender positively stated that they had often seen him in an inebriated state.

2. practically all the persons interviewed stated that they had repeatedly loaned the keeper money. These loans in all cases had been returned. However several persons had become disgusted and were of the opinion of the customs collector, who said that he would not trust the keeper in any matter.

3. The keeper's relations with the assistant keepers and with the neighboring lighthouse keeper are at the breaking point. The keeper of the Bridgeport Harbor Light positively stated that his fellow keeper was habitually drunk and that his conduct was anything but that of a gentleman. I was granted the privilege of reading a private letter written by the first assistant keeper [illegible] the stratford shoal Light to the keeper of the Bridgeport Ha[illegible] Light. In this letter the first assistant charges his supe[illegible] with habitual drunkenness and with the act of forging the n[illegible] of the second assistant keeper on a pay check.

4. According to the assistant collector of customs [illegible] wife and children of the keeper have broken connections wi[illegible] This trouble is considered to be due to his habit of becom[illegible] intoxicated and his relations with other [illegible]

5. The general opin[illegible] of the man [illegible] command the respect due an [illegible] yee of th[illegible] women.

John. B. [illegible] is that he does [illegible] s Service.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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November 9, 1918.

(15)

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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 Nine Hundred dollars per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from first assistant keeper at $564 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 5 1926
3RD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 2nd, 1926

Supt

I write these few lines about me not beingable to get back to station on time on Dec 14, 1925 well I went on leave at 4. P. M Dec 6, 1925 & returned Dec 15 at 2. P. M. 1925.

Robert H. Ebbitts sent out for his clothes this afternoon & refused to come out & turn station property over to me, I will check up & make a return of property as soon as possible, Also I am enclosing a receipt signed by Robert H. Ebbitts about owing the boat man for coming out to station for his clothes & taking him to shore Dec 15, 1925 which amounts to $15.00

Thomas J. Burns
Keeper
Stratford Shoal.

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1924.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900 per annum to $ 1080 per annum, effective April 1, 1924, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper, March 11,1924
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Promotion to Keeper of Stratford Shoal L.S.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 5, 1924 promoting you to the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta, and in accordance therewith you are directed to relieve the present keeper, Charles A. Rogers, and take charge of the station, on March 27th,1924, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property under his charge, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

2. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you take charge of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

3. Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. March 4, 1924, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1080 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L.S., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1, 1924 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L.S., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles A. Rogers Services terminated, March 31, 1924

Reason, Transferred

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks:

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

For and in the absence of the Superintendent

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. (City.) March 4,1924 (Date.), 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1080 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L.S.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1924 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $900 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) L.S.,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Charles A. Rogers Services terminated, March 31,1924

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For and in the absence of the Superintendent

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1st Asst. Supt.

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form SS-73

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY 24 1923
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

PART I.

1. Name of employee: Robert H. Ebbitts
2. Position to which appointed: Keeper
3. Bureau or Service: Lighthouse Service, District 3rd
4. Place of duty: Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y. (City, town, station, or vessel.)
5. Salary: $840.00 p.a.
6. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses
7. Manner of appointment. (Examples: "From stenographer and typewriter examination, ———, 19—;" "Without examination;" or "By reinstatement;" or "By transfer from ———." stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known).
From Eligible List of Keepers, Feb. 21,1923

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE ANSWERED BY THE EMPLOYEE:

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

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

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

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

(State or Territory.)	(County.)	(City or town.)	(Congressional district.)
New York	Suffolk	Southold	1st

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

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

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6. Where were you born? Quiver, N.Y.

7. When were you born? March (Month.) 13th (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

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

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

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

Robert E. Hitts (Name.) Southold, N.Y. (Number and street.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
N.Y. Dist. Bldgs. Rose Beach L.S.	Treasury Service	Keeper	480.00	Sept. 1910	Oct. 31, 1911
	do	do	456.00	" 14, 1916	Oct 5-1916
			624.00	Oct. 6, 1916	May 15, 1918

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

Robert H. Chittum
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES MAY 24 1923 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, May 19, 1923

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

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

None

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

Lighthouse Service, Sept. 15th 1916.
" " " Feb. 6th, 1923.

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

Date, May 23, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Robert H. Chittum

(Present address)
(Number and street.)

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

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 24, 1923

J. S. YATES
(Signature)

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

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

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

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

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

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19. What education have you received? (State the grades of schools you have attended, and, if you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1910; Columbia University, LL. B., 1913.)

Public School

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

None

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

Lighthouse Service, Sept 15th 1916.
" " " Asst. Keeper, 1923.

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

Date, May 23, 1923

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitt

(Present address)
(Number and street.)

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

INDORSEMENT.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 24, 1923

J. S. YATES

(Signature)

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

11—6922

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

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.)
Robert Edward Ebbitts

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

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

City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.
Southold	~~New York~~	Suffolk	1st

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

5. Where were you born? Orient Long Island, N.Y.

6. When were you born?

Month.	Day.	Year.
March	13	1874

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

Robert Ebbitts
Name. Number and street.
Southold N.Y.
City or town. State or Territory.

8. 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.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Robert Ebbitts	Father	Light-House,	Civil Service,	Keeper.

9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Dec, 23, 1915. Light-House, Civil Service, 2nd Asst. 456 Pa.

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

No.
No.

11. 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.
Light-House	Civil Service	Asst.	$440 P Month	1911.	1912.

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

No.

13. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

14. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

15. 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) ———

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service ———

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

16. 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 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Fisherman.

17. 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.)

Public School.

18. 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.")

Mechanic.

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

Light House 1911 to 1912.

20. 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.)

~~Sept. 18~~, Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Sept. 18, 1916.

Witness:

(Signature) Robert St. Phillips

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Southold N.Y.
City or town.

Number and street.

State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 22-d, 1916

(Signature) M H Hedges

(Official title) Keeper

11—1434

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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PORTSMOUTH, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

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William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

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.)
Robert Hobart Chatto

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

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

Southold	New York	Suffolk	1st
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Queens-Long Island, N.Y.

6. When were you born? March 13 1874
Month. Day. Year.

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

Robert Whitten (Name.) ..... (Number and street.)

Southold, N.Y. (City or town.) ..... (State or Territory.)

8. 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.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Robert Whitten,	Father,	Light-House	Civil Service	Keeper

9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Dec. 23, 1915 Light-House, Civil Service 2nd asst. 456 P.O.

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

~~Dec. 23, 1915~~ No.

No.

11. 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.
Light-House	Civil Service	Asst.	$40 Per Month	1911	1912

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

No.

13. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

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

14. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

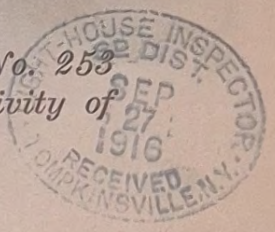
15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ..... (If answer is "yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) .....

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

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

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



Robert H. Ebbitts
(Name.)

2nd asst keeper
(Position.)

Civil Service
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Sept. 18, 1916

11—3914

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

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

Light House 1911 to 1912

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Sept. 18, 1916

Witness:

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitts

P. O. Address: Southold
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 22nd, 1916

(Signature) W H H edges

(Official title) Keeper

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your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, [illegible]

Fisherman

17. 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.)

Public Schools

18. 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.")

Machinist

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

Lighthouse 1911 to 1912

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Sept. 18, 1916

Witness:

(Signature) Robert H. Abbitt

P. O. Address: Southold
City or town.

Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

In case signature is by mark.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 22nd, 1916

(Signature) W H H Hedges

(Official title) Keeper

11—1434

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce and Labor:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe.) Mr. Robert Hobart Chitty

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

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

Hartford	Conn.	Hartford	4th
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Orient L. I. N.Y.

6. When were you born? March 13th (Month.) Friday (Day.) 1874 (Year.)

7. Are you pensioned by the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No.

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

Mrs. Robert Whitte — Name.

386 Park St. — Number and street.

City or town.

Hartford Conn. — State or Territory.

9. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
Robert Whitte,	Father	Light House		Keeper

10. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Filing out application papers

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

No

12. 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.
No					

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

15. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No			

16. 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 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Machinist

To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 152, of June 24, 1907, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

Robert H. Abbott
(Name.)

Asst. Keeper
(Position.)

(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, Oct. 17, 1910.

11—2661

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Oct. 17, 1910.

(Signature) Robert H. Abbott

Witness:

P. O. Address: Washington
City or town.

In case signature is by mark.

Number and street.

Edmonds Sta.
State or Territory.

Wash.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded ....., 19

(Signature) .....

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(Official title) .....

Billing on application paper

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

No

12. 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.
No					

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

No

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Regiment and company, or vessel. Date enlisted. Date discharged. Cause of discharge.

...than during the Civil or Spanish-

...nal education have you received? (Indicate the gra... ...ols 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.)

Common School

18. 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").

Machinist

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

None

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Oct. 17, 1910.

(Signature) Robert H. Abbitt

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Washington
City or town.

Number and street.

Columbia Inn.
State or Territory.

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded ....., 19

(Signature) .....

(Official title) .....

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed

Bureau of Lt Hs. (Bureau or Service.) Asst Keeper Nauset Beach (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) 3 (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Asst Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. Oct 10/10

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Sept 29/10

5. State the date of the oath. Oct 17/10

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept 29/10

7. What is his salary? $80 per mo.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? SALARIES OF KEEPERS OF LT. HOUSES, &c.

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6th 96

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

Local Exam - Keeper Sept 1/10

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department. (Signature) .....

(Official title) .....

Date: ....., 19

11—1434

Portsmouth N.H. 483

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT
HARTFORD-CONNECTICUT TRUST BUILDING
750 MAIN STREET

IN REPLYING REFER TO

Income Tax Division.

August 11, 1926.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In re: Robert H. Ebbits.

The above named person was formerly employed at the Stratford Shoal Light, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Will you kindly advise this office as to the present address of Mr. Ebbits, if same is known.

Any information that can be presented relative to the address of said person's parents will also be appreciated.

Yours truly,

Collector.

B/J
mc

WJL:FJM

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August 13, 1926

Treasury Department,
Collector, Internal Revenue Service,
Hartford, Conn.

SUBJECT: Address of Robert E. Ebbits.

REFERENCE: Your letter August 11, 1926 - Income Tax Division.

Dear Sir:

1. The records of this office show that Southold, N. Y. is the address of Robert H. Ebbits.

2. His father died on June 8, 1926. This office has no knowledge whether the deceased left a widow or not.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES
Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

Chief Clerk

Feb. 19,1926

Voucher Clerk

Draw salary check for Robert H.Ebbitts, former keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, for 20-1/2 days - December 1st to 20th inclusive and 1/2 day on Dec.21st.

Give check to me. Tuesday Feb 23

1st Asst.Supt.

February 26, 1926.

Mr. R. H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness, Salary, Etc.

REFERENCE: Your letter January 4th received on February 18 and reply from this office of February 23.

You are advised that in accordance with your request, check #82323 dated February 25, 1926 drawn to your order for $109.34 has been mailed to you in care of Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, this action being taken with the view of facilitating settlement of your indebtedness to Keeper Burns and First Assistant Keeper Riedel. It will be necessary for you to endorse the check referred to as it cannot be properly endorsed by anyone but yourself. After being endorsed by you it will then be possible to cash the check and apply the proceeds toward your indebtedness. As stated in letter of February 23, you should get into communication with Keeper Burns and arrange to meet him and endorse the check referred to, which should be done as soon as you can make necessary arrangements to meet Keeper Burns.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

FWO:FM Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y., 3rd District. February 26, 1926.

Copy forwarded for information and guidance to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.

Mr. Ebbitts has requested that check for salary due him be sent to Stratford Shoal Light Station to settle his indebtedness to yourself and Assistant Keeper Riedel; therefore, a check has today been mailed to Mr. Ebbitts in care of you. You will note that Mr. Ebbitts has been informed that it will be necessary for him to arrange to meet you and to endorse the check in order that it may be cashed. This check must not be endorsed by yourself or Assistant Keeper Riedel. If Mr. Ebbitts does not arrange to meet you and endorse the check on or before May 1, 1926, you will return the check to this office.

J. T. YATES.
Superintendent.

FWO:FM

February 23, 1926.

Mr. R. H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness, etc.

REFERENCE: Your letter January 4.

In accordance with your request, you are advised that a check covering salary due you will be mailed in care of Keeper Burns of Stratford Light Station as soon as property return is approved, with the view of facilitating the settlement of your indebtedness to Keeper Burns and First Assistant Keeper Reidel. In doing this however, it will be necessary for you to communicate with the Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station and arrange to meet either himself or First Assistant Riedel in order that you may endorse the check referred to which cannot be properly endorsed by anyone but yourself. After being endorsed by you, it will then be possible to cash the check and apply the proceeds toward your indebtedness referred to above and in previous correspondence. You will be advised of date when check is mailed, and it is suggested that you then promptly get into communication with Keeper Burns to arrange to endorse the check referred to, as considering the circumstances under which a part of your indebtedness was incurred, it is important and to your advantage that the matter be brought to a close as soon as possible.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

WJL:JMAL

February 18, 1926.

Messrs. J. Johnson & Sons,
Main & Wall Streets,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbetts.

REFERENCE: Your letter February 16th.

Sirs:-

The last known address of Mr. Ebbetts is Southhold, N.Y.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

J. JOHNSON

J. C. JOHNSON

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J. Johnson & Sons
"The Live Store"

EXCLUSIVE
CLOTHIERS,
HATTERS & FURNISHERS

MAIN & WALL STREETS
BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

February 16, 1926.

Lighthouse Department,
TOmkinsville,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Can you give us any information concerning Captain Robert H. Ebbetts, c/o Stratford Shoals Light. We will keep any information you may give us a$ to his locality etc. strictly confidential.

Thanking you, we remain

Very truly yours,

J.JOHNSON & SONS.

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P.S. ENCLOSED IS SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Jan. 6, 1926

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Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. was dsimissed from the service, effective at the close of December 30,1925.

No salary payment is to be made him for month of Dec.until matter of indebtedness has been settled and property return is O.K.

He will be paid for from Dec.1st to 20th and for 1/2 day on Dec. 21st 20-1/2 days in all. Balance of time to date of dismissal he was absent from station and duty without authority or leave.

1st Asst.Supt.

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Chief Clerk

Jan. 6,1926

Voucher Clerk

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta. was dismissed from the service, effective at the close of Dec.30,1925.

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He will be paid for from Dec.1st to 20th and for 1/2 day on Dec. 21st - 20-1/2 days in all. Balance of time to date of dismissal he was absent from station and duty without authority or leave.

Sgd. OCKENFELS

1st Asst.Supt.

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Att & Cor



Southold, N.Y.

Jan. 4th, 1926

Supt.

Please send all my check to William Riedel / Asst. at Stratford Shoals, He will pay Burns and square me. I also owe him, I can't get a job any where at present, if you will please send him any check I will be very thankful to you. I haven't any money and can't pay up.

Respectfully,

R.H. Whitson

FWC-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Jan. 4,1926

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.
REFERENCE: Department letter Dec.14,1925.

1. Referring to Department letter dated Dec.14,1925 addressed to Robert H. Ebbitts, dismissing him from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York; the Bureau is advised that the effective date of the dismissal of Mr.Ebbitt's was at the close of December 30,1925.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

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FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts,
330 State Street,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Jan. 4,1926

SUBJECT: Indebtedness.

1. This office has received information to the effect that you are indebted to Thomas J. Burns, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station to the extent of $32.15 for your share of provisions purchased, also to Mr. C. Hoyt to the extent of $15 for boat hire. If these are just and proper debts it is suggested that you settle same at an early date in order that salary due you for services rendered as Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station may be paid. When these debts are settled please advise this office to that effect promptly.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

FWO-JHG

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Thomas J. Burns, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Jan. 4,1926

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of former Keeper Ebbitts of $15 for boat hire.
REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 2,1926.

1. You are advised that this office cannot make payment of the item for boat hire or any other personal expenses incurred by Mr.Ebbitts by taking such expenses from the amount due Ebbitts for salary. It will therefore be necessary for Mr.Hoyt to obtain payment for services rendered direct from Mr.Ebbitts.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk



Jan 1, 1926

J Robinson H. Clutts

over E. Hoyt $15.00

Payable from any

check.

Checks to be received

by Burns, Keeper

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Receipt for Registered Article No. 49141

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 15 cents Class postage —

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted to addressee { in person ____ or order ____ }

Return receipt demanded { ✓ }

Spl. Del'y ____

POSTMASTER, per ____

(POSTMARK OF) STATEN ISLAND, N. Y. DEC 24 1925 REGISTERED

(MAILING OFFICE)

12-24-25

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

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 10 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 10 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 10 cents; articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 10 cents. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

Form 3806 c 5—6852

Robert H Ebbutts
Keeper - Stratford Shoal Pt Stn
Dismissed from service

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 49141

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

BRIDGEPORT DEC 30 4 PM 1925 CONN.

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POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Light House Service
(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, } Office of Supt. 3rd Dist.

Post Office at Staten Island

State N. Y.

P. O. 3-24 c 5—6116

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Thomas J. Burns, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581, Bridgeport, Conn.

Dec. 23,1925

SUBJECT: Indebtedness to you of Keeper Ebbitts.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov. 21,1925.

1. Referring to your letter dated November 21,1925 stating Keeper Ebbitts owed you $28.51 for groceries and board; you are directed to advised this office by return mail as to whether or not this indebtedness to you has been paid by Mr. Ebbitts.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

FWO-JHG

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William E. Riddel, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Dec. 23,1925

SUBJECT: Indebtedness to you of Keeper Ebbitts

1. You are directed to advise this office by return mail as to whether or not Keeper Ebbitts has as yet settled his indebtedness to you of $60.00.

J. T. Yates

Superintendent

Voucher Clerk

Dec. 17,1925

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Salary may now be paid Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper Stratford Shoal Light Station, for the month of November,1925.

1st Asst. Supt.

LIGHTHOUSES

1925 DEC 19 AM 8 53

December 14, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

Charges of absence from duty without leave or proper authority and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service having been preferred against you and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper at $1920 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service (Third District), effective on a date later to be reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Chief of Appointment Division.

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Dec. 9,1925

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

1. The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, is forwarded herewith for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Copy of phone message received Oct.16,1925.
b - Monthly report of station for October.
c - Letter dated Oct.16th from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
d - Letter dated Oct. 29th from Keeper Ebbitts.
e - Letter of charges to Keeper Ebbitts, dated Nov.7th.
f - Letter dated Nov.16th from Keeper Ebbitts.
g - Letter dated Nov.21st from 1st Asst.Keeper Burns.
h - Letter dated Oct.17th from Mrs Sam Roscoe.
i - Report dated Dec. 7th by Aid John B. Kuttler.

2 - The charges pertaining to absence without leave stand proven by records.

3 - The charge of drunkenness etc. while denied by Keeper Ebbitts, is considered to be sufficiently proven by the information furnished in the report of Aid Kuttler, letter from Mrs.Sam Roscoe, and letter of Nov.21st from the 1st Asst.Keeper.

4. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that Mr. Ebbitts was dismissed from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. on December 31,1921 for excessive absence from duty.

5 - It is considered that the charges stand proven to a sufficient degree to justify the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Light Station, New York, and such action is recommended effective at the close of the date that he receives notice thereof.

6. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2 of Civil Service Rule I relative to political or religious opinions or affiliations. Mr. Ebbitts has not been granted leave in excess of the accrued rate, and deduction has already been made from his salary for excess leave taken without authority.

J. T. Yates

Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
REGISTERED ARTICLE
No. 48583
INSURED PARCEL
No.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE
45333
AND DATE OF DELIVERY

DEC 14 5 PM 1925 CONN.

Return to Superintendent of Lighthouses,
(NAME OF SENDER)
Street and Number, or Post Office Box, Tompkinsville, N.Y.
Post Office at
State

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December 14, 1925.

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Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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By direction of the Secretary:

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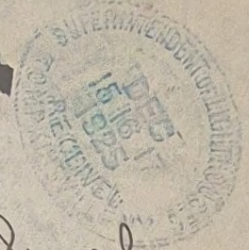
Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 9, 1925

Att Cer

Supt.

1st Asst. Keeper Burns always cashes my check and I told him last month to take out the amount I owed him, but the check did not come, Riddell is paid and I owe him nothing. I expect to pay John Mulligan as soon as I get my check. Burns is now on leave, I told him if my check came to cash it and get his money the same I told him last month.

I can't be any more fair than that.

Respectfully,

R. H. Whitten, Keeper.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 7, 1925.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Investigation of the conduct of the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light.

I have to report the following information brought out by my investigation conducted in Bridgeport, Conn. on November 30th and December 1st.

1. The acquaintances of the keeper, upon whose verbal statements this report is founded include men of such positions as Assistant Collector of Customs, Manager of the American Express Company, Commissioner of Bridges and others. According to all these men the keeper does use intoxicating liquors. No one could personally state that he committed a public nuisance by staggering about the streets and lying in the gutter. The neighboring lighthouse keeper and one bridge tender positively stated that they had often seen him in an inebriated state.

2. practically all the persons interviewed stated that they had repeatedly loaned the keeper money. These loans in all cases had been returned. However several persons had become disgusted and were of the opinion of the customs collector, who said that he would not trust the keeper in any matter.

3. The keeper's relations with the assistant keepers and with the neighboring lighthouse keeper are at the breaking point. The keeper of the Bridgeport Harbor Light positively stated that his fellow keeper was habitually drunk and that his conduct was anything but that of a gentleman. I was granted the privilege of reading a private letter written by the first assistant keeper of the Stratford Shoal Light to the keeper of the Bridgeport Harbor Light. In this letter the first assistant charges his superior with habitual drunkenness and with the act of forging the name of the second assistant keeper on a pay check.

4. According to the assistant collector of customs the wife and children of the keeper have broken connections with him. This trouble is considered to be due to his habit of becoming intoxicated and his relations with other women.

5. The general opinion of the man is that he does not command the respect due an employee of this Service.

John. B. Kuttler
Aid

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Dec. 1,1925

Hold up salary check for the month of November of Robt. H.Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal, until I have seen the monthly report of the station.

1st Asst. Supt.

Not released -
Continue hold up Nov pay
on account of claims against
him Oct 12/8/25.

Nov. 27, 1925

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Pay Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Starford Shoal Light Station, salary for the month of October, 1925, less deductions as follows:-

Excess leave taken Sept. 18, 25 & 26 .....3 days

Excess leave taken Oct. 11 to 22, inc.....12 days

Total.....15 days

1st Asst. Supt.

FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Nov. 27,1925

SUBJECT: Indebtedness to Assistant Keepers.

1. This office has received information to the effect that you owe the sum of $28.51 to 1st Assistant Keeper Burns for subsistence for the past two months; also that you owe former 2nd Asst. Keeper John Mulligan the sum of $17.00 for provisions purchased; also present 2nd Assistant Keeper Riedel the sum of $60.00, it appearing that you cashed Mr.Riedel's check but have to date failed to turn the $60 over to Riedel. You are requested to advise this office fully in reference to the three items of alleged indebtedness referred to above, and if they are just and proper debts, you will state whether or not you propose to settle them, and if so, when.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal

11/21, 1925.

Supt.

Dear Sir:

I write these few lines to inform you that the Keeper, Robert H. Ebbitts owes me the sum of $28.51 for grocerys and board for past two months, as he never buys any grocerys for station, for the reason he spends all his money on liquor while ashore, he never has any money when he comes back from leave, he also owes the 2nd Asst. John Mulligan 22 Merino Village, R.I. who left the service the 15th of September, the sum of $17.00 for grocerys. At present he owes the 2nd Asst. William Riedel the sum of $60.00 the 2nd Asst. asked the keeper in my presence if he had his pay check and the keeper told him it was at the post office; when he returned Oct. 22nd, which I found out at the post office the keeper cash the check without permissio from the 2nd Asst. Keeper and spent the $60.00 and since I returned to station Keeper is instructing the 2nd Asst. to say he paid him, which is a lie, as I was told by keeper myself if his check was at the post office for me to cash the keeper check in order that he could pay before the office heard anything else about it but no check came for the keeper.

(sgd) Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst. Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport, Conn.

P.S. Keeper has refuse to sign.

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Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service

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Third District
Stratford Shoal
Nov. 16, 1925.

Supt:

If I have been late coming back to the station, I have reported myself, but I did not know that I was supposed to add it on to my leave as in the case of Sept. 24th to Sept. 26th, I am not trying to steal extra days but am trying to do right. I am not taking any leave this month and will stay here all next month if you think I deserve punishment. My mother is in her 92nd year and has been in poor health for some time. Dr. Stevens of Southold will tell you that my father is liable to die at any time. Can you blame me if I was late in getting back?

In regards to me being intoxicated while on leave is a lie, I am willing to stand on a stack of Bibles and swear that it is not true. Some one is trying to get me discharged from the service. I must say it is a mean way to try and frame me up. If it was true I would be in the police station. I can't see why a person can't attend to their own troubles. I want you to know that it is not true, I do not associate with bums. I can prove any time by respectable friends who see me every day that it is all a lie. I hope you will not discharge me from the service. I want to stay here and show those people that they can't frame me. I have to help my family and it would be terrible hard if I lost my position. Please give me a chance even if I have to keep out of Bridgeport. I expect to give it a wide birth from now on.

I wish you would please send my Oct. checks as I need money for groceries. I could not answer before as the Boat that takes us ashore is not coming out for Riedel until the 22nd. It is too farto row ashor and back, as the distance is 18 miles both ways. We are paying $10 a trip each for boat service. Both of my Assts. have in for transfers, it is hard to keep men out here, they won't stick. I have not asked for a transfer yet, and I am on my third year at this station. I have enough of American sand to stay on the job. I am also proud to say that I have never had to ask for a man to repair my engines orx vapor eng. as I have always been able to do it myself. Again, Mr. Yates, I ask you to please let me stay on the job. I know I have been framed. If I was as charged in your letter my friends would not recognize me, and the lady I board with would not have me in her house if I was as so charged. My friends are of the upper class and are not of the shore front scum. I can give you their names if you so desire.

Respectfully,

(sgd) Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper.

FWO-JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert M. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

November 7, 1925

SUBJECT: Charges.

1. You are hereby charged:-

a - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that you went on leave at 4:30 P.M. on Sept.9th and returned to the station at 1:30 P.M. on Sept.18th, making a total absence of 8-7/8 days. On September 24th you advised this office that you were one day late, and was ordered to make up same the following month, but failed to do so.

b - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that you left the station on Sept.24th and returned to the station on Sept.26th, which absence you reported in your letter of Sept.30th, after the 1st Assistant Keeper had advised this office of your absence, and which absence you failed to report on your monthly report and also failed to make up during the month of October.

c - With submitting false report in that you failed to note on your monthly report for September the fact that you were absent from Sept.24th to Sept.26th.

d - With absence from duty without leave or proper authority in that on Oct.16th you phoned this office that your mother was ill and requested 4 days additional leave, stating you had been ashore 8 days and was due back at the station on that date, which leave was granted you with instructions to submit official application for same and to make up excess leave the following month. Your letter of October 29th states you will make up the excess leave granted and that your excess leave was caused by the illness of your father who had almost died of heart failure. Your monthly report states you left the station at 1 P.M. on October 5th and returned at 8 A.M. on Oct.22nd, the date of leaving station being in contradiction of your telephone message of Oct.16th which stated you had been ashore 8 days on that date, which would make the date of your leaving the station October 8th.

e - With drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an employee of the Lighthouse Service in that according to information received at this office you are habitually intoxicated while ashore and by reason of such condition

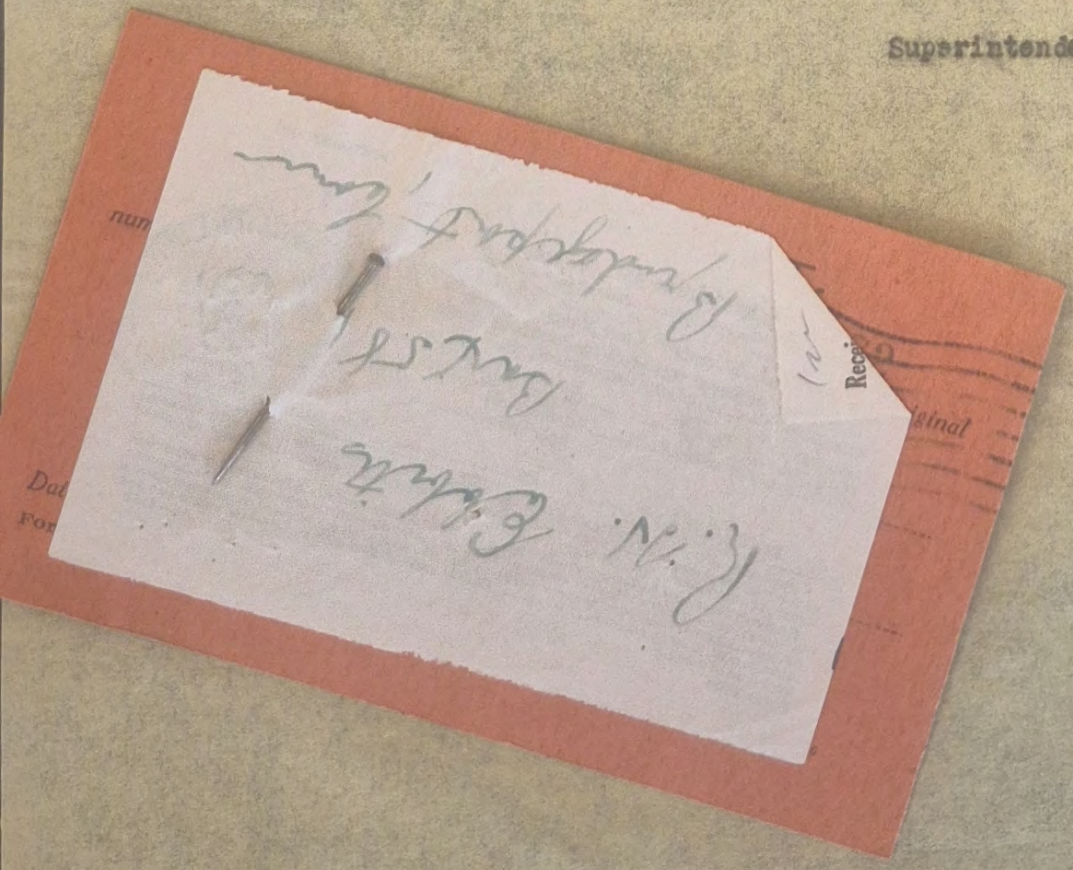
it appears that you have become notorious in the community where you land from the light station, this being in direct violation of the provisions of Paragraph 29, Page 11, of Instructions to Employees, and a discredit to the Lighthouse Service as well as yourself.

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

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

J. T. Yates

Superintendent



Chief Clerk

Nov. 4th, 1925

Voucher Clerk

Hold up pay of Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal until matter of excess leave taken by him has been settled.

1st Asst. Supt.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

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Third District

Stratford Shoal

Oct. 29, 1925.

Supt.

The extension of leave that you allowed me in October, I will make up by not taking any leave for the month of November. My father almost died with heart failure, and is liable to pass away at any time. My brother was also called home from Providence, R. I.

Respectfully,

(sgd) R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper.

Per attached

Bridgeport, Conn.
Oct. 20, 1925.

Supt.

I returned from Southold L.I. 9.30 P.M. last night, it is blowing a gale of wind to day and it is impossible to run out to the Station. I am nervous at the delay, but can't help it. I will stay and make the Station as soon as the wind goes down.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT 21 1925
RECEIVED IN
WASHINGTON

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chitty
Keeper.

Stratford Shoal, L.H. Sta.

COPY - GSB

Oct. 17, 1925.

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SUPERINTENDENT,

DEAR SIR:

I drop you these few lines to call your attention to the conduct of the keeper at Stratford Shoal Lighthouse, Mr. Ebbitts, in the first place he is a disgrace to the government service by his actions every month he is so drunk and falling all over himself along the Stratford Ave. Bridge that he is the talk of the water front, he is called the drunken lighthouse keeper, he is always going around trying to borrow more money for drink he never has any money to pay his boat fare back to his station. John Mulligan who just left the light house service told me before he took the train home for Rhode Island that the keeper still owed him about $18.00 dollars when he left. I guess he must owe his men on the station money also, as I know he never had one cent going back, but plenty of drink in him, he never braught a bit of grocerys back if it wasn't for the other men on his station they'd starve as they bring back all the groceries and meats to eat. You could inquire of any boatman at the bridge or the keeper at the harbor light or the keeper at the Stratford Light they know him to be drunk every month, I have know this Ebbitt's for past 2½ years and never seen him sober yet. If you should call at the furnished room house at 300 State St. where he stops when on leave you could see the condition of this man or when he is going back to his station. I was told by the new man that just went out there to his station that the day he reported to him at State St. address he was so drunk he could not write his name on his papers. He used to borrow money from the harbor light keeper but I dont think he will lend him any more money after seeing his condition. This matter ought to be looked into for the benefit of the government - the men in the lighthouse serviceand the man himself that he is double rupture I don't know how he got into the lighthouse service in the first place. It would do good if you could see this man going back as he is in town 2 weeks now he must be absent from his station. Mr. Ebbitts is known when drunk to go to business men and ask for money Mr. Sam Driver, Manager of the American Express Co. here is one who can state so.

Respectfully yours,

(sgd) Mrs. Sam Roscoe
Houseboat
Stratford Ave.
Bridgeport, Conn.

~~#74~~ 135 Pvt 10-16-24
~~11~~ Bridgeburg barracks on Rhine
from Duty Station to Base
Call

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Kitchen of Stretcher Bearer
Elliott, says mother sick.
wants 4 days extra. leave
her first need telegram
his mother is very sick
and wants to go to see
her, has been absent
5 days, must due back
today; says if 2 Kitchen or
Station, it will be O.K. with
them, etc advised O.K. but
only on acct sickness, to
submit affdvt for ex leave
and make def.

2-10-24

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1:35 P.M. 10-16-25

Bridgeport, Conn. on phone from pay station 50 call.

Keeper of Stratford Shoals, Ebbitts, says mother sick. Wants four days extra leave; has just received telegram his mother is very sick and wants to go to see her; has been ashore eight days now; due back to-day; says two keepers on station; it will be O.K. with them, etc. Advised O.K. but only on account sickness; to submit application for extra leave and make up.

J. T. YATES

COPY - GSB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Third District
Stratford Shoal

10/16/1925

Supt.

I wish to inform you that the Keeper, Robert H. Ebbetts left this station on leave Oct. 5th at 1 P.M. saying he would be back Oct. 10th, after deducting 3 days from his leave, I have not seen or heard one word from him since. He boards at 330 State St., Bridgeport, Conn. when on leave.

(sgd) Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst. Keeper
Stratford Shoal,
Bridgeport, Conn.

Copy - GSB
Form 65

MONTHLY REPORT OF LIGHT STATION, DEPOT, OR LIGHT VESSEL

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FROM Stratford Shoal LIGHT Sta., FOR MONTH OF October 16, 1925.

Below is submitted my report showing the condition of the above light station, depot, or light vessel, with notes regarding necessary repairs, or other matters requiring official attention, and a list of the absences of employees during the above month.

1. LIGHTHOUSE, TOWER, OR VESSEL. Good

2. ILLUMINATING APPARATUS. Good

3. FOG-SIGNAL APPARATUS. Good

4. OTHER BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, OR HULL AND MACHINERY. Row Boat No. 433 Good
" " " 382 fair

5. BOATS, AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS (state boat numbers).

6.

Have not purchased any gasoline this quarter.

Supplies on hand will last No. of DAYS shown below.	
Water	
Coal	
Provisions	
Kerosene	
Gasoline	
Fuel oil	
Lubricating oil	

11—963

7. Report of Absences of Employees During Above Month:

Name of Absentee.	Left Station.		Returned to Station.		State Purpose or Necessity of Absence.
	Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
T. J. Burns, 1st Asst.	Oct 1	noon 12.00	Oct 5	11 AM	On leave
R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper	Oct 5	1 P.M	Oct 22	8 AM	On leave
W. E. Riedel, 2nd Asst.	Oct 22	8 AM	Oct 30	7:30 A.M	On leave

To Superintendent of Lighthouses,

Third District

(Sign here) Robert H. Ebbitts

(Keeper)

Date, Nov. 1st

Bridgeport, Conn.

(Post-office address.)

1925

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. This form should be carefully made out by keepers of light stations, lighthouse depots, and by masters of light vessels, and sent to the superintendent on the first day of each month.

2. In reporting the condition of your station or light vessel under the different headings you will use the words "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," or "Poor."

3. You are directed to report repairs which in your opinion seem urgent, or any other matter requiring official attention, and to briefly and clearly describe the difficulty.

4. If more room is needed than is provided for any subject, you may use a blank sheet of paper and attach same to the form.

5. Masters of light vessels and keepers of light stations should complete Paragraph 6 by filling in the number of days and adding any other article of supplies which will soon be needed, and give the number of days for each item so added.

6. Absence on account of illness should also be reported under Paragraph 7.

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FWO-JHG

Oct. 5,1925

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter Sept.30,1925.

1. Your letter dated September 30,1925 relative to absence from duty without leave from Sept.24th to 26th, has been received. Your attention is called to the fact that such a matter as this should be promptly reported to this office at the time and not a week after the occurrence. You are directed to see that such matters are reported promptly in the future.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

COPY

Stratford Shoal

9/ 1925

Dear Sir:

I write you these few lines to let you know the Keeper Robert H. Ebbitts left this station Sept.24th at 11 A.M. going to shore to see about a Register letter and just returned to station at 5 P.M. Sept. 26th

I remain,

Thomas J. Burns

1st Asst.Keeper,

Stratford Shoal

FWO-JHG

Staten Island,N.Y.
Sept.28,1925

1. Returned to 1st Asst.Keeper Burns, through the Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station. Your attention is invied to the regulations for the Lighthouse Service which require that all official correspondence be forwarded through the immediate official superior of the writer, and you are directed to so forward this letter.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 30, 1924

Supt.

When T. J. Burns, 1st asst. reported back to the Station he brought me a registered slip from the Post Office, I did not know what happened and left the Station Sept. 24th and returned Sept. 26th I will make up the days in my Oct. leave. It was a business letter and I could not return any sooner.

I hope this will meet your approval.

Respectfully,
R. H. Ebbitt,
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO-JHG

Third District

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 25, 1925

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letters Sept.17th and 24th.

1. Referring to your letters of Sept.17th and 24th stating you left the station on Sept.9th on leave and returned on Sept.18th; you are directed to deduct from your future allowance of leave the excess leave of one day taken in this instance.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 24, 192 5

Supt.

I left this Station Sept. 9th 4.30 P.M. on leave, and was due back Sept. 17th on account of treatment was one day late as reported to you.

Respectfully,
R. H. Whitte, Keeper.

I returned to the Station Sept. 18th 1.30 P.M.

September 21st. 1925.

Robert Ebbitts, Keeper.
Stratford Shoal Light Station.
P.O.Box 581.
Bridgeport. Conn.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

REFERENCE: Your letter of September 17th. 1925.

Referring to your letter of September 17th. you are requested to advise this office of the date you left the station, the date on which you were due back and the date on which you actually returned to the station.

J. T. Yates,

Superintendent.

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Bridgeport Conn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Stratford Depot Sep 17, 1925

Supt -

I Capt R Ebbitte have had my teeth extracted and my face is sore and swollen and I must remain ashore today for treatment will report - tomorrow

Robert Ebbitte
Keeper.

re- Robert Ebbitts - Servant
yes- see card attached 08.6/30/15

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE
SOUTHOLD, N. Y.

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To Supt. Light Houses, 3rd Dist

Sir, Will you please inform me if Robt. H. Ebbitts is still in the Light-House Service?

Yours Respt. Robt. Ebbitts
Southold, N.Y.

Retired Keeper →

(Robert Ebbitts)

Respectfully,
F. W. OCKENFELS.
1st Asst. Superintendent.

WJL:JK

July 1, 1925.

Mr. Robert Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts.

REFERENCE: Your letter without date received at this office on June 30th.

Sir:-

Robert H. Ebbitts is at present the Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

Respectfully,

F. W. OCKENFELS.

1st Asst. Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 17, 1925

Supt.

I failed to find John Mulligan the new 2nd asst.
I left a card telling him how to get to the Station, He has not reported for duty to date.

Respectfully,
R. H. Ebbitt, Keeper.

Per

Bridgeport

June. 13-1925.

Dept of Commerce -

Dear Sir.

I. Robert Ebbitt Keeper of Sndland ground light have been ashore two days awaiting the new man. He has not showed up- as yet and I must report to my Station to-morrow

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FWO:MGD

May 5, 1925.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581, Bridgeport, Ct.

SUBJECT: Complaint.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office, April 21st, and your reply, April 29th.

It is noted that in your letter of April 29th you deny the complaint concerning yourself, forwarded to this office by the Manager of the Logan Brothers Store, Bridgeport, Connecticut. While careful consideration has been given to the statements contained in your letter of April 29th, this office is naturally inclined to believe that there was a reason for the complaint being forwarded to this office. However, as the matter at present resolves itself into a metter of veracity between yourself and the Manager of the Store referred to, no further action will be taken at this time. You are advised, however, that especially in view of your previous record in this Service, that should this office find that you have been under the influence of liquor, either while on the station or ashore, prompt action will be taken with a view of your separation from the Service.

J. T. YATES.

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
MAY 6 1925
NEW YORK

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 29, 1925

Supt:

I am surprised at the statements made by the Manager of Logan Brothers Store, I most certainly deny being drunk, and I can't see why he should want to hurt me, last January I did ask him for credit for groceries as I had to pay Capt. George Burr $1.8 to bring me out to the Station on account of ice in the harbor which made me short of money, Capt. Burr will verify my statements, I am sure. The people I board with while on leave will tell you that I am not as represented by the Manager, also I can give you names of business men that I come in contact with daily while on leave who will vouch for my sobriety if you desire it. Again I deny his charges, if I was in the wrong I would own up to it like a man, I have no call to go to his store as we trade nearer our boat landing. I sincerely hope you will believe in me.

Respectfully, R. H. Christo, Keeper.

FWO:MGD

April 21, 1925.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P.O.Box 581, Bridgeport, Ct.

SUBJECT: Complaint.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter, dated April 18, 1925, received from the Manager of Logan Brothers Store, Congress Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut, which letter is self-explanatory.

2. You are directed to forward to this office full explanation in reference to the complaint made in the attached letter.

J. T. YATES.

Dear Sir

I wish you would see that the keeper at Stratford Shoal Lighthouse, Bob Ebbitt stay from calling at my store while drunk asking for money being absent from his work.

Manager
Logan Bro. Store
Congress St.
Bridgeport,
Conn.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 1st, 1925

Supt

I write these few lines to let you know the Keeper Robert H. Ebbitt left this station on leave December 15th at 2. P. M, and have not heard any word from him since, and wish that reliever could be sent in order to get our leaves.

Thomas J. Burns
1st Asst Keeper
Stratford Shoal
Bridgeport,
Conn.

P. S.

Keeper when going on leave left word that he would be back the 17th of Dec as he had to see the U. S. Marshall at Bridgeport on business.

He has not paid me any grocery bill before leaving which amounts to $32.15, the 2nd Asst William Riedel cash his pay check for month of October with Keeper permission & took out the $60.00 which the Keeper owed him.

Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Oct. 6, 1924

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Payment may now be made Robert H. Ebbitts, keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, for services rendered on Sept. 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, which had been withheld from him.

1st Asst. Supt.



FWC-JHG

Oct. 6, 1924

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

SUBJECT: Excess leave.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Sept. 26th and your letter Oct. 2nd.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 2nd, 1924 relative to excess leave taken by you. Your explanation has been noted and cannot be considered as satisfactory in view of the fact that the monthly allowance of leave is the maximum permitted and should not be exceeded. The fact that the full monthly leave allowed was not taken during prior months does not justify excess absence during the subsequent month, for the reason that the leave allowance is monthly and is not cumulative. Your attention is also invited to the fact that you failed to submit report to this office of the fact that you did not return to your station at the expiration of shore leave as required by Section 4 of Paragraph 105, Page 37 of Instructions to Employees. You are directed to see to it that the regulations pertaining to the matter of leave as well as other matters pertaining thereto are strictly complied with on all occasions in the future, as otherwise drastic disciplinary measures will necessarily follow.

Superintendent

Chief Clerk

October 3,1924

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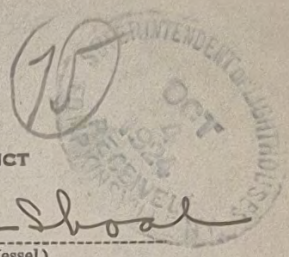
Voucher Clerk

Salary may now be paid Robert H.Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, for the month of September, with the exception of Sept. 22nd, 23rd and 24th, which will not be paid until further orders.

1st Asst.Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 2, 1924

1st
Pa-
give me leave
record for Jan
Action
Received att
Supt.

The reason why I was late coming back from leave was because I could not hire a boatman to come out here as the men are all on the oyster beds, I finally got one to bring me out after dark for the sum of ten dollars, I have made arrangements with him, so it will not happen again, You will notice by my reports that I have been coming back ahead of time instead of being late.

Respectfully,
R.H. Chittum, Keeper.

Didn't report when due

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

Sept. 26,1924

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold,
New York

(Copy also sent to
Stratford Shoal
Lt.Sta.)

SUBJECT: Charges re absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with absence from duty as keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, you having left the station on leave on September 13,1924 and having failed to return to the station up to September 24th, and also having failed to advise this office of the reason for your absence or when you intended to return to duty.

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

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

(45)

9-26-24
Charges
R. H. Ebbitts
Keeper
Staten Island
L.B.

(POSTMARK OF)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 45187

Registered at the Post Office indicated in Postmark.

Fee paid 10 *cents* *Class postage* 0.0

Accepting employee will place his *initials* in spaces applicable below, to indicate indorsement, etc.

Delivery restricted to addressee { in person ____ or order ____ } Return receipt demanded ____ Spl. Del'y ____

STATEN ISLAND. N. Y. SEP 26 REGISTERED

POSTMASTER, per Count (MAILING OFFICE)

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

Registry Fees and Indemnity.—Domestic letters and sealed parcels indemnified for $50 or less, 10 cents; for over $50 and not in excess of $100, 20 cents; domestic second-class, not indemnified, 10 cents; domestic third-class, indemnified up to $25, 10 cents; articles addressed to foreign countries, regardless of class or indemnity, 10 cents. Claims must be filed with postmasters within one year from date of mailing.

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Form 3806

Post Office Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300.

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 45187

INSURED PARCEL No. ____

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES SEP 29 1924 RECEIVED NEW YORK

POSTMARK OF DELIVERING OFFICE

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AND DATE OF DELIVERY

Return to Lighthouse Dept

(NAME OF SENDER)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, St George

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

State ____

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Chief Clerk

Voucher Clerk

Sept.26,1924

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Hold up any salary due Robert H.Ebbitts, Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, until matter of charges re absence without leave, has been settled.

1st Asst.Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 25, 1924

Initial
Pro-action

Supt.

Keepers return to Station.

Keeper Robt.

H Ebbitts returned to station last Evening
Says he could not hire boat to get out.

Respectfully.

Leonard J. Clark 1st Asst

R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal Lt Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 24th, 1924

Supt.

Subject. Absence of Keeper.

The keeper of this station went on 8 days leave Sept. 13th and I have had no word why he has not come back. Possibly he has made his report to you. The 2nd asst is waiting to go on his leave. Kindly advise me if Mr Ebbitts is sick or unable to return to Station.

Respectfully
Leonard J. Clark 1st asst

JTY:CL

July 21, 1924.

Shannon, Wilder & Shannon,
945 Main Street,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebitts as witness.

REFERENCE: ~~Your letter of~~ July 19, 1924.

Sirs:

As this occurrence took place while Robert H. Ebitts was away from the light station, and as the station or station records are in nowise involved, this office has no objection to Mr. Ebitts acting as witness in connection with this matter, and he has been furnished with a copy of this letter for his information and guidance.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

F. W. Ockenfels

First Assistant Superintendent.

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JTY:CL

Office Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Staten Island, N.Y., July 21, 1924.

Copy forwarded to R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Light Station for his information and guidance. This refers to collision in Bridgeport Harbor.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F.W.OCKENFELS.

First Assistant Superintendent.

SHANNON, WILDER & SHANNON
COUNSELORS AT LAW
948 MAIN STREET
BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

HENRY E. SHANNON
FRANK L. WILDER
JAMES C. SHANNON

July 19, 1924.

Supt. of Light Houses,
Third District,
Staten Island, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Robert H. Whitte, keeper of the Stratford Shoals Light Station, witnessed a collision in the local harbor. We desire his testimony before the City Court of Bridgeport and he has requested us to ask you to give him permission to testify at the hearing.

Will you be good enough to grant this request?

Very truly yours,

Henry E. Shannon

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Stratford Shoal, L.H. Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 13th, 1924

Supt.

Subject:- Position of Keeper of Little Gull Is. L.H. Sta.

I will be pleased to accept transfer to this position in event of vacancy.

I am married and have two children there ages are 18 and 20 years of age.

Your letter was brought out here the 12th, will mail this as soon as weather permits.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chitty, 1st asst
Charles A Rogers
Keeper

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

FWO-JHG

Charles A. Rogers, Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Connecticut

Sept. 26, 1923

SUBJECT: Probation of Robert H. Ebbitts.

1. The probationary period of employment of Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., will expire on Oct. 28,1923. Advise this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not, in your opinion, he is a suitable and competent man to receive a permanent appointment in his present position. If you do not consider him competent, state fully in what respects he is incompetent.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Stratford Shoal,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 3, 1923.

Supt of Light Houses,

Subject, Probation of Robert H Ebbetts, Jr.

1st Asst Robert H Ebbetts, services, have been satisfactory for the past six months. A better man, I could not wish for. he fully understands Engines & Fog Signal & also the Light.

Charles A. Rogers
Keeper.

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., June 15, 1923, 19
(City.) (Date.)

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, Robet H. Ebbitts

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $900.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt. Sta., N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective July 1, 1923 {the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $840.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank Evans

Services terminated, June 30, 1923.

Reason, Services discontinued at end of probation.

Members of family in Government Service,

Date of birth,

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. Mr. Ebbitts entered the service on April 29, 1923 as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., and his promotion is recommended as he is the only employee in his grade at that station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

6/20/23

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

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Staten Island, N. Y., June 15, 1923, 19
(City.) (Date.)

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* If qualified, strike out the word "disqualified" and the paragraph following. 11—5999

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

1923 JUN 18 PM 2 14

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1923.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 840 per annum to $ 900 per annum, effective July 1, 1923 or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPART

-JHB

Robert H. Ebbitts, 2nd Asst.Keeper, June 23,1928
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Promotion.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated June 18,1928 promoting you to the position of 1st Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on July 1,1928.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

Form

FILE NO. 8

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

Exhibit 15

FWO-JHB

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, ---- Third ---- DISTRICT,

PLACE, Staten Island, N. Y.

DATE, May 15, 1923, 191

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

Bridgeport, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine R. H. Ebbitts, 2nd Asst. Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta.

nativity, United States; age, 49; height, 5 feet, 6 inches;

weight, 143 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, None

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.*

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(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

Witnessed by B Keeper, Stratford Shoal L.S.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

R. H. Ebbitts, 2nd Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.

May 15,1923

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

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

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

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

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

M50/21 (23)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1923 MAY 12 PM 3 50 LIGHTHOUSES

May 11, 1923.

M. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Eight Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you entered upon duty in the above-mentioned position. (April 29, 1923)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

3rd.
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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Frank Evans.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

11—5080

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

May 5, 1923

Charles A. Rogers
.....Keeper.
Stratford Shoal
.....Lt.Sta.
Bridgeport, Conn.
.....

1. Furnish the information called for below in regard to Assistant Keeper. Robert H. Ebbitts .....and return this sheet to this office:-

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

Born in (Country or State).....
Age.....49.....
Height....5....feet....6...inches.
Weight.....143.....pounds.
Color of hair.....Brown.....
Color of eyes.....Brown.....
Distinguishing marks.....None.....
.....

J. T. YATES,
Superintendent.

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Form 73

FWC-JEC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y. May 3, 1923, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Tar.Sec'y 2nd C. S. District) Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts

Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper

Salary, $840.00 p.a.

Location, Stratford Shoal (Middle Ground) Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 29,1923 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 2 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 81.2, Other eligibles considered:

Stanley Urlan----FR. Alfred Anderson----FR* Stephen Guitman----FR*
Orrin F.Merry----D. John C. Miney----C. Theodore R.Brahn--C.

*Names removed from register.

Previous incumbent, Frank Evans

Services terminated, April 17,1923

Reason, Promoted.

Assignment to duty April 29,1923 was necessary for the reason it was not practicable to permit this position to remain vacant until appointment certificate could be obtained.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: No employee of District desired transfer to this position. There are no quarters for families of keepers at this station. Nos.1,2 & 8 on eligible list will accept appointment only at stations where family quarters are provided. No.6 will accept appointment only at a certain specified station.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 5/24/23

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N. Y., May 2, 1923, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(For Sec'y 2nd C. S. District)

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $840.00 p.a.

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

Effective April 29,1923 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 81.2, Other eligibles considered:

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Orrin F.Merry-----D. John O. Mimy------C. Theodore B.Brahm---C.

*Names removed from register.

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

J. T. Yates

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

VC 5/4/23

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

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; May 3,1923

SUBJECT: Probationary appointment of R.H.Ebbitts, Keeper.
REFERENCE: Form 73 of this date.

1st Referring to Form 73 of this date, forwarded to the Bureau through the District Secretary, recommending the probationary appointment of Robert H. Ebbitts to the position of keeper (Second Assistant) of Stratford Shoal Light Station, New York, effective April 29,1923 the actual date of his entrance on duty; the Bureau is advised that the keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station resigned on April 15th. The 1st Asst.Keeper was promoted to Keeper, and the 2nd Assistant to 1st Assistant. Promptly upon receiving the resignation of the keeper steps were taken to procure a new 2nd assistant keeper, and letters were sent to various eligibles. The first acceptance was not received until April 24th, and the eligible was directed to report for duty promptly. He later reported he could not enter on duty on account of illness in family. Another eligible was then selected for the position and directed to report for duty, which he - Mr.Ebbitts - did on April 29th. Stratford Shoal being one of the most difficult stations in the District it is important that a full complement of keepers be available for the care of same, and it was therefore considered to the interests of the service that the man selected be instructed to report for duty at earliest practicable date. This action was necessary for the proper safeguarding of life and property.

J. T. Yates

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAY
1923
3RD DIST.

THIRD DISTRICT

Stratford Shoal,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1923

Supt of Light Houses,
Sir.

2nd Asst. Robert H. Ebbetts: Reported for Duty at this Station: Sunday 1.30 pm, April 29th 1923.

Chas A. Rogers,
Keeper.

E O D April 29-1923

FWO-JHG

(75)

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold,
New York.

April 27,1923

SUBJECT: Position of 2nd Asst.Keeper at Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Your letter April 9,1923.

1. Referring to your letter dated April 9,1923 stating you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station; you are advised you have been selected for this position and telegram was sent you to-day directing you to report for duty at that station at once. On account of the fact this position has been vacant for sometime, it is important you report for duty promptly. Advise this office promptly by return mail of the date on which you will report. Transportation charges will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. The Keeper's name and address is Charles A. Rogers, P.O.Box 561, Bridgeport, Conn.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

IDENTIFICATION CARD NO._____

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—EXEMPT FROM TAX

Staten Island, N.Y., Apl. 27, 1915
(Place and date)

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SEND TO Robert H Ebbitts

Southold N Y

Report for duty second assistant Stratford Shoal at once

YATES

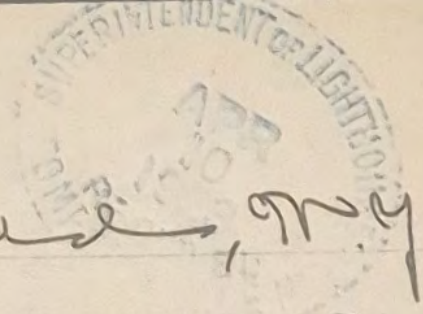
CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C. Supt of Lighthouses, S.I

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: J.T.YATES
Supt., 3rd L.H.District
Staten Island, N.Y.
(Name)

(Title)

11—4649



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Southold, N.Y.
April, 9, 1923

Supt.

I did not get
your letter until Saturday
as I was out of town on
business,
will be prompt with the
rest.

Respectfully,
R. H. Corwin

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

K.H. It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

Staten Island, N. Y., April 3, 1923

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst.Keeper of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta.,located off shore in Long Island Sound,N.Y.

Total Compensation: $ 1248.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are furnished by the Government, and if not, whether quarters can be rented in the vicinity.) at Bridgeport, Conn.or Port Jefferson,N.Y.

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State whether or not furniture is furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in.....days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?.....

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

.....

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No."..... If yes, state how many .....; and fill in the following blanks.

Similar letter to

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
A C Anderson		age 12 S. Julian		
S S Gutman		T. Pearce		
O 7 Merry — D		Eaves Creek		
J O Mosier		2. Jobard — A		
T R Brahm — A		3 Davenport — D		
A H Ebbelle — A		M. Olson 23		
W Lamont				

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

.....

.....

(Signature).....

Date..... (Post-office address).....

11—749

Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

R. W. Elbetts

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.

Staten Island, N. Y., April 3, 1923.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2nd Asst. Keeper of Stratford Shoal Lt. Sta., located off shore in Long Island Sound, N.Y.
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Total Compensation: $ 1242.00 per annum (which includes: Salary, $ 840.00 per annum; bonus, $ 240.00 per annum; and subsistence, 45 cents per day.)

Longevity Pay: In addition to the above keepers receive $ 60.00 per annum, after 5 years of continuous service, as longevity pay.

Quarters and Fuel: Quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station, but not for families of keepers. Family quarters can probably be rented at Bridgeport, Conn. or Port Jefferson, N.Y.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by applicants in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Necessary furniture will be supplied by the Government.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 96 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This inquiry should **not be considered as an offer** of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

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

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

If selected, I can report for duty in 4 days from to-day.

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No If yes, state how many ----------; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Robert W. Elbetts

April 7, 1923

(Post-office address) Stratford, N.Y.

11—749

New Suffolk
New York.
Oct. 16, 1922.

Dear Mr. Yates:-

As I would like to have a reinstatement I thought it best to write you personally and I wish you would let me know if I have any chance to come back. I never had to ask for a man to come and repair my engines or wash lamps during my years on Race Rock and I am sure there

I can handle any engine in the service, I think my record speaks for its self.
I know Mr. Yates that some time we all do not do rights, but I sincerely hope that you will please give me another chance, I was almost six years on Race Rock and now a very pleasant place to stay, I like the service and hope for a favorable reply.

very Respectfully,

Robert H. Ebbitts

address

West Suffolk
West York.

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1922

October 18th, 1922.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbetts,
New Suffolk,
New York.

SUBJECT : Reinstatement.

REFERENCE: Your letter of October 16th, 1922.

Sir:-

The contents of your letter have been noted. In reply you are advised that you would not be eligible for reemployment until after the expiration of one year from the date of your dismissal from the service due to the fact that you were dismissed. After the expiration of one year you would not be eligible for reinstatement as the ordinary period of eligibility is limited to one year and if, after the expiration of one year, you wish to take the examination for appointment as keeper or assistant keeper the necessary application blank will be furnished on request.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES,

Superintendent.

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VC

Re memo Jan 3.

Ebbitts can now be paid salary due, if property accounts have been approved—

Matter of indebtedness has been settled—

Ale—

Ebbitts address—

Southfield NY

L. I.

FWO-MBM.

March 6,1922.

Best & Best.
Fishers Island,
New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Robert Ebbitts, former keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

REFERENCE: Your telegram and letter of Dec. 31st, 1921.

Sirs:-

1. Mr. Ebbitts has advised this office that he has made payment to cover the indebtedness referred to in your telegram and letter of Dec. 31st, 1921.

2. Please advise this office if the account referred to has now been settled in full.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES.

Superintendent.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



FWO-MBM.

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

March 6, 1922.

Best & Best.
Fishers Island,
New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Robert Ebbitts, former keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

REFERENCE: Your telegram and letter of Dec. 31st, 1921.

Sirs:-

1. Mr. Ebbitts has advised this office that he has made payment to cover the indebtedness referred to in your telegram and letter of Dec. 31st, 1921.

2. Please advise this office if the account referred to has now been settled in full.

Respectfully,

J. T. Yates
Superintendent.

This account has been paid
We thank you kindly.
Respectfully
Best & Best
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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
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Southold, N.Y.
Mar. 4, 1922.

Supt.

I have paid the bill of Beers and Bunt of Fishers Island, I wish you would forward any check for the month of Dec. as soon as possible, I wish to say that Mr. Beers would have been paid long ago if he had not held up my check, I am not dishonest and never have been. I have had hard work to get the money together to settle with him.

Respectfully,
R. H. Chutter
Southold
Long Island
N.Y.

1st — 1 — 1/17. Southold

Supt. Adler Mineola,

Jan. 12, 1922

Please pay to Burt
Rev. Fairbairn Estate, his
claim and to any check.

Respectfully,

R. H. Childs

Southold

Mineola,

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSES
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January 13, 1922.

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J.T.YATES.

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FWO:MBM.

January 13, 1922.

R.H. Ebbitts,
Southold,
New York.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness and salary due.

REFERENCE: Your letter Jan.12, 1922.

1. You are advised that it will not be practicable for this office to pay to Best Brothers the amount of your indebtedness and deduct same from the salary due you. It is necessary that you arrange to make settlement of the indebtedness referred to without involving the matter of salary due from the Lighthouse Service.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES.

Superintendent.

:BM.

January 5,1922.

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Commercial Hotel,
Norwich, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Salary due.

REFERENCE: Your letter Jan. 4,1922.

1. Enclosed herewith, for your information, is copy of letter addressed to you under date of January 4th,1922.

Respectfully.

J.T. YATES.

Superintendent.

In re
Communicated Statement
attached
Municipal Corp.
Jan. 4, 1922



Supt:
Will you please
send me blank of my
check as I am out of
mine.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Whitten
Communicated Statement
Municipal
Corp.

address.

Robert H. White,

Commercial Hotel,

Norwich,

Conn.

FWO:MBM.

January 4, 1922.

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Commercail Hotel.
Railroad Avenue,
Norwich, Connecticut.

SUBJECT: Salary for December, as Keeper of Race Rock Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your letter Dec. 31st, 1921.

1. In reference to the matter of payment of salary for December, your attention is invited to letter from this office of Dec. 31, 1921, concerning the matter of your alleged indebtedness to Best & Best of Fishers Island. When the account referred to has been settled, please so advise this office promptly.

J.T.YATES.
Superintendent.

Jan 3/22

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Do not pay salary to
Ebbitts, Kuper, Race Rock
until further advised.
(Claims a/c indebtedness)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 1922
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

January, 1922

Supt. of Lighthouses
Third District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Robert H Ebbitts left this station December 31st at nine o clock A.m. I am sending this letter in reference to your letter dated December 14th 1921

Respectfully
Clarence J Wright keeper

VC QS.

Last day Dec 31-1921

Ends 1/12/22
QS.

Form 1204

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

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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

RECEIVED AT ST. GEORGE, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES DEC 31 1921 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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FY FISHER ISLAND NY 1015A DEC 31 1921

SUPT LIGHTHOUSE DIST

TOMPKINSVILLE SI NY

KEEPER ROBERT EBBITTS RACE ROCK LIGHT LONGISLAND SOUND OWES FOR PROVISIONS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS FORTY FOUR CENTS UNDERSTAND IS LEAVING SERVICE LETTER FOLLOWING KINDLY ADVISE ACTION TAKEN

BEST AND BEST

FISHERISLAND NY

1030A

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BEST & BEST
"GROW-SIRS"
FISHERS ISLAND, N. Y.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
JAN 8 1922
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Supt. Light House Dist
Tompkinsville
N.Y.

Dec 31 1921

Dear Sir-
Mr. Robert Ebbetts former keeper at Race Rock Light, Fishers Island, N.Y. is indebted to us for meats and groceries to the amount of $117.44. I understand he has been dismissed from the service.

I spoke to Mr. Ebbetts this morning and he said that he was just being transfered, and that he would have to come back here for his check on the 6th. of Jan. which appears like a pretty lame excuse to me.

I would greatly appreciate any action you may care to take in this matter, Having spent 15 years in the Army and just starting in busine this would mean quite a loss. Respectfully Best & Best
Howard S.

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

WJL:NZ.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

December 31, 1921.

Best & Best,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Robert Ebbitts, Keeper Race Rock Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your telegram December 31st.

Sirs:-

1. Your statement to the effect that Robert Ebbitts owes you $117.44 for provisions has been noted. As the purchase of provisions by Keeper Ebbitts is a personal matter, it will be impossible for this Service to take any action other than to bring the matter to his attention, which has been done.

2. Kindly advise this office as soon as the bill referred to has been paid.

Respectfully,

J. A. Yates

Superintendent.

3-7-22

Supt Yates
This account has been settled.
Respectfully
Best & Best

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec 31, 1921

Supt.

I am sorry with much regret that I am leaving Race Rock, but may I dare to hope that you will some day reinstate me as asst. to some Station. I have had a good offer to a fine job, and to come as soon as possible, Will you please try, and send my check by the 6th of Jan., as I have not the money to travel with, and I do not want to miss the job as you realize work is scarce, and I have to travel some distance. I will be very thankful to you.

Respectfully,
R. H. Whitis

Please send it to this address.

Robert H. Whitis,
Commercial Hotel,
Railroad Ave.
Norwich,
Conn.

WJL:NZ.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Fort Wright,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

December 31, 1921.

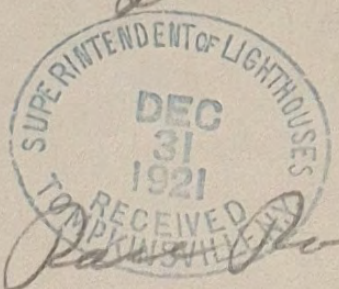
SUBJECT: Indebtedness to Best & Best, Fishers Island, N.Y.

This office has been advised that you owe Best & Best of Fishers Island, N.Y., $117.44 for provisions purchased. You are directed to reimbruse Best & Best for the amount you owe them and advise this office as soon as same has been done. Your salary will be held up until this bill has been paid, or some satisfactory arrangement made with Best & Best in regard to payment.

J.T. YATES.

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Dec 31/1921



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Best & Best,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

December 31, 1921.

SUBJECT: Indebtedness of Robert Ebbitts, Keeper Race Rock Light Station.

REFERENCE: Your telegram December 31st.

Sirs:-

1. Your statement to the effect that Robert Ebbitts owes you $117.44 for provisions has been noted. As the purchase of provisions by Keeper Ebbitts is a personal matter, it will be impossible for this Service to take any action other than to bring the matter to his attention, which has been done.

2. Kindly advise this office as soon as the bill referred to has been paid.

Respectfully,

J.T. YATES.

Superintendent.

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

FWO-JHG

Dec.14,1921

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Dismissal as keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter of charges dated Nov.25th and your reply Dec.2,1921.

1. Referring to letter of charges from this office dated Nov. 25,1921, relative to absence from duty without leave, and your reply dated December 2,1921; transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 12,1921 dismissing you from the position of keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, effective at the close of business on December 31,1921.

2. Clarence J. Wright, 1st Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station has been appointed to succeed you as keeper, and you are therefore directed at the close of December 31st,1921, to turn over to Mr.Wright 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 is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of Form 30 are enclosed herewith.

3. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn Race Rock Lt.Sta.over to Mr.Wright.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels
1st Asst.Supt.

December 12, 1921.

Sir:

Charges of being absent from duty without authority having been preferred against you, and established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, at $1140 per annum, effective at the close of business on December 31, 1921.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner
of Lighthouses.

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Last day 12/31/21

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FWO-JHG

Commissioner of Lighthouses: Dec. 7,1921

SUBJECT: Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
REFERENCE: Bureau letter Sept.16,1921.

1. The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

a - Letter dated Nov.23,1921 from Clarence J. Wright, 1st Asst.Keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.
b - Copy of letter of charges dated Nov.25,1921 to Robert H. Ebbitts, keeper, Race Rock Lt.Sta.
c - Letter dated Dec.2,1921 from Keeper Ebbitts.

d - Letter dated Dec.1st,1921 from 1st Asst.Keeper Wright.

2. Mr.Ebbitts left Race Rock Light Station on November 8th, and according to the monthly report on Form 65 for November, he returned to the station on December 1st. During this period of absence Mr.Ebbitts made noapplication for leave or report of any kind to indicate that he was not on duty at the station, until under date of December 2nd, after his return to the station, he replied to the letter of charges addressed to him on November 25th. The fact that Mr.Ebbitts was not on duty at the station was brought to the attention of this office by the 1st Assistant Keeper, who reported under date of November 23rd that the keeper left the station on November 8th at which time he advised the 1st assistant keeper and the Additional Keeper at the station that he would return on November 10th. The keeper's reply to charges, which alleges illness, is not a satisfactory explanation of action in remaining absent from the station under his charge for a period of over three weeks without notifying the 1st Assistant keeper, temporarily in charge of the station, or reporting to the office the facts and necessity for such absence. In view of this extended period of absence without authority or explanation until after his return to duty, and a previous occurrence of similar nature, this office is disposed to doubt the accuracy of Mr.Ebbitt's statement in his letter of December 2nd. In this letter he states that he was too sick to write, whereas in letter of December 1st the 1st Assistant Keeper reports that he met the keeper on shore on November 23rd, at which time the keeper left him to return to the station. The keeper did not, however, return to the station until December 1st.

3. By letter of September 14,1921 referred to in Bureau letter of September 16th,1921, Mr.Ebbitts was cautioned on account of violati

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Ebbitts, Keeper Race Rock light may now be paid for November 1921, as follows =

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Race Rock

Dec. 2,1921

Supt.

I have been very sick and was not able to return to the station. I have been far from well since Oct. when Mr.Murphy was here overhauling the engines and have had a terrible cough ever since which makes it most impossible to sleep at night. The Dr.Says my lungs are bad and should have had attention, also that my heart was bad and that my nerves are at a high strain. I should have reported to you but I was too sick to write, my family worry me as I have to take care of them and it takes all I can make. I am far from well but have to stick. I am on my 6th year at Race Rock and have tried to do my duty. In regard to my health I refer you to Dr.H.A.Dunn, New London, if you doubt my word, but I dont think you do.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Ebbitts,

Keeper

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Nov. 25, 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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Chief Clerk

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Do not pay salary to Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, ~~November 3, 1921~~, until further advised.

1st Asst. Supt.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

November 25,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as keeper of Race Rock Light Station, without leave or authority, from November 8th to November 23,1921, you having left the station on November 8th,1921 and had failed to return to the station up to November 23,1921, this in direct violation of the regulations pertaining to leave, and also notwithstanding letter from this office dated September 14,1921 cautioning you on account of your violation of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence, and advising you that a repetition of this character would result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

FWO:JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

November 25,1931

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as keeper of Race Rock Light Station, without leave or authority, from November 8th to November 23,1921, you having left the station on November 8th,1921 and had failed to return to the station up to November 23,1921, this in direct violation of the regulations pertaining to leave, and also notwithstanding letter from this office dated September 14,1921 cautioning you on account of your violation of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence, and advising you that a repetition of this character would result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

FWO:MBM.

November 25,1921.

Clarence J. Wright, 1st. Ass't.Kpr.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence of Keeper Ebbitts.

REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.23,1921.

1. Your report in reference to the absence of Keeper Ebbitts has been received and is satisfactory.

2. You will consider yourself in charge of and responsible for the proper operation of the station until such time as Mr. Ebbitts returns or until you receive further orders.

J.T.YATES.

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COPY

Race Rock Lt.Sta.

November 23,1921

Supt.of Lighthouses,
Third District
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

I am writing something that I do not like to say but I find it necessary. On November 8th the keeper left this station at noon, the 2nd assistant was then on his leave, the keeper told myself and the additional keeper he would be back on the 10th of Nov. but has not yet returned to this station. It seems that every time he goes on leave we never know when he is coming back although I dont think he charges his leave up to himself, in fact I'm sure he does'nt on his reports. I have had no leave myself this month nor has the additional keeper on account of the keeper overstaying his leave. I have been told he is in New London by some of the soldiers at Ft.Wright the has'nt been down to come aboard up to the present date and he has no excuse, as we have had a few nice days in which he could have easily come over, in fact the boat has been out twice and he has'nt shown up. Now I think it is my duty to let you know of this, I also have asked him through the mail to return but I have received no news. What would you advise me to do.

Clarence J. Wright,

1st Asst.Keeper.

FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright
Fishers Island, N. Y.

Sept. 26, 1921

SUBJECT: Absence of 1st Asst. Keeper Wright.

1. Referring to letter dated September 18, 1921 from 1st assistant Wright stating he brought the workmen ashore on Sept. 17th and could not get back to the station, and to his letter of Sept. 22nd stating he returned to the station on Sept. 19th; in future when weather conditions are such it may not be possible to return to the station promptly on account of weather conditions, you will see to it that the assistant keepers or yourself do not leave the station unless some real emergency exists.

J. T. YATES

of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence, and advised that a repetition of such violation would result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken, Mr.Ebbitts having been absent from his station without leave or authority from August 17th to September 1,1921.

4. Mr.Ebbitts action as keeper of a light station in remaining absent from the station under his charge for such periods as are referred to herein without proper authority or notice and without satisfactory explanation, cannot be tolerated or further overlooked if the station is to be operat[illegible] an efficient and dependable manner. As a very essential [illegible]on of any lighthouse keeper is reliability, and as Mr.E[illegible] himself to be entirely unreliable and unfit [illegible]er, it is recommended that he be dis-[illegible]per of Race Rock Light Station, New [illegible]1140.00 per annum, effective at the

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4. Mr.Ebbitts action as keeper of a light station in remaining absent from the station under his charge for such periods as are referred to herein without proper authority or notice and without satisfactory explanation, cannot be tolerated or further overlooked if the station is to be operated in an efficient and dependable manner. As a very essential qualification of any lighthouse keeper is reliability, and as Mr.Ebbitts has proven himself to be entirely unreliable and unfit for employment as a keeper, it is recommended that he be dismissed from the position of keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, with pay at the rate of $1140.00 per annum, effective at the close of December 31,1921.

5. The approval of this recommendation will not be in violation of Section 2, Rule 1, Civil Service Rules.

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

J. T. YATES.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 20, 1921.

M
r. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1080 per annum to $1140 per annum, effective September 14, 1921 (including $60 per annum longevity pay).

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) H. M. CROSS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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September 17th, 1921.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

SUBJECT: Longevity pay of Keepers.

1. It is recommended that increase in pay of $60.00 per annum, on account of longevity, be granted Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, effective September 14th, 1921. Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, entered the service September 14th, 1916. His present rate of pay is $1080. per annum, and the new rate, including longevity, will be $1140. per annum.

J. T. YATES.

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THIRD DISTRICT

Rau Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 19, 1921

Supt.

For the months of Aug. I received $65.87 all of which I gave to my parents. I have a wife and two boys to help support in New York city. There rent is $45.00 a month and if they don't get help from me they can not exist. Will you please send the remainder of my check to my wife who lives at 505 W 135 St. New York, city. I am not asking for it for myself, but I do ask for it in justice to my family.

Respectfully,
R. H. Christ,
Keeper.

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In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses and refer to date of this letter and file No.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1921.

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R. H. Ebbitts,
caution.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

1. Referring to your indorsement of Sept. 14, 1921, forwarding copy of letter of caution addressed to R. H. Ebbitts, keeper, Race Rock Light Station.

2. You are requested to submit further report at the end of six months in regard to this employee.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

See file 1001-1922 file

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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(Signed) H. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWO:MBM.

September 14,1921.

R.H. Ebbitts, Keeper.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty without leave.

REFERENCE: Letter from this office Sept.8th,1921, and your reply Sept.10th,1921.

1. Your explanation in reference to the matter of exceeding the authorized leave for the keepers at Race Rock Light Station is entirely unsatisfactory. Your comment in reference to remaining on the station all summer on account of workmen being employed there does not justify your taking excess leave at this time, since there is no reason why you should not have taken your leave each month, if desired, there being four keepers employed at the station. The allowance of leave for keepers at Race Rock Light Station is eight days per month and this allowance is not to be exceeded during any one month under any circumstances. You are directed to see that this allowance is adhered to at all times by yourself as well as the assistant keepers at your station and to refrain from telephoning this office or sending special letters to this office, requesting extension of leave as such are unnecessary unless very extraordinary conditions exist.

2. You are hereby cautioned on account of your violation of the regulations pertaining to leave of absence and advised that a repetition of this character will result in drastic disciplinary measures being taken.

J.T.YATES.

Sept.14th,1921.

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J.T.YATES.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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Mr. Ock. How about Ebbetts? Louis 9/12/21.

Raw Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 10, 1921

Supt.

I have not received my check and will you please send it as I need it to feed the workmen, my grocerie man is after me for money and I do not want him to cut me off.

Respectfully,
R. H. Christ,
Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept. 10, 1921

Supt.

I have been on this station most all summer with out any leave on account of men working here. On Aug. 17th I went on leave for eight days and most certainly did telephone to you to attend my leave, your answer was to put it in writing which I did on my return, I supposed every thing was satisfactory and was surprised on your letter of the 8th If I have not done right I certainly do apologize to you: If I had known it was going to cause me all this trouble I would not have taken any leave at all.

Hoping this is satisfactory I am very

Respectfully yours,

R. H. Chittys,

Keeper.

Please send my check as I am pay

my [illegible] Quartermaster Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FWO:MBM.

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

Sept. 8th, 1921.

R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as Keeper of Race Rock Light Station without leave or authority from August 17th to September 1st, 1921, and failing to forward to this office any report or notification that you were absent from duty or the cause of such absence, until after your return to your station after an absence of 15 days.

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

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

J.F.WHITE.

FWO:MBH. REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

Sept. 8th, 1921.

R. H. Ebbitts, Keeper.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

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

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

J.F.YATES.

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Do not pay salary to
R. A. Sabitta - Keeper
Race Rock Lt

beyond Aug 16, 1921, until
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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 5, 1921

Supt.

As I asked leave
permission for extended, I hope this is
satisfactory.
My Father has a cancer on his face and
I wanted to be with him.

Respectfully,
R. H. Chittick,
Keeper.

See File 2792-1920 file

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



REQUEST

Race Rock, Sept. 5, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Aug. 17 to Sept. 1st, inclusive, 1921. I have had 39 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute not needed
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

(Street or R. D. Route.) Southold, L. I. (City.) New York (State.)

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

Robert H. Chittis
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Chittis
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

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

.....

Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 a.M. Aug. 17, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 9.30 a.M. Sept. 1, 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 days.

Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert H. Chittis
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Chittis
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
SEP 8 1921
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Race Rock, Sept 5, 1921
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd. DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 15 days of shore liberty or leave, from Aug. 17 to Sept 1st, inclusive, 1921. I have had 39 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute not needed
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

(Street or R. D. Route.) Southold L.I. (City.) New York (State.)

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

Robert H. Chittick
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Chittick
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

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

.....

Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 8 a.M. Aug 17, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 7.30 a.M. Sept 1, 1921
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 days.

Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

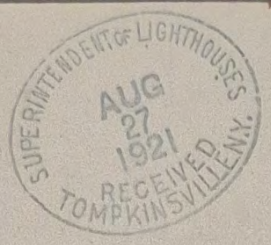
Robert H. Chittick
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Chittick
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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Phone
Memorandum by Insp

Someone on phone says he was from Rock Rock. Asked his name & where from repeatedly but could not obtain either. Could not understand what he said but it is about five days leave. Said he did not care a "g-d-" for the rules & regulations of the lighthouse service. He was instructed to write whatever he had to say

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug. 2, 1921

Supt.

In case of vacancy, I would like to be considered for keeper of the stations named below.

X Eatons Neck Lighthouse
X Hortons Point Lighthouse
X Montauk Point Lighthouse
X Plum Island Lighthouse
X Stratford Point Lighthouse
X Shinnecock Bay Lighthouse
X Watch Hill Lighthouse

Respectfully,
R. H. Christie, Keeper.

New Rochelle
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Aug 2, 1921

Supt.

In case of vacancy I would like to be considered for keeper of the stations named below.

Eatons Neck lighthouse
Horton's Point lighthouse
Montauk Point lighthouse
Plum Island lighthouse
Stratford Point lighthouse
Shinnecock Bay lighthouse
Watch Hill lighthouse

Respectfully,
R. H. Chittis, Keeper.

FWO-JHG

March 26,1921

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office dated Feb.26,1921.

1. Under date of Feb.26,1921, this office wrote you as follows:-

"Form 76, dated Jan.22,1921, requesting leave of absence for 22 days from Jan.11,1921, is returned herewith. This form does not call for information concerning leave taken in prior years, but does require that the number of days leave taken to date during the calendar year be stated. You will submit application for leave prepared strictly in accordance with the printed requirements."

2. The Form 76 referred to has not yet been received, and you are directed to forward same to this office by return mail.

D. T. YATES

FWO-JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

Feb. 26,1921

SUBJECT: Absence from station.
REFERENCE: Form 76 dated Feb.2nd and your letter Feb.21,1921.

1. Form 76, dated February 2,1921, requesting leave of absence for 22 days from January 11,1921, is returned herewith. This form does not call for information concerning leave taken in prior years, but does require that the number of days leave taken to date during the calendar year be stated. You will submit application for leave prepared strictly in accordance with the printed requirements.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockentels
1st Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHG

Feb. 26,1921

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from station.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 21,1921.

1. Your explanation concerning your absence from duty from Jan.11th to Feb.2nd,1921, has been noted and is not by any means considered satisfactory. Your failure to notify this office promptly that you were still ashore after the expiration of leave is inexcusable, since the regulations on the subject are very plain and explicit. This office is also not disposed to believe that the weather was such for a continuous period of two weeks to prevent you from returning to your station.

2. Your explanation in regard to two keepers being absent at one time is not satisfactory, since the regulations provide for the absence of only one keeper at a time, and you have not at any time been authorized to use your own judgment or to depart from the regulations. It is noted that these regulations have again been ignored in that the 1st assistant keeper and the 2nd assistant keeper are both absent from the station at the present time, and have been absent since Feb.7th.

3. The leave regulations at present are considerably more liberal than those in force in previous years, and there is no reason why keepers with good intentions cannot strictly comply therewith.

4. You are advised that a continuance of your violations of the regulations will not be tolerated, and a repetition of the occurrences in connection with leave that have lately occurred at your station will result in drastic disciplinary measures. You will see to it that all the assistant keepers at your station are fully advised in the matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst.Supt.

FWO-JHC

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Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

Feb. 23,1922

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

1. Transmitted herewith is copy of letter sent you on Feb. 7th relative to your absence from duty from Jan.11th to Feb.2nd and directing you to submit full explanation by return mail as to your failure to report to this office promptly at the expiration of your leave. No reply has as yet been received to said letter, and you are directed to forward same by return mail, and explain why you failed to reply to same promptly.

J. T. YATES.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 21, 1921

Supt.

My leave expired Jan. 19th and I reported back to Fort Wright on that date, on account of rough weather the assistant keepers could not come in for me, I could not get a boat to take me out to the station. I did not report my absence to the office as I expected to get out here every day, I assume you that I did not stay ashore for the fun of it, because I can afford it, I'm more tried harder to get back than I did. I was at Fort Wright every day until the boat came in after me.

T. H. Smith add. Keeper was absent, on leave from Jan. 10th to Feb. 25th, he wrote for extension of leave to the 2nd of Feb. The 2nd asst. Keeper was absent.

had he left two men go on leave at same time as four men could make it in 28 days, and our duty

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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is in such condition that it has to be smooth weather to land or get away from here. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory.

Respectfully
R. H. Chittle, Keeper.

PWO-JHG

February 7,1921

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter February 2,1921.

1. You are directed to submit full explanation by return mail as to why you failed to report to this office promptly at the expiration of your leave, as required by Section 4, Paragraph 108 of Instructions to Employees, instead of remaining absent over three weeks before report was made.

2. Also state what assistant keepers were absent between January 11th and February 2nd, and for what periods, and submit explanation as to why more than one man was allowed to be absent at the same time.

J. T. YATES.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb. 2, 1921

Keeper

Monthly report shows Asst Kpr Colby left Jan 11 & still absent Jan 31
Asst Kpr Smith, Add'l Kpr left Jan 10 & 11 " " " "

Per
Supvr.

I left this Station Jan. 11th on leave, and have not been able to get back until to day on account of bad weather, the asst. was not able to get ashore for me, The condition of the dock here is ruinus and is hard to launch a boat. I expect to see it one of these days.

Respectfully,
R. H. Chittick, Keeper.

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Request him to explain why he failed to make report to this Office promptly as required by Section 4th, Par 10 of Instrs to Employees, instead of remaining absent when 3 weeks before report was made.

Also state what asst Keepers were absent between Jan 11 and Feb 2, and for what periods, and explain fully why more than one man was allowed to be absent at the same time. Etc. Etc.

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SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED 1921 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. DIST. OF LIGHTHOUSES

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REQUEST

Race Rock (Station.), Jan. 22nd, 1921

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 22 days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan. 11th, 1921 to Feb. 2nd, 1921, inclusive, 1921. I have had two days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Substitute not needed
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

(Street or R. D. Route.), Southold, L.I., (City.), New York. (State.)

Robert H. Chittys
(Applicant's signature.)

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

Robert H. Chittys
Keeper in charge.

Keeper.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, April 6, 1921, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 22 days, from Jan. 11th to Feb. 2nd, inclusive, 1921, with the understanding that excess leave taken is to be deducted from leave for future months and not taken.

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

J. A. Hayes
Inspector, Supt. 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1.30 P.M. Jan 11, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 3.30 P.M. Feb 2, 1921.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 22 1/12 days.

Period charged: 22 1/12 days.

Robert H. Chittys
(Applicant's signature.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

Robert H. Chittys
Keeper in charge.

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Keeper.
(Title.)

COPY: SS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE?
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

December 13th, 1920.

My dear Sirs:

I write to extend to you my earnest wishes for a glad Christmas and a happy and useful new year. I am confident that the work of the public service committed to your hands will be well done in the year about to open, and I thank you for the past good work that makes this confidence possible.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) J. W. Alexander
Secretary of Commerce.

Keeper and Assistant Keepers,
Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.
(Through Commissioner of Lighthouses and
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, N.Y.)

Office of the Superintendent of Lighthouses, 3rd District,
AN:SS Tompkinsville, N.Y. December 15th, 1920.

Forwarded to Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Race Rock Light Station, C/o Fort Wright, Fishers Island, N.Y.

J. T. YATES

FWO/MBM.

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Nov. 8, 1920.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper.
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G. Wright, Fishers Island,
New York.

SUBJECT: New second assistant keeper.

REFERENCE: Endorsement of this office dated Oct. 28th, 1920.

1. Advise this office by return mail, whether or not Clarence J. Wright has as yet reported for duty as second assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station. If he has reported for duty, state on what date he arrived at the station.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F.W. OCHMPELS.

1st. Ass't. Supt.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT Civilian Employees Number 75

Letter from Ackenfels, F.H. 1st. Ass't. Sup't.

Date Oct. 22, 1920

Subject Indebtedness of Ebbitts, R.H.
Keeper of Race Rock Lt. Sta. to
Penseyres, Geo. H.

Original filed under

Unit Civilian Employees Number 75

Penseyres, Geo. H.

JHG

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Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

Oct. 21, 1920

SUBJECT: Vacancy in position of 2nd Asst. Keeper.
REFERENCE: Your letter Oct. 18, 1920.

1. You are advised that steps have heretofore been taken to obtain a man for the position of 2nd assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, but so far without results. Please advise whether you can recommend a suitable man for the position, and if so request him to fill out and forward to this office one of the enclosed application blanks.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

October 18, 1920

Supvr.

Having been with out a second asst. for over two month I find it difficult to keep the station as it should be kept, and if I am not asking to much, I would like to know when I may expect another man.

Respectfully,
R.H. Chittle, Keeper.

Pers - ans.

Steps have hitherto been taken to obtain a man for the pos. but so far without result. Please advise whether you can rec. a suitable man for the pos. & if so request him to file aut. for'd thro' dist. office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Dec. 8, 1919

1st did you order the money
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Pers - to Henrie
Ltr me
Pers - to Henrie
Pers - to Henrie
Pers - to Henrie

Form 73

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JHC

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. (City.) March 4,1919 (Date.) 191

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts

Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, Keeper

Salary, $1080 per annum

Location, Race Rock Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 1,1919 ~~the actual date of transfer to duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper

Former salary, $900 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William H. Hodges Services terminated, March 31,1919

Reason, Transferred.

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

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Mess

J. T. YATES.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1919.

M
r. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 900. per annum to $ 1080. per annum, effective **April 1, 1919, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty at the increased rate of pay.**

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
THIRD DISTRICT

Kenefaak Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 7, 1919

Superintendent

Sir your letter of April 4th received I mailed you the transfer of property and a letter March 31st stating I had turned the station property over to R H Ebbitts on March 31st 1919

W H Hedges
Keeper

Ebbitts & O D as Keeper Race Rocks Apl 1-1919

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 31, 1919

4-8-19
Letter was found
on inside of Farm
AHL

Superintendent

Sir-

Have this day
turned over station property of
Race Rock to Assistant Robert H Ebbitt
and taken receipt from him
for same

Respectfully

W H Hedges

Keeper

JBG

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper.
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright, Fishers Island, N.Y.

March 4, 1919

SUBJECT: Promotion to keeper of Race Rock.

1. You are advised you have been nominated for promotion to the position of keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta., and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself ready to enter on duty in that position as soon as definite orders are sent you. The probable date of your promotion will be about April 1st.

J. T. YATES

JHG

March 15,1919

Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is.,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Promotion to keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated March 8,1919 appointing you to the position of keeper of Race Rock Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to relieve the present keeper, Mr.Hedges, and take charge of the station as soon as Mr.Hedges leaves for his new position, 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. You will be taken up as having entered on duty as keeper of Race Rock Light Station on April 1,1919. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you take charge of the station.

J. T. YATES.

JHG

April 5, 1919

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Reports of entry on duty.

1. You are directed to forward to this office by return mail, by separate letters, report as to the date on which you took charge of Race Rock Light Station, and also, report as to the date on which Smith left for Penfield Reef Light Station, as directed by previous correspondence.

J. T. YATES.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 8, 1919

Supt.

I took charge of the Station on the 31st of March.

Respectfully,
Robert Id. Shutts

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 8, 1919

In re
Resignation of

Superintendent:

William H. Hedges left here March. 31

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chittenden

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

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R. H. Ebbitts - 1st. Ass't.

Cross-file UNIT ..... Number 75

Letter from J. P. Yates

Date Jan. 18 th. 1915

Subject Requesting a report as to the efficiency and reliability of First Ass't. Keeper and 2nd. Ass't. Keeper of Race Rock Light Sta.

Keeper Wm. H. Hedges reports above 1st. Ass't. Keeper has always been careful and efficient.

Original filed under

Unit Accidents - Number 606

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FWO:FM

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

December 24, 1925.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper
Stratford Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 581,
Bridgeport, Conn.

SUBJECT: Charges.

REFERENCE: Previous correspondence.

1. Referring to previous correspondence relative to absence from dutywithout leave or proper authority, etc.; transmitted herewith is Department letter dated December 14, 1925 dismissing you from the position of Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station. This dismissal will be effective at the close of the day following the date of day you receive this letter.

2. Thomas J. Burns, First Assistant Keeper of Stratford Shoal Light Station has been appointed to the position of Keeper and has this date been directed to relieve you and take charge of the Station. You will therefore turn over to Mr. Burns on date stated above the Station and all Government property under your control taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Three copies of form 30 are enclosed herewith.

3. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you turn the Station over to Mr. Burns.

J. T. YATES.

Superintendent.

Voucher Clerk

Dec. 21,1928

Robert H. Ebbitts, Keeper, Stratford Shoal Lt.Sta., has been dismissed from the service. Hold up December salary until effective date of dismissal is known and also until property return is O.K.

1st Asst.Supt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1917.

LIGHT DEC 21 1917 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JAN 10 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 3rd instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 18th instant, reporting that the services of Robert H. Ebbits, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, in the Lighthouse Service, have been satisfactory since the receipt by him of letter of reprimand dated June 23, 1917, and approves the recommendation that no further action be taken in his case at this time.

E. F. [illegible]

Acting Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 8, 1918.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York, for files of his office.

By direction of the Commissioner:

Clark

Chief Clerk.

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December 3,1917.

Commissioner:

Referring to Bureau's endorsement of June 23rd 1917 on Department letter of June 22nd relative to charges of intoxication preferred against Robert H.Ebbitts, 1st Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

The Bureau is advised that during the past six months Mr.Ebbitts' services have been entirely satisfactory and there has been no occasion for criticism for his use of intoxicants, and it is recommended that no further action be taken.

J T Yates

FWO-WJL

Department of Public Charities,
Bureau of Social Investigations,
Division of Domestic Relations,
124 East 59th Street, New York,N.Y.

October 16,1917.

Sirs:

Referring to your letter dated October 1st 1917 concerning Robert H.Ebbitts who is employed as first assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station.

You are advised that the matter was taken up with Mr. Ebbitts and there is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter received from him dated October 10th 1917.

So far as this office has knowledge of the matter, Mr. Ebbitt's statement appears to be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector

FWO-WJL

October 16,1917.

Robert H.Ebbitts,1st Asst.Keeper,
THROUGH THE KEEPER,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Fort Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of October 10th 1917 concerning the matter of your children referred to in letter dated Oct. 1st 1917 received from the Department of Public Charities, of the City of New York.

You are advised that your statement in regard to the matter appears to be satisfactory.

J T Yates

Copy WJL

Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service
Third District
Race Rock Light Sta.

Oct 10,1917.

Inspector:

In reply to your letter of Oct.2nd asking for a full statement of facts. All I can say is that Mrs.Ebbitts and I separated about six years ago, at that time I placed my two sons with my Father, and they are still with him, he has know intentions of sending them to Mrs.Ebbitts. He told me that himself, I am paying at the rate of eight to ten dollars a week for their board. I don't ask any help from Mrs.Ebbitts or desire any, I don't even know her address.

My Father will acknowledge the truth of this letter if you care to investigate further.

I sincerely hope that this statement will be satisfactory

Respectfully,

sgd Robert H.Ebbitts 1st asst.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct. 10, 1917

Inspector:-

In reply to your letter of Oct. 2nd asking for a full statement of facts, all I can say is that Mrs. Chittis and I separated about six years ago, at that time I placed my two sons with my Father, and they are still with him, he has known intentions of sending them to Mrs. Chittis, he told me that himself, I am paying at the rate of eight to ten dollars a week for their board, I don't ask any help from Mrs. Chittis or desire any, I don't even know her address.

My Father will acknowledge the truths of this letter if you care to investigate further.

I sincerely hope that this statement will be satisfactory.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Chittis / Ch Asst.

FWO-WJL

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Robert H.Ebbitts,1st Asst.Keeper, October 2,1917.
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright, Fishers Island,N.Y.

Enclosed for your information is copy of letter dated October 1st 1917 received from the Department of Public Charities of the City of New York.

It is requested that you furnish this office with a full statement of the facts concerning the matter referred to in the attached letter.

J T Yates

Copy WJL

Department of Public Charities
of the City of New York

Bureau of Social Investigations
Division of Domestic Relations
124 East 59th Street
Borough of Manhattan, N.Y.

Oct. 1, 1917.

Re: Elizabeth vs Robert Ebbitts.

Light House Inspector,
Lighthouse Department,
Tompkinsville, S.I.

Dear Sir:-

You suggested that this office inform you as to facts in regard to Robert Ebbitts, Assistant Light House Keeper at the Race Rock Light House, Mrs. Ebbitts having complained that he placed his two sons with his father, that his father now refuses to keep them and that if they are returned to her, she is totally unable to provide. You kindly offered to communicate with Mr. Ebbitts and try and induce him to straighten out this matter amicably.

Thanking you for any assistance you see proper to give us, I am

Respectfully yours,

sgd Ira T. Upshaw
Superintendent

ITU/SHK

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BUREAU OF SOCIAL INVESTIGATIONS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS
124 EAST 59TH STREET
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, N. Y.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Oct. 1, 1917.

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Ira D. Cohen

ITU/SHK

Superintendent.

JHS-SW

July 9th 1917.

Returned to Commissioner.

Attached are copies of letters written June 29th and July 3rd to Mr.Ebbitts, and copies of his replies thereto. There is enclosed also copy of a letter of May 8th from Mr. Hedges, Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, concerning postal card he received from Mr. Ebbitts.

J. T. YATES

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST.
JUL 6 1917
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Race Rock Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

July, 6, 1917

Inspector.

In answer to paragraph 3 I wish to state that I did report to the Keeper by postal card that my hand was in bad shape and would have to remain ashore for treatment.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Phillips 1st Asst.

M H Hedges
Keeper

COPY SW

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Race Rock Light Sta.
July 6, 1917.

Inspector.

In answer to paragraph 3 I wish to state that I did report to the Keeper by postal card that my hand was in bad shape and would have to remain ashore for treatment.

(Sgd) - Respectfully,
Robert H. Ebbitts,
1st Asst.

(Sgd) - W.H.Hedges
Keeper.

COPY-SW

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July 3rd 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of July 2nd, what is required by this office, in answer to paragraph 3 of letter of June 29th, is a statement explaining why you did not submit a report, either to the keeper or to this office, when your hand became infected so that you were disabled for work.

(Sgd) - J.T.Yates.

JHS-SW

July 3rd 1917.

Robert H.Ebbitts,1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, N.Y.

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J.T.Yates

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Race Rock Light Sta.
July 2, 1917.

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Inspector.

1st. All I can say is that I knocked the skin off my hand while cleaning engine, happened to rub along side a nut and off came the skin.

2nd. I did not report the accident within 48 hours because I had no idea such a little accident was going to cause such trouble.

3rd. I did not report for duty when disability commenced because I had to have it dressed every day by the doctor.

I have answered the questions to the best of my ability.

(Sgd) Respectfully,
Robert H.Ebbitts,
1st Asst.

(Sgd)
W.H.Hedges
Keeper

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Respectfully,

M H Hodges
Keeper

Robert H Ebbitts
1st asst.

COPY-SW

June 29th 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Island, N.Y.

Referring to injury alleged to have been sustained by yourself on April 7th, you will make report immediately on the subject of each of the following paragraphs.

1. Submit a statement in detail showing how the injury occurred.
2. Submit a statement explaining your failure to report the accident within 48 hours from the time it happened, as required by law.
3. Explain why you did not make report when disability for duty commenced.

(Sgd) - J.T.Yates.

JHS-SW

June 29th 1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Island,N.Y.

Returned herewith is your report, dated May 13th 1917, of injury alleged by Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper, to have been sustained by him on April 7th,1917.

You will make reply to questions 11, 12, and 13, and return the report to this office as soon as possible.

J. T. YATES

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
JHS-SW

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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

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J. T. Yates
Inspector

Enc.

In regard to questions 12 & 13
It is impossible for me to answer them
When three men are on the station one man
goes on watch at sundown until midnight
Then one from midnight to sunup The 3rd
man has all night in When there are two
men We stand watch and watch Take
an average and we work 12 hrs a day

Respectfully
W H Hedges

JHS-SW

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J. T. YATES

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JUN 23 1917

Reprimand.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
First Assistant Keeper, Race Rock Light Station,
New York.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York).

The Bureau has been advised that when you arrived at Fort H. G. Wright, May 25, 1917, on the quartermaster steamer, you were intoxicated to such extent as to make it necessary for the guard at Fort H. G. Wright to restrain you.

In this connection, your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, paragraphs 28, 29, and 30, in regard to the use of intoxicants. Personal habits which are liable to detract from the ability to perform duty in times of stress or danger, will not be excused or tolerated. Habits of intemperance militate against the prospects of employees for promotion, and, if carried to excess, can but result in dismissal. After careful consideration, it has been decided that no more drastic action will be taken at present, than to severely reprimand you for your violation of the instructions above referred to, and warn you that a further report and recommendation will be made in your case at a later date, at which time, if further infractions of the instructions are brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary action will be taken in your case.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Copy-SW

Recd 6/29/17

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

UNION TRUST BUILDING
WASHINGTON

6500
Arthur H. Deibert
Secretary and Solicitor

June 23, 1917.

Sir:

Papers in the compensation case of Robert H. Ebbitts, light keeper, Bureau of Lighthouses, Tompkinsville, New York, are returned with the request that questions 11, 12, and 13 in the report of injury be answered and that a detailed statement be furnished by the claimant showing how the injury is alleged to have been sustained.

It is further requested that the claimant explain his failure to report the injury within forty-eight hours, as required by the Act of September 7, 1916.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) R.M. Little

Chairman.

The Secretary of Commerce,

Washington, D.C.

Inclosure 1064
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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
June 27, 1917

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York,
for remarks and return.

(Sgd) Conway,
Acting Commissioner.

Accompanying were
CA-1b Report of Injury
Letter to Bur. fwdg. above 5/16/17
CA-2b Report of Exam. of Claim.
CA-4b Claim.
Letter to Ebbitts re correcting claim 6/16/17
" from " " " " 6/12/17

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1917.

LIGHT JUN 23 1917 HOUSES
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. JUN 27 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Receipt is acknowledged of the Third Inspector's letter of the 18th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 20th instant, relative to the charge of intoxication preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York.

Upon consideration of the matter, the Department has approved the recommendation that no more drastic action be taken at this time than to address a severe letter of reprimand to Mr. Ebbitts (copy to be furnished the Department for its files), with the understanding that a further lapse of this character at any time will result in immediate suspension and dismissal. It is noted that further report and recommendation will be submitted at the end of six months.

By direction of the Secretary:

E. W. Libbey

Acting Chief Clerk.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
June 23, 1917.

2 incls.

To Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, New York.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Inclosed are original and copy of letter of reprimand to Ebbitts. Make further report and recommendation at end of 6 months.

Conway

Acting Commissioner.

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June 18,1917

Commissioner:-

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Letter dated May 25,1917 from Major R.L.Carmichael,C.A.C.
2. Letter dated May 27,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
3. Copy of letter of charges, dated May 28,addressed to Ebbitts.
4. Letter dated May 28th from Ebbitts.
5. Letter dated June 1st,1917 from Keeper Hedges.
6. Letter dated June 5th from Ebbitts.
7. Copy of letter dated June 9th to Keeper Hedges, with his endorsement thereon dated June 14th.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that 1st Asst.Keeper Ebbitts be reprimanded for violation of the Regulations, but that no further action be taken in the matter at this time owing to the difficulty of obtaining men.

J. T. YATES.

SW

June 6th 1917.

Robert H.Ebbitts,1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y.

Returned herewith is your claim for compensation with the request that you make proper answer to question 15.

What is required is a statement whether or not you engaged in your usual or any vocation between April 18th the date incapacity for work began, and May 2nd the date on which you returned to duty.

Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

J.T.Yates

Copy WJL

Race Rock Light Sta
June 5,1917.

Inspector

Your letter of May 28 received.

I had a heavy cold on my lungs and I did take a few drinks of liquor as I thougt it would do me good, not being used to the stuff I suppose it made me sick to my stomach. I never have been in such condition before, and I was not as bad as they report me. I have never been discharged from any position, and I appeal to you for one more chance.

Respectfully,

sgd Robert H.Ebbitts.

sgd W.H.Hedges
Keeper

COPY-SW

Race Rock Light Sta.

June 12, 1917

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Inspector-

Question 15, I did not engage in any work or business between April 18th to May 2nd.

Sgd- Robert H. Ebbitts
1st Asst.

W.H.Hedges
Keeper.

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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 4th, 1917

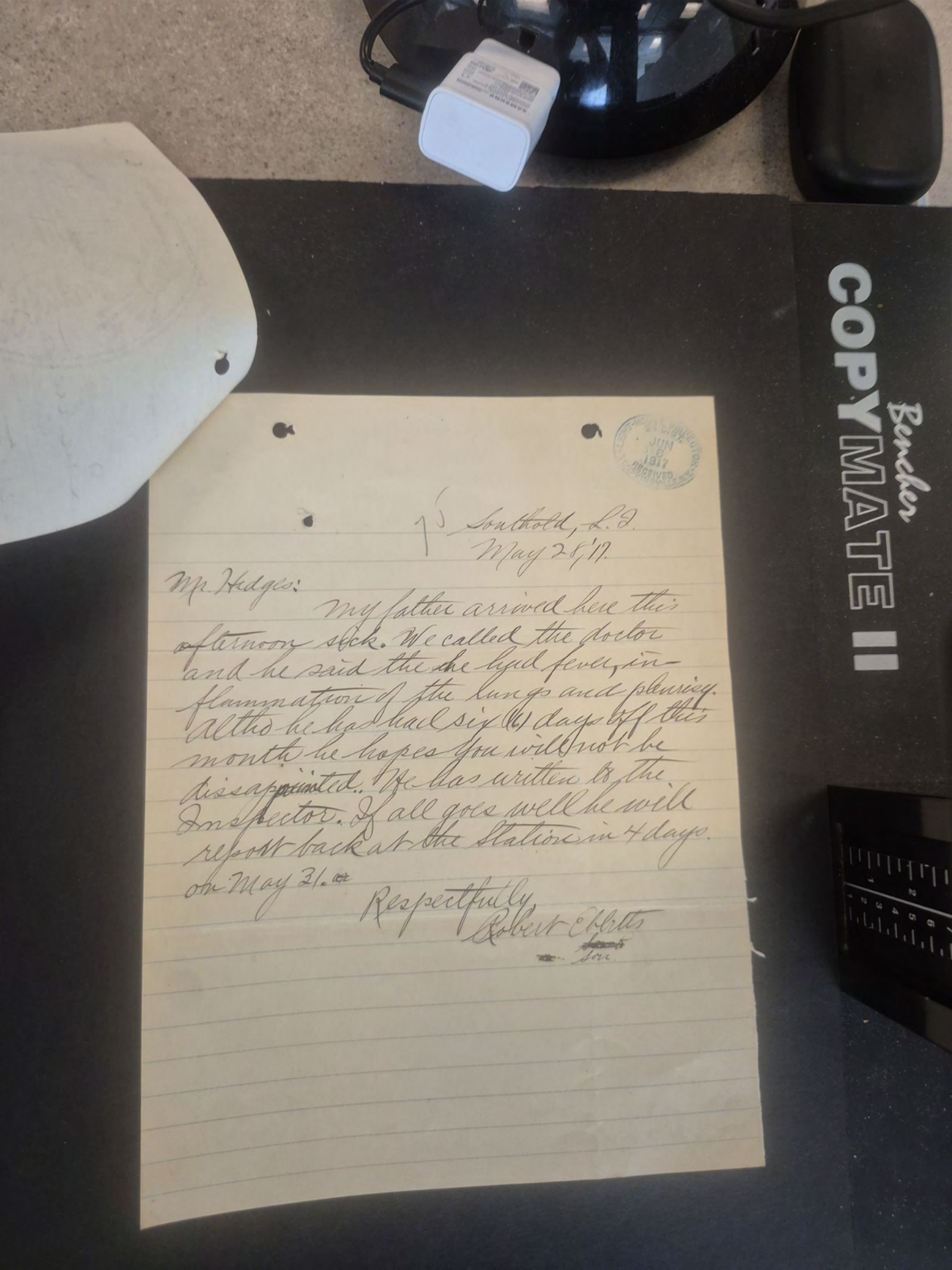
Inspector

R H & Lobitz 1st-asst returned to station today June 4th at 12.30 P M

Respectfully.

W H Hedges

Keeper



Southold, L.I.
May 28, '17.

Mr. Hedges:

My father arrived here this afternoon sick. We called the doctor and he said the he had fever, inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy. Altho he has had six (6) days off this month he hopes you will not be disappointed. He has written to the Inspector. If all goes well he will report back at the Station in 4 days. on May 31st

Respectfully,
Robert C. Bates
Son.

FWO-WJL

15

June 2,1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright,Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of June 1st concerning First Assistant Keeper Ebbitts.

You are advised that Mr.Ebbitts has informed this office that he is at home ill. In his letter of May 28th 1917 he stated that he expected to return to the station in four days.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

J T Yates

Haskell

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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THIRD DISTRICT

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

June 2nd, 1917

Inspector

I received a registered letter from you this day, addressed to R. H. Ebbitts. He left for Race Rock Lighthouse, on June 1st at 8 A.M. I signed for it and forward it to Him at Race Rock Light Station.
He has been under the Doctors care since last monday May 28th. Was not well when He left here.

R. Ebbitts
Keeper

JHG

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Robert H. Ebbitts, May 31,1917

Southold, L.I., N.Y.

Transmitted herewith is copy of letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 28,1917, the original of which was mailed to you at Race Rock Light Station on that date.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

REGISTERED ARTICLE No. 1352

INSURED PARCEL No. .....

SOUTHOLD JUN 2 3 PM 1917 N.Y.

Return to Keeper of Lighthouse
(Name of sender.)

Street and Number, or Post Office Box, Sub 2 Hlds

Post Office at STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

State .....

and Date of Delivery.

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JHG

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Robert H. Ebbitts,

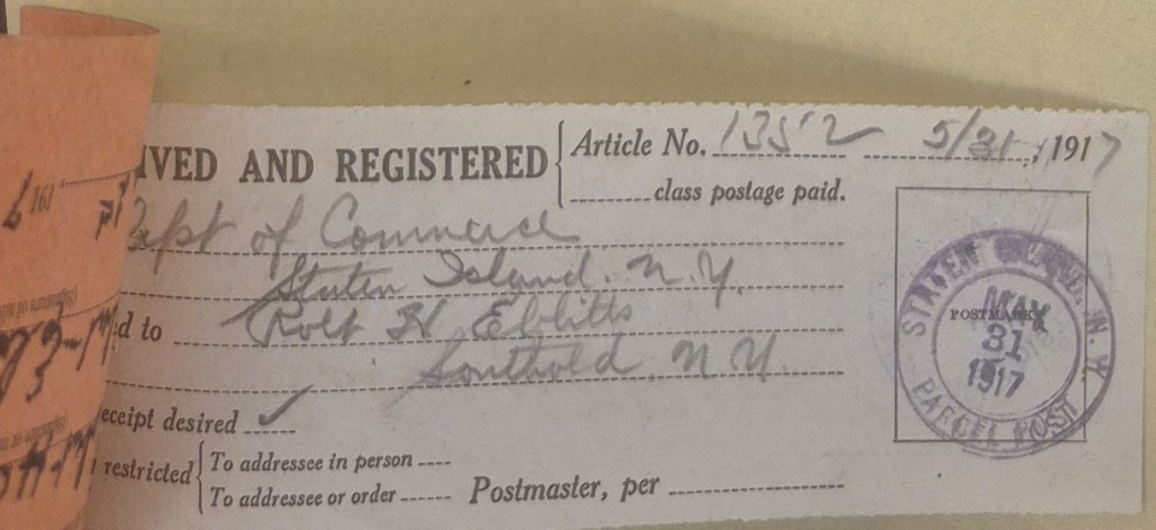
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J. T. YATES.

Inspector



RETURN RECEIPT.



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

Robert H Ellis

(Signature or name of addressee.)

Robert H Ellis

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, June 2nd, 1917

Form 3811

May 31, 1917

April 10

Edwards, asst Kpr. Rock, absent + under charges — Hold up pay for May.

April — Pay for May, also for June, monthly report does not show sickness absence

FWO-WJL

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May 31,1917.

Commanding Officer,
Fort H.G.Wright,
N.Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your communication dated May 26th 1917 relative to Robert H.Ebbitts arriving at Fort Wright in a drunken condition on May 25th 1917.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

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REGISTERED MAIL
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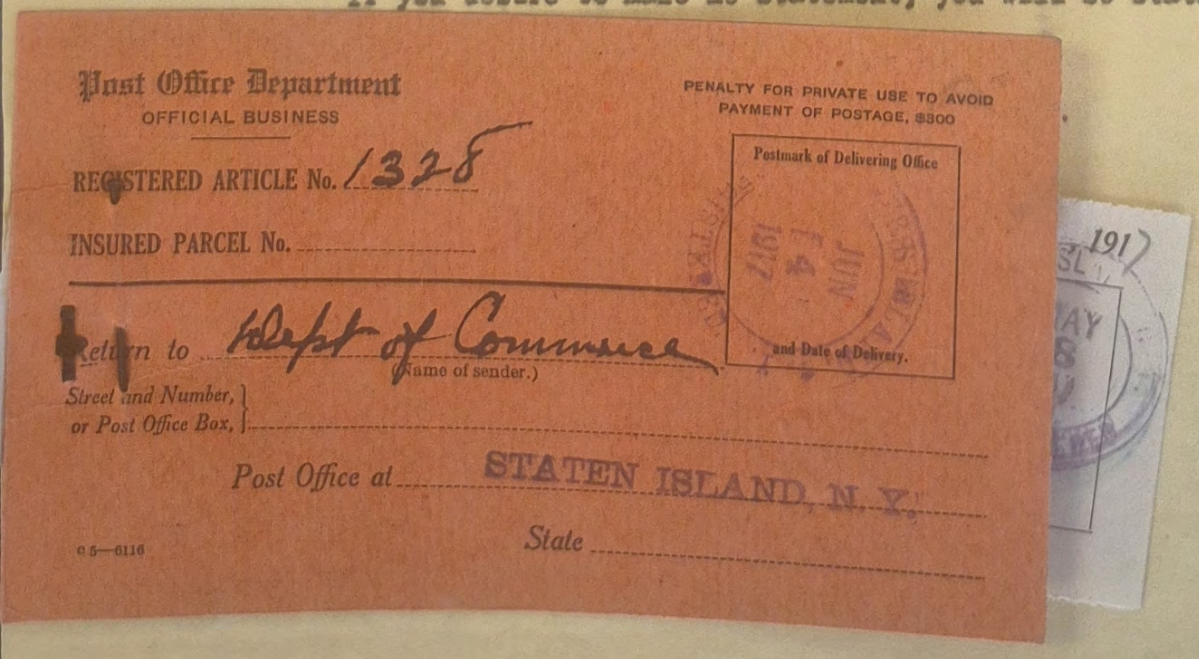
Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is.,N.Y.
(Through the Keeper)

May 28,1917

You are hereby charged with being in a drunken condition when you arrived at Fort H. G. Wright on the Quartermaster's Steamer on May 25th,1917, your drunken condition at that time being such as to make necessary for the guard at Fort H. G. Wright to restrain you.

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

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



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REGISTERED MAIL
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Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is.,N.Y.
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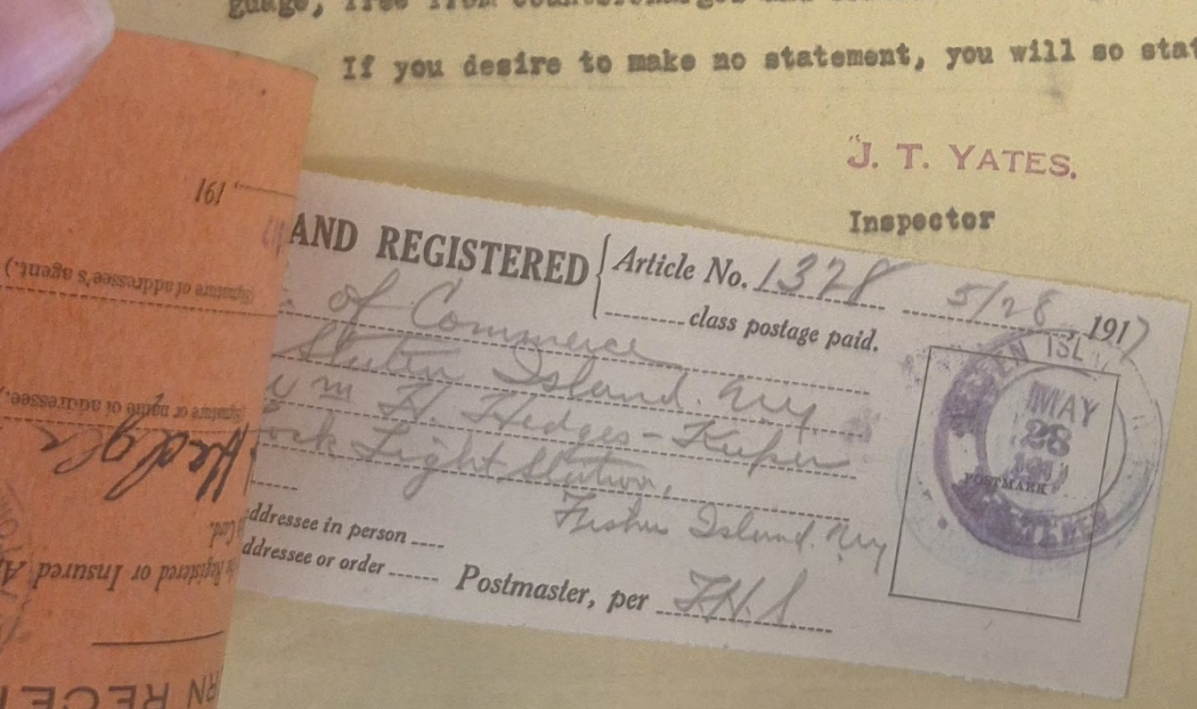
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J. T. YATES.
Inspector



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COPY

Southold, L. I.

May 28,1917

Inspector

I have had six (6) days off this month and had to come home on account of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy and am confined to my bed. I hope to report back to Race Rock Lighthouse in four (4) days, also have some fever. I am attended Dr.J.M.Hartrauft.

Respectfully,

Robert H. Ebbitts,

1st Asst.

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FWO-WJL

June 9,1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright Fishers Island,N.Y.

7J

Referring to the reply to charges received from Assistant Keeper Ebbitts, copy enclosed.

Please advise this office by return mail as to whether or not Mr.Ebbitts' services have been satisfactory as First Assistant Keeper of the station in your charge.

J T Yates

June 14,1917

Inspector

In reply to the above will say that Mr.Ebbitts services as 1st asst.keeper have been satisfactory.

Respectfully,

W. H. Hedges

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Robert R. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper, May 28,1917
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to letter of charges addressed to you under date of May 1,1917 relative to your absence from duty as 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, without leave, during part of the months of April and May, and to your letter dated May 7th submitting as anexplanation of your absence the statement you had been injured in the course of your employment.

In view of the explanation submitted as to the reason of your absence from duty without leave, no further action will be taken at this time in regard to same.

You are, however, hereby cautioned for having failed to promptly notify either this office or the keeper of Race Rock Light Station as to the cause of your failure to return to duty, and advised that should another similar breach of the rules be brought to the attention of this office, more severe disciplinary measures will be taken.

The fact that you have been cautioned will be made a part of your official record in the Lighthouse Service.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Two copies forwarded to the Commissioner for information contained, in accordance with Bureau endorsement of May 25,1917.

J. T. YATES.

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COPY

Race Rock

May 27,1917

Inspector

I sent 1st asst.Ebbitts and 2nd Asst.Carr ashore on May 24th, Ebbitts to get the doctors papers fixed. I sent Carr as the weather did not promise very good and thought two men could get back better than one.

It was so rought that night they could not get back and the next morning, the 25th, they started back. It was pretty rough and Carr says Ebbitts was under the influence of liquor so he turned and put back to Fort Wright. Ebbitts fell overboard and Major Carmichael saw the condition Ebbitts was in and had him put in the guard house to sober up. Saturday Ebbitts took the 8:45 civillian boat back to N.L. and Carr returned to the station as soon as the weather permitted, which was the morning May 27th? Car says that Major Carmichael has reported the matter to you.

Respectfully,

W. H. Hedges

Keeper

JHS-SW

May 26th 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y.

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Returned herewith is your claim for compensation on account of injury.

You will correct the reply to question 7 to read $564.00 per annum with subsistence allowance of .30 per day.

Correct the answer to question 14, the Keeper having reported previously that you returned to duty at 9:00 A.M. on May 2nd.

Also amplify your reply to question 15, inasmuch as you did not perform your regular duties for the whole period between April 7th, the date of injury, and May 24th, the date of affidavit. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

J. T. YATES

SW-COPY
C-A-4B

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY

6666

Name. Robert H.Ebbitts. Age 43 Sex Male

Address, Race Rock Light Sta. Fishers Island, N.Y.

Married. Occupation Asst. Keeper

Rate of Pay $564.00 per annum Subsistence .30 per day

Time of accidental injury. April 7,1917, Saturday 2.P.M.

Work being done when injured. Cleaning engine

Cause of injury. Knocked skin from right hand while cleaning engine

Nature of injury. Infected hand.

Name of witnesses. Not any.

Incapacity for work began. April 18,1917, Wednesday 3.PM.

First able to resume work. May 2, 1917, Wednesday 9.AM

Work done since injury.

Dates of other injuries for which compensation was paid. None

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Signed- Robert H. Ebbitts

State of New York

County of Suffolk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of May 1917.

Signed Radford C. Shanklin
Notary Public.

SEAL

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

of employee. Robert H .Ebbitts.

ate of first treatment. April 19. date of last treatment May 1,1917

Approximate number of treatments. 5.

Nature of illness or disability. Infected R. hand.

Extent and condition of the injury,etc. Infected R. hand. Redness, Swollen.

Was the employee confined to his bed. No.

If not confined to his bed, was he confined to his home. No.

Was ~~his~~ he disabled from performing his ordinary duties. Yes

If so when did such disability begin? April 1st.

Has the employee sufficiently recovered to resume his occupation? Yes.

If so on what date was he first able to resume work. May 2, 1917.

In your opinion are any permanent results from injury probable? No.

Has the employee given you a history of accident? If so state briefly.

While cleaning engine lacerated hand.

In your opinion is the condition described above due to such injury as stated by the employee. Yes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY etc-

Signed F.M.Dunn.

May 24th 1917

149 State St. New London, Conn.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Physical examination not taken

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

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Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Lt.Sta.,
Fishers Island, N.Y.

May 23,1917

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

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

After you have been given a physical examination by the medical officer designated on attached Form 206, said Form 206 will be returned to you by the medical officer. You will then send it to this office so that it may be recorded, after which it will be returned to you. The original copy of Form 206 will then be your property, and you are directed to preserve it and keep it in your possession for future reference.

J. T. YATES

Inspector

File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RELIEF BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

PLACE, Tompkinsville, N.Y.

DATE, May 23, 1917, 191

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

New London, Conn.

SIR:

Please examine Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Kpr., Race Rock Lt.Stn.

nativity, United States; age, 43; height, 5 feet, 6½ inches;

weight, 145 pounds; color of hair, Brown; color of eyes, Brown

distinguishing marks, None

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,
Lighthouse Inspector.

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.) Witnessed by.....Keeper, Race Rock.....Lt.Stn.

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE,

DATE, , 191

To LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR,

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

He is disqualified for the reasons shown on page 3.

Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

William H. Hedges,
.....Keeper
Race Rock
.....Light Station
Fishers Island, N.Y.
.....

April 24,1917

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

Be careful to see that the information given is accurate.

Height...5.....feet..6½..inches

Weight..145....pounds

Color of hair..Brown...

Color of eyes..Brown.

Distinguishing marks.....

J T YATES
Inspector

Date..May 2 - 1917

Returned to Inspector, the information requested having been inserted above.

.....W H Hedges.....Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1917.

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 23 1917

RECEIVED MAY 28 1917 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 16th instant, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 23rd instant, relative to the matter of charges preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, first assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, on account of unauthorized absence from duty, and in view of the explanation submitted by Mr. Ebbitts, approves the recommendation that no further action be taken than to direct the Inspector to address a letter of caution to him, a copy of the same to be furnished the Department for its files.

The folder which accompanied the Bureau's communication is returned herewith, as requested.

E. F. Sweet

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
MAY 25 1917

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1 Incl

To Lighthouse Inspector, ... 2 Tompkinsville N.Y.
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Your folder in this case is enclosed.

Address a letter of caution to Mr. Ebbitts, sending two copies thereof to this office.

Acting Commissioner.

Enclosure 372.
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REVISED JUNE 15, 1913
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REPORT OF TERMINATION OF DISABILITY

[To be forwarded to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as disability from injury terminates.]

1. Department of Commerce. [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office Lighthouses. [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Name of injured employee Robert H. Ebbitts. [Give first name in full.]

4. Time of injury April 7th [Date.], 1917 Saturday [Day of week.] 2:00 p.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

5. Time employee stopped work April 13th [Date.], 1917 Friday [Day of week.] 1:00 p.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

6. First day employee was able to work May 2nd [Date.], 1917 Wednesday [Day of week.] 9:00 a.m. [Hour, a.m. or p.m.]

7. Did employee return to work after termination of disability? Yes

If so, when? May 2nd 1917.

8. Actual time disabled (Sundays and holidays included) 13 days- 18 hours days.

9. Working days disabled (actual working time) 13 days- 18 hours days.

10. Remarks Re question 5, employee left the light station on Friday April 13th at 1:00 P.M. to go on shore leave. He stated that incapacity began on Wednesday, April 18th at 3:00 P.M. while he was on leave.

The above report is made this 21st day of May, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

J.T.Yates
[Signature of reporting officer.]

Inspector.
[Title.]

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(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

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May 21st 1917.

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright, N.Y.

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If you wish to make claim for compensation for time lost on account of the injury you claim you sustained while on duty at the station on April 7th 1917, the enclosed form should be used.

Your signature to the claim must be made in the presence of the notary public before whom you appear to take the required oath. The physician's certificate on page 3 of the blank should be filled out by the doctor who treated your injury, and who should answer all questions thereon.

J.T.Yates

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May 16,1917

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1 - Copy of letter of charges dated May 1st, addressed to Ebbitts.
2 - Letter, dated May 7th, from Ebbitts.

In addition there is enclosed a folder of correspondence re Ebbitts absence from duty, which it is requested be returned to this office.

Mr. Ebbitts having submitted explanation to the effect that he was injured in the course of his employment, report of injury on Form C.A.-1b has to-day been forwarded to the Bureau. In view of Mr.Ebbitts statement that his absence was due to an injury, it is recommended that no action be taken at this time in his case, other than to caution him to notify this office and also the keeper of the station promptly should he at any future time be prevented for any reason from returning to duty upon the expiration of leave granted him.

Mr.Ebbitts will not be paid salary by this office for the period from April 18,1917, the date he claims incapacity began, to May 1st, inclusive. In view of his statement that this absence was due to injury, payment for this period will be subject to the action of the Compensation Commission.

J. T. YATES.

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May 16th 1917.

Commissioner:-

Referring to the attached report of injury of Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, employee left the station April 13th to go on shore leave, and was to have returned on April 20th, but did not come back until May 2nd. Before leaving the station Ebbitts told the Keeper that he was going ashore to do some work for his father who was going to Providence on business. Employee returned at 9:00 A.M. on May 2nd, and by letter of the same date, in explanation of his absence, stated that he had a sore hand which he had injured at the light on April 7th and had stayed ashore by advice of physician to have it attended to, and that it had been dressed five times;- and that for the previous five days he had tried to return to the station but was prevented by weather conditions.

Before leaving the station on April 13th, Ebbitts made no report about having injured his hand on April 7th, and nothing was known of any injury until he reported to the light on May 2nd, and stated that while he was ashore on leave, his hand became infected and started to swell, and that the doctor told him he was not fit for duty.

J. T. YATES

May 16-17.

April: 15

Pay Ebbitts, Race Rock Ky
Apr. 1 – 17th inc. & from
May 2d.

Absence from April 18th
& inc May 1st due to
injury.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 13 th, 1917

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 15 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Dpart of Injury Form CA 1 & 2

Inspector

Enclosed find Ebbitts report of injury Also P H Cann receipt for instructions 2 filled out Ebbitts report as he said 2 know nothing about it except his hand was done up when he came back 2 am sure 2 mailed you the second receipt of P H Cann But am sending you the print on which was misland

Respectfully

W H Hedge
Keeper

FWO-WJL

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May 11,1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright,Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of May 8th enclosing letter of May 7th from 1st Assistant Keeper Ebbitts stating that his absence from duty was due to the fact that he knocked the skin off his hand in the engine room at Race Rock Light Station, the injury having become infected, etc.

Advise this office by return mail whether or not you have personal knowledge of Mr.Ebbits having injured his hand in the engine room at Race Rock Light Station as he claims, or if you did not actually witness the occurrence state as to whether or not Mr.Ebbitts reported the matter to you at the time it occurred.

Enclosed is blank form "Report of Injury" which you will please fill out being careful to confine your answers to questions to facts as you actually know them.

Direct Mr.Ebbitts to obtain and forward to this office through you a certificate from the doctor who attended him while ashore.

J T Yates

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LIGHT-HOUSE DIST. INSPECTOR
MAY 15 1917
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

F. M. DUNN, M. D.
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

May 9th 1917.

This is to certify that I have attended Robert H. Ebbetts on account of a bodily infection Right hand, and advised him to remain on shore for treatment.

F. M. Dunn M.D.

FWO-WJL

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May 8,1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright,Fishers Island,N.Y.

Your letter of May 2nd reporting that First Assistant Keeper Ebbitts returned to duty on May 2nd and enclosing a letter from Mr.Ebbitts explaining why he was absent has been received. The letter of charges from this office dated May 1st addressed to Mr.Ebbitts had evidently not been received by him when he forwarded his letter dated May 2nd, and you are therefore requested to instruct Mr.Ebbitts to answer letter from this office of May 1st forwarding with his letter any evidence he may wish to submit in support of his answer.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Raymond Haskell

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Race Rock
May 8th 1917.

Inspector.

Enclosed find letter from 1st Asst. Keeper R.H.Ebbitts. He sent me a postal in care wharfinger at Fort Wright saying he had blood poison in his hand. I did not get card in time to let you know before he wrote you after he came back, in fact there was nothing to write as the card said he would write me later which he did not do.

(Sgd) - Respectfully,
W.H.Hedges.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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Race Rock Light Station,

Inspector

May 7,1917

Your letter of May 1st received to day. In regard to explanation I wish to state that I knocked the skin off my hand in the engine room on this station. While on leave of absence it started to swell. On return at New London I went to a Dr. and he advised me to stay ashore as it needed dressing every day and that I was not fit for duty as injection had set in my hand. It is still bandaged, but I am doing my duty to the best of my ability. I would have been off at the station four or five days sooner but I could not get here on account of rough weather. I also wish to state that I notified Keeper Hedges as to me condition by postal card.

Respectfully,

Robert H. Ebbitts

1st Asst.Keeper

W.H.Hedges,

Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rare Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 2nd, 1917

Inspector

R H Abbitt 1st asst keeper returned to duty today May 2nd 1917 at 9.00 A M Enclosed is letter to you explaining why he was absent Enclosed find leave of absence blanks to cover the time allowed him

Respectfully

W H Healey
Keeper

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 15 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock light-Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May. 2, 1917

Inspector-

I returned to the Station May. 2nd at 9, a.m.
I have had a sore hand and the Dr. advised me to stay ashore as it looked bad. I have had it dressed five times. I also have tried to get off to the Sta. for the last five days, but could not get there on account of rough weather.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Whitten

W H H edger

Keeper

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

May 1,1917

You are hereby charged with being absent from duty as 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, New York, without leave, you have been granted seven days leave of absence on April 12th, at the expiration of which leave you did not return to your duties nor had you returned up to the close of April 28th. You have also failed to advise the keeper or this office as to the reason of your absence or to submit any explanation in regard to same.

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

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

J. T. YATES.

Post Office Department
OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Original Reg. No. 1003
RETURN TO: Keeper
(Name of sender.)
Street and Number, or Post-Office Box, 2nd 2 Wards
Post Office at Staten Island
County Richmond State N.Y.

This card must be neatly and correctly made up and addressed at the post office where the article is registered. The postmaster who delivers the registered article must see that this card is properly signed, legibly postmarked, and mailed to the sender, without envelope or postage.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, $300

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Postmark of Delivering Office and Date of Delivery

MAY 12 1917

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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Race Rock Light Station,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

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J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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J. T. YATES.

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Robert H.Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. MAY 3 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Rau Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 1st, 1917

Inspector

R H Ebbitt 1st asst-
hen not returned to duty at
Rau Rock Am boat has been
to Fort Wright several times
But have not been able to get him
It seems as if he came over
from st w London on one boat
and took the next boat back
Dis not know what to make of it

Respectfully

W H Hedges
Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 28, 1917

To

Inspector

your letter of the 24th concerning R H Ebbitt leave at hand He went on leave April 18th And was due back at station on April 28th 2 let him have the extra two days as he told me His father the keeper of Horton Point light wanted to go to Providence on business And he was going to look after the light for him

Respectfully

W H Hedges

Keeper

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. APR 24 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Raw Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 23, 1917

Inspector

R. H. Tobbitt 1st asst left station on leave April 13th 1917 Has not reported back for duty And I have not heard from him We are about out of drinking water Please send tender north some as soon as possible

Respectfully

W H Hodges
Keeper

FWO-WJL

April 24,1917.

William H.Hedges,Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
c/o Ft.Wright, Fishers Island,N.Y.

Referring to your letter of April 23rd 1917 stating that the first assistant keeper Ebbitts left the station on leave on April 13th and has not returned to duty.

You are directed to inform this office of the date on which Mr.Ebbitts was due to return to the station. Your letter gives no information whatever as to how much leave you granted Assistant Keeper Ebbitts.

J T Yates

Ebbitts 29

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William H. Hedges, Keeper, April 16,1917

Race Rock Light Station,

Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.

Form 76, in duplicate, submitted by 1st assistant keeper Ebbitts through you, requesting leave of absence for eight days, is returned herewith, and your attention invited to errors in the preparation of form as indicated by red pencil on same. The number of days leave of absence previously taken in the calender year should always be stated. If no substitute is required a statement to that effect should be made on form in accordance with paragraph 2 of instructions. The "REQUEST" for leave should be signed by you at the time Form is first submitted. The "FINAL REPORT" should not be signed until after leave has been taken. Your attention is invited to paragraph 6 of Instructions on back of form relative to obtaining approval before leave period begins, if practicable. Submit new forms to cover the leave requested. You are directed to familiarize yourself with these matters in order that unnecessary correspondence due to your neglect may be avoided in the future.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

Form 76 — 5

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 5 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

REQUEST

Race Rock light-sta., 1917 April 13
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 8 days of shore liberty or leave, from April 13 to April 20, inclusive, 1917 I have had 13 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Not needed
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Southold N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

M H Hedges
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Ebbetts
(Applicant's signature.)

1st asst
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for ..... days, from

..... to ....., inclusive, 191 .

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

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Inspector, ... Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 1 P.M. April 13 1917
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At ..... M. ....., 191 .
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: ..... days.

Period charged: ..... days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

.....
Keeper in charge.

.....
(Applicant's signature.)

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(Title.)

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. MAY 5 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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W. H. Hedges
Keeper in charge.

Robert H. Whitter
(Applicant's signature.)

Assistant
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, ... DISTRICT, ..., 191

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(Insert "must" or "need not.")

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Period of absence: ..... days.

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Certified correct and forwarded.

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Keeper in charge.

.....
(Applicant's signature.)

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.....
(Title.)

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
TOMPKINSVILLE, N. Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. MAY 9 10 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Ram Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 8, 1917

To May

Inspector

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W E Hedges

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C. A.—1B
REVISED AUG. 1, 1913

REPORT OF INJURY

[To be submitted to the Secretary of Labor, through official channels, as soon as practicable after an injury to a civilian Government employee in the course of employment, causing incapacity for work for one day or longer.]

LEAVE THIS SPACE BLANK

1. Department Light House [War, Navy, etc.] 2. Bureau or Office ____ [Engineer, Reclamation, etc.]

3. Place of employment Race Rock [Navy Yard, Arsenal, Project, etc.] [City.] N.Y. [State.]

4. Reporting office Tompkinsville [Location of reporting office, division headquarters, etc.]

5. Name of injured employee R.H.Ebbitts [Give first name in full.] 6. Age 43 7. Sex Male

8. Married, ~~single, widowed~~. [Cross out two words.] 9. Race White 10. Occupation Light Keeper

11. Rate of pay, $ 564 per annum and subsistence valued at $ .30 per ~~$56.00 per month~~ per day not more than 8.

12. Employee begins work at Hour varies [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m. 13. Hours worked per day 1 14. Days worked per week ____

15. Time of accidental injury April 7th [Date.], 1917 Saturday [Day of week.] 2 P [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m.

16. Cause of injury Knocked skin from right hand while cleaning engine. [Character of work, tool or machine used, motive power, etc., and how injury occurred.]

17. Nature and extent of injury causing disability Infected hand.

18. Witnesses to accident Not any

19. Incapacity for work began April 18th [Date.], 1917 Wednesday [Day of week.], 3 P [Hour, a. m. or p. m.] m.

20. Remarks I have filled this out as Ebbitts said was right I know nothing about it except when he came back on May the 2 his hand was tied up.

The above report is made this 13th day of May, 1917, in accordance with the provisions of the compensation act of May 30, 1908.

Signed-- W.H.Hedges. [Signature of reporting officer.]

Keeper. [Title.]

14—442

(All forwarding indorsements should be made on the back of this sheet.)

JHG

William H. Hodges, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H. G. Wright,
Fishers Island, N. Y.

Feb. 8,1917

The probationary period of employment of Robert H. Ebbitts, 1st assistant keeper at Race Rock Light Station, will expire on March 13,1917. 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.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

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Form 76c

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. FEB 8 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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REQUEST

Race Rock Jan. 31, 1917
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT: 7 3/24

I respectfully request that I be granted ~~Jan. 24~~ days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan 24 to Jan 31, inclusive, 1917. I have had 8 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Not needed, ...
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Southold N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Robert H. Abbitts
(Applicant's signature.)

1st asst.
(Title.)

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

W H Hedges
Keeper in charge.

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb. 8, 1917, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 8 days, from Jan. 24 to Jan. 31, inclusive, 1917.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 9 A. M. Jan 24, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 12 M. Jan 31, 1917.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 7 3/24 & 8 days.

Period charged: 7 3/24 & 8 days.

Robert H. Abbitts
(Applicant's signature.)

1st asst.
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

W H Hedges
Keeper in charge.

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Form 73

3090

JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Sept. 28,1916 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts — Legal residence, Connecticut

Position, 1st assistant keeper — Salary, $564 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective October 6,1916 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 2nd assistant keeper — Former salary, $456 per annum

Location, Race Rock Light Station,N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Louis Bendel — Services terminated, October 5,1916

Reason, Resignation

Members of family in Government Service,

Remarks: Mr. Ebbitts entered the service as 2nd Asst.Keeper at Race Rock Lt.Sta. on Sept.14,1916. 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.Ebbitts 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.

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Robert H.Ebbitts $564.a.
1 Asst.Kpr.Race Rock,
Light Station.

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HASKELL

Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Form 73

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Robert H.Ebbitts
1 Asst.Kpr.Race Rock, $564.a.
Light Station.

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JHG

Robert H. Ebbitts, 2nd Asst.Keeper, October 3,1916
Through the Keeper,
Race Rock Lt.Sta.,
Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is.,N.Y.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated September 30,1916 promoting you to the position of 1st assistant keeper of Race Rock Light Station, and in accordance therewith you are hereby directed to enter on duty in that position on October 6,1916.

Respectfully,

Inspector

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,
Oct. 3,1916

Copy forwarded to Keeper of Race Rock Lt.Sta.,for his information. Report to this office promptly by mail the last day of service of Louis Bendel, and the date on which Ebbitts enters on duty as 1st asst.Keeper.

J. T. YATES.
Inspector

William H. Hedges, Keeper,

Race Rock Light Station,

Fishers Island, N. Y.

October 9,1916

A new oath of office for Robert H. Ebbitts 1st Assistant keeper, is enclosed, together with the one previously executed by him before a postmaster. You are advised that Postmasters have no authority to administer oaths of this nature. Oath should be taken before an official as indicated in paragraph 4 at bottom of the oath blank. Have new oath executed promptly.

This oath is not to be signed by you. The only oath you are to sign is your own. No writing of any description must be placed on oath below the point indicated by red line on the oath of Ebbitts which is being returned. This part of oath will be filled out by this office.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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HOUSES

September 30, 1916.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixty-four dollars per annum,

effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By promotion from second assistant keeper at $456 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Louis Bendel.

Legal Residence: Connecticut.

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Form 56

TELEGRAM

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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IDENTIFICATION CARD NO. 1

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 20 1916 RECEIVED MARINSVILLE N.Y.

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
		PAID, GOVERNMENT RATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Washington D C September 13 1916 (Place and date), 191

SEND TO Lighthouse Inspector Saint George New York

Yours September sixth Ebbitts appointed second assistant keeper Race Rock effective September twelfth or thereafter

PUTNAM

Confirmation

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST:

(Name)

Commissioner

(Title)

11—4649

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Exhibits 14 & 15

Telegram

9-12-16

Yours Sept 6 Ebbitts appointed 2d Asst Keeper Rock of Gibraltar Sept 12 or thereafter.

Putnam

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

Ebbitts

RHM

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

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 12 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

September 11, 1916.

Lighthouse Inspector,
Third Lighthouse District,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to the nomination of Robert H. Ebbitts as second assistant keeper at Race Rock Light Station, N. Y., it is noted that George N. Thomas and Patrick A. Meehan are included among those considered.

After charging up considerations on the appointment of Robert C. Ridgeway as assistant keeper at Rockland Lake Light Station, in connection with which Thomas and Meehan declined, there is no record that either of these men were restored. No considerations should, therefore, be charged against either in connection with the selection of Ebbitts.

In connection with your letter relative to the selection of Ebbitts, the name of Meehan has now (subsequent yo Ebbitts' seledtion) been restored for consideration beginning November 1, 1916.

If these facts are incorrect, please advise in order that our records may agree.

Very respectfully,

District Secretary.

HMD

Ebbitts 15

September 7, 1916

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N.Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 31, 1916, stating that you were willing to accept the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N. Y. You are informed that you have been nominated for this position, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to hold yourself in readiness to enter on duty in same as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position, your services will probably be required about September 11, 1916.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

P.S. For your information it may be stated that the Keeper's name and address are, Wm. H. Hedges, Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Island, N.Y.

September 6, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

Referring to nomination of this date forwarded on Form 78 through the district secretary for the probationary appointment of Robert E. Ebbitts as 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

It is requested that this office be informed by telegraph of Mr.Ebbitts' appointment in order that he may be directed to enter on duty at the earliest possible date.

In this connection it may be stated that Mr.Ebbitts was employed as Assistant Keeper of New Haven Light Station from September 29, 1910, to October 3, 1911 at which time his resignation was accepted, although charges had been preferred against him and his dismissal recommended on account of the excessive use of intoxicants. Mr. Ebbitts is recommended for appointment at this time on account of the fact that he is the only one on the exisiting eligible register who will accept appointment at Race Rock Light Station.

In this connection it may be stated that very few applications for keeper or assistant keeper are being received at the present time. On August 4th an advertisement was issued of an examination to be held on September 11th and up to the present time only 6 applications have been received.

J T Yates

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

September 13, 1916

Sir:-

Referring to letter from this office of September 7, 1916, informing you that you had been nominated for the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N. Y., and also to telegram of this date directing you to report for duty in the above capacity at once. In this connection you are advised that transportation will be at your own expense. Show this letter to the keeper, which will be his authority for assigning you to duty. As stated in letter to you dated September 7th, the keeper's name and address are, Wm. H. Hedges, Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is., N. Y.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.
September 13, 1916.
Copy referred to Keeper of Race Rock Light Station for his information.
Be on the lookout for Ebbitts at Fort H.G.Wright, Fishers Is. Report to this office promptly by mail of the date on which he reports for duty as 2nd Asst.Keeper.

J T Yates

Inspector.

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PAID, GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Tompkinsville, N.Y., September 13, 1916
(Place and date)

SEND TO Robert Ebbitts

Southold, N Y

Report for duty Race Rock Light Station at once

J. T. Yates

CHARGE BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES, WASHINGTON, D. C.
APPROPRIATION FOR "GENERAL EXPENSES, LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE."

ATTEST: J. T. Yates
Inspector, 3rd L. H. District,
(Name)
(Title)

11—4649

U. S. Civil Service Comm

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Pilots Island, N.Y.

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WESTERN UNION

TELEGRAM

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 13 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR

SAINTGEORGE NY

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INSTRUCTIONS

Charges for messages sent on this form should not be prepaid, but the bill thereof will be rendered by the Telegraph company to the Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., supported by the original signed telegrams. When telegraph operators refuse to send Government messages without prepayment of charges, rule 22 of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and Form 4A, and rule on page 24 of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.'s tariff and Form 134, should be called to the attention of the operator.

This form is to be used for all telegraph and cable messages sent on official business from district headquarters in the Lighthouse Service, and when practicable by employees in the field who may be supplied with copies of the form. Telegrams the cost of which is not chargeable to the Government, including those of a personal nature (see Department Travel Regulations, 1913, par. 116), should not be sent on this form.

When an employee away from headquarters has no copy of this form for use, he should indorse on the telegraph company's blank: "Paid, Government rate; charge Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C." In order that charges may be properly billed. If the employee uses a telegraph blank, the number of the card should be inserted in the space provided.

As many copies of the message should be made as administrative purposes of the district require, but not more than one copy of the message (which should be the original) should be delivered to the telegraph company.

Signatures on messages addressed to officers and employees of the service should consist of merely the name of the sender, but in the attest below the local line should be shown the full written signature and the official title of the person actually sending the telegram.

All unnecessary words in the address and body of the telegram should be eliminated.

Telegrams should be filed for transmission as night messages when it is apparent that they can not be acted upon until the following day (see Regulations, 1914, par. 24). In such cases the words "Night message" should be indorsed on the telegram.

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SPECIAL

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) September 6, (Date.) 1916

Action recommended, (Through Sec'y, 2nd Civil Service Dist.)
Probationary appointment.

Name, Robert H. Ebbitts,

Position, 2nd Assistant Keeper.

Location, Race Rock Light Station, N.Y.

Effective September 11, 1916 { the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position,

Location,

Legal residence, New York

Salary, $456.00 per annum

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Former salary,

Rank on eligible list, 1 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 74.0 , Other eligibles considered:
George H.Thomas,D - Patrick A.Meehan,D - Wm. E. Woodward, PR.

Previous incumbent, John P. Ross Services terminated, August 31, 1916.

Reason, Resignation.

Members of family in G

Remarks: No employee
for families of keeper
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Robert H.Ebbitts,
2nd Asst.Kpr,Race Rock Lt,
% Ft H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

Submitted to the Sec

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Secretary, 2nd Civil Service District , September 6, 1916

Custom House,

New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to nomination forwarded to-day recommending the probationary appointment of Robert H. Ebbitts to the position of 2nd Assistant Keeper of Race Rock Light Station, N. Y.

The name of William E. Woodward, who failed to reply to letter sent him re said position, has been removed from the eligible list.

Patrick A. Meehan has requested that his name be temporarily removed until November 1, 1916, which has been done.

Geo. N. Thomas has requested that his name be taken off the eligible list for good. which has been done.

Respectfully,

J T Yates

Inspector, 3rd L.H.Dist.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, September 12, 1916.

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, Second Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Fifty-six 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 Third Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: John P. Ross.

Legal Residence: New York.

(See reverse side.)

THIRD DISTRICT

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR · TO BE RECEIVED · SEP 16 1916 · PERKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 13th, 1916

Sir

I have the honor to report that Robert H Ebbitt Jr reported for duty as 2nd asst keeper at Race Rock on Sept 14th at 4.30 P M

Respectfully

W H Hedges

C. O. D. 9/14/16

Form 201 JBS

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 31, 1916. 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
2nd Asst. Keeper of Race Rock Lt. Sta., off shore in Fishers Island Sound

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. AUG 31 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Salary: $456.00 per annum.
Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)
Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes. If yes, state how

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Fishers Island

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? At once.

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitts

(Post-office address) Southold

Date, Aug. 31, 1916.

N.Y.

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Form 201 JBG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Southold, N. Y.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.,
Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 31, 1916. 191

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
2nd Asst. Keeper of Race Rock Lt. Sta., off shore in Fishers Island Sound

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Salary: $456.00 per annum.
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(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 11 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 3 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)
Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
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Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes. If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Robert H. Ebbitts	Southold N.Y.	Position Keeper Department or office Light House	Father	Married.
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows:

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitts

Date, Aug. 31, 1916. (Post-office address) Southold N.Y.

11—749

Form 201

JHG

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST.

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 8, 1916 .191

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. AUG 1916 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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Robert H. Ebbitts,

Southold, N. Y.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

Assistant Keeper of Whale Rock Light Station, off shore in Narragansett Bay, R.I.

Salary: $16.00 per annum.

Quarters: are provided for keepers. (See attached Note A)
(State whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointee in the vicinity.)

Fuel: 6 tons of coal and 1 cord of wood per year for 2 keepers.
(State allowance of fuel for domestic purposes, if authorized.)

Rations: Allowance 30¢ daily. (See attached Note B)
(State facts concerning rations for this position.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

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

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

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

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NOTICE TO ELIGIBLES

NOTE A - Keepers must provide their own furniture except stoves, bedding, kitchen utensils and dishes. No quarters are provided for families of keepers at this station, but family quarters can probably be rented at Narragansett Pier

NOTE B - Ration allowance of 30 cents per day will be paid by check, and the employee must provide himself with all necessary provisions. Keepers are not required to board assistant keepers.

If selected for this position, how soon could you report for duty? At once.

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitts

(Post-office address) Southold N.Y.

Date, aug. 10, 1916.

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Form 201

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DIST., 191

Tompkinsville, N.Y., Aug. 8, 1916

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 9 AM 1916 TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

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Robert H. Ebbitts,

Southold, N. Y.

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)

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

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

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

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

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." Yes If yes, state how many one; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Robt. Ebbitts	Southold N.Y.	Position Keeper Light House. Department or office.	Father	Married
		Position. Department or office.		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

My reasons for declining the position tendered me are as follows:

(Signature) Robert H. Ebbitts

(Post-office address) Southold N.Y.

Date, Aug. 10, 1916.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE DEPOT
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Feb 14th, 1916

Inspector

Your letter of Feb 8th concerning Robert H Ebbitt 1st asst Ln reply will say he is a good man for the service

Respectfully

W H Hedger

Keeper

Ebbitts R. H.

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To Files

Aug. 26, 1913

Robert H. Ebbitts,

Southhold,

Long Is., N.Y.

Referring to your letter of August 24, 1913 relative to your reinstatement in the Lighthouse Service.

As it is more than one year since your resignation as Assistant Keeper was accepted, it will be necessary for you to file an application and get on the eligible list before you can be employed. Application blank is enclosed herewith.

If you wish to obtain employment in the Fourth Lighthouse District, it will be necessary for you to write to the office at Philadelphia for an application blank and get on their eligible list.

Inspector

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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Southold, Long Island.
Aug. 24, 1913.

Inspector-
Sir.

I have been in the Light House service ~~for~~ over a year and have also run the Vapor Lamp, I wish you would reinstate one, should like to go in the 4th District.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Elliott,
Southold
Long Island
New York.

P.S. Would like a reply as soon as possible, as I expect to return to the city soon.
R.H.E.

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNION TRUST BUILDING

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CHIEF CLERK AUG 16 1917

LIGHT AUG 16 1917 HOUSES

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. AUG 18 1917 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

This Commission has approved the claim for compensation on account of disability resulting from an injury sustained by

Name: Robert H. Ebbittz

Occupation: assistant keeper

Place of employment: Commerce. (Tompkinsville, N.Y.) Lighthouse Depot

Date of injury: 4/7/17

Period for which approved: 4/21/17 to 5/1/17

Amount paid: $13.69

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

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October 13, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to Department letter October 10, 1911, accepting the resignation of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut:

2. Mr. Ebbitts' last date of service was October 3, 1911

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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October 10, 1911.

Sir:

Having tendered your resignation as assistant keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Connecticut, with pay at the rate of $480 per annum, the Department has accepted the same, effective at the close of a date to be later reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING

Acting Chief Clerk.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
Washington

Sir: October 10, 1910.

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective

beginning September 29, 1910, on and after which date you have

continuously served in the above-mentioned position.

Retention in the service after the expiration of your probationary period shall be equivalent to absolute appointment.

(Vice William B. Manchester.)
(Civil-service certificate No. ____)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts

(Signed) A. GORDON CUMMING
Acting Chief Clerk.

Through the Commissioner of Light-Houses.

Appropriation:

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Oct. 8, 1911,

Letter from New Haven Outer Bwk. States that Robt. H. Ebbitts left the station Sept. 3, at 3.30 P.M.

See Ebbitts, Robt. H.

Oct. 10, 1911,

Dept. accepts resignation of Robt. H. Ebbitts, Asst. Kpr. New Haven Outer Breakwater.

See Ebbitts, Robt. H.

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October 6, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts,

375 Park Street,

Hartford, Connecticut.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter October 4, 1911:

You are informed that your resignation, dated September 19, 1911, together with the matter of charges which were preferred against you, has been referred to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

When this office receives information as to the Department's action in the matter, you will be notified.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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File No. 10,101

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October 5, 1910.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station,
Colonial Inn, West Have, Conn.

Sir:

I enclose herewith United States Civil Service Commission Form No. 124, which is to be executed by you in the presence of the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station, Conn., then signed by him, and returned to this office as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

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Form 73

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ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the Inspector, 3rd L. H. Dist.,

Tompkinsville, New York.

The Commissioner,
~~The Light-House Board,~~
Bureau of Light Houses.
Washington, D. C.

October 4, 1910.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) probationary appointment
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Robert H. Ebbitts, of (3) Connecticut.
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) _____
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) _____
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $_____ to (7) Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut. at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $ 40. per mo., effective beginning (10) Sept. 29, 1910. (the date
(Salary recommended)
of his entrance on duty) (~~or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~)
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) William B. Manchester,
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) was transferred and promoted on (13) Sept. 30, 1910.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
Mr. (14) Ebbitts stands No. (15) 2 in list of eligibles,
Class (16) I, with an average of (17) 82.4 per cent, and
was considered with (18) Wilmot E. Chapman (Declined)
Anson A. Brownell (Declined)
(19) letters of declination of Messrs. Chapman and Brownell herewith.

Respectfully,

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

NOTE.—This form should be sent to the Light-House Board in duplicate. Letters of declination, if any, should be sent with this letter.

This letter is returned for correction of items Nos. _____

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October 4. 1911.

William L. Tutty, Keeper,

New Haven Outer Breakwater Lt. Station.

Sir:-

Referring your letter October 3, 1911:

This office has recommended the dismissal of Robert H. Ebbitts from the position of assistant keeper New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station.

You will inform this office definitely as to the last date of service of Mr. Ebbitts.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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File No. 10,401
3040

October 4, 1910.

The Commissioner,

Bureau of Light Houses,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that I visited this office dated October
Captain Ebbitts, of Connecticut,
at the New Haven Outer
en Middle Breakwater West
the rate of $40. per month,
Brownell attached thereto.
's attention to Mr. Brownell's
desired his name restored to
1911.
have been changed to comply

Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

Penny Arrowsmith
375 Park St
Hartford Ct
Oct. 4th '11

Inspector

Sir,

I sent in my resignation Sept. 19th To take effect Oct. 1st I sent it through the Keeper (Tully) of Sperry Light. On getting through the Keeper was in doubt if the Letter was received I served until Oct. 3rd I also sent you a Letter explination regarding being laid up with a sore hand, contracted from the engines. Trusting that both

RGW

File No. 10,401
3040

October 4, 1910.

The Commissioner,
Bureau of Light Houses,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office dated October 4th, 1910, nominating Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts, of Connecticut, for appointment as Assistant Keeper at the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Connecticut, with pay at the rate of $40. per month, and to the declination of Anson A. Brownell attached thereto.

I have to invite the Bureau's attention to Mr. Brownell's notation on his declination that he desired his name restored to the eligible register on April 1st, 1911.

The records of this office have been changed to comply therewith.

Respectfully,

R. H. Dunn
Captain, U. S. N., Inspector.

)ct. 3, 1911,

Kpr. New Haven Outer Bkw. reports that Robt.H.Ebbitts, is leaving station to-day asks if resignation has been accepted.

See Ebbitts, Robt.H.

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October 2, 1911.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

1. Forwarded herewith are charges preferred against Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., and his reply thereto; also previous correspondence showing his inaptitude for the service.

(a) Letter March 11, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(b) Letter March 14, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(c) Letter March 16, 1911, to Mr. Ebbitts. (Copy)

(d) Letter March 18, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(e) Letter September 19, 1911, from Keeper of the station.

(f) Letter September 19, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(g) Letter September 26, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts.

(h) Letter September 23, 1911, to Mr. Ebbitts (Charges).

(i) Letter September 28, 1911, from Mr. Ebbitts (reply to charges.

2. It is recommended that Robert H. Ebbitts be dismissed from the position of Assistant Keeper of New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., effective at the close of the date on which he receives notification of his dismissal; or, if the Department

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cannot see its way clear to dismissing him from the Service, that his resignation be accepted, effective at the close of a date to be later reported to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

S.H.

September 28, 1911.

William L. Tutty, Keeper

New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station,

Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Referring to your letter September 24th, reporting the return to duty of Assistant Keeper Ebbitts, you are informed that Mr. Ebbitts should submit application for leave of absence to cover the period he was absent from duty.

In the absence and by the direction of the Inspector.

Respectfully,

Superintendent, L.H.S.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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New Haven Outer Bkiw Light Station
Colonial Inn. West Haven Conn.
Sept. 24, 1911

Commander C M Stearns
Tompkinsville. N.Y

Sir.

I beg to inform you that Robert H Ebbitts asst. at this Station left 18th 6 P M. and returned to-day 9 a.m. He had Mr Elias Robishaw in his place.

Yours Respctfully
William L Tutty

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Registered - receipt requested.

September 23, 1911.

Robert H. Hobbitts, Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.
Through the Keeper.

Sir:-

You are hereby charged with inefficiency due to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and with violation of your agreement of March 18, 1911, in which you stated that "from now on I shall abstain from the use of all intoxicants."

A copy of a letter dated September 19, 1911, received from the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station is enclosed.

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

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

Respectfully,

See Ebbitt

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

JCW

Registered - receipt requested.

September 23, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.
Through the Keeper.

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Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Registered - receipt requested.

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New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
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If you desire to make no statement, you will so state in writing.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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Registered - receipt requested.

September 25, 1911.

Robert H. Hewitts, Assistant Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Through the Keeper.

Sir:-

You are hereby charged with inefficiency due to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors, and with violation of your agreement of March 16, 1911, in which you stated that "from now on I shall abstain from the use of all intoxicants."

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

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

Form 78

Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N. Y.
September 20, 1911.

Indorsement

SUBJECT

Letter September 17th from Elias Robishow states has not been paid by Assistant Keeper Ebbits for services as substitute.

Respectfully forwarded through the Keeper to Robert H. Ebbitts Assistant Keeper New Haven Outerbreakwater Light Station with instructions to settle this matter and inform this office when he has done so, returning the attached letter.

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

Copy - JCW

New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.
September 19, 1911.

Commander C. M. Stearns,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Sir:-

Robert H. Ebbitts Assistant at this station left 18th he could not perform his duties at this station on account of having blood poison in his left arm, caused from alcoholic drink. Mr. Ebbitts have been a heavy drinker since he has been on this station. Whenever he went ashore or got leave from the office to go ashore, he drank to excess. He was not any use on the station three or four days after on account of the effect of liquor. I have reported him to the office before, and he was not recommended for the service by me. He left the station September 9th on leave of absence, reported to the station September 14th for duty. He did not pay Mr. Elias Robishaw his substitute his wages which is 6 dollars. He said at the time of leaving the station that he was going to send in his resignation.

Respectfully,

(sd) William L. Tutty

Form 78

U.S. Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

September 15, 1911.

Indorsement

SUBJECT

Assistant Keeper New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station reports return to duty September 13th.

Respectfully returned to Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper through the Keeper New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station with instructions to forward attached and all other communications addressed to this office through the Keeper of the station, and explain as to why attached letter was not so forwarded.

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. SEP 1911 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

New Haven Outer Breakwater
Light-station Colonial Line
West Haven
Ct.
Sept. 9th. 11

Inspector,

Sir;

I left the light-station Sept. 9th. at 7:30 a.M. and will return to duty Sept. 13th. I have put Elias Rothstein as substitute

Respectfully Yours.
Robert H. Ebbitts
asst. Keeper

386 Park St.
Hartford
Ct.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
2ND DIST.
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POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

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New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Sta.
Colonial Inn, West Haven Conn.
Sept. 5, 1911.

Inspector-

Sir-

Please give me permission to leave the ~~Station~~ from Sept. 9th to 13th. My substitute will be Elias Robshaw.
My address will be 386 Park St. Hartford Conn.

Yours Respectfully,
Robt. H. Whitten, asst.
William L. Tuttle Keeper

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New Haven Outer Breakwater
Light-Station.
June, 14, 1911

Inspector.

Sir-

I could now accept Little Gull Island Light-Station. I would much prefer the main land as I have two boys attending school, if possible to offer me such a Station.

Respectfully
Robt. H. Ebbitts asst.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. JUN 19 1911 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
Office of the Inspector of the
3rd Lighthouse District.

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,
July 28, 1911.

Request (July 24, 1911) of Robt. H. Ebbitts, Asst. Keeper, New Haven Outer Breakwater Lt. for leave, August 2 to 5, 1911.

Respectfully returned, through the Keeper.

You are hereby cautioned that all communications with this office should be forwarded through the keeper, and that in applying for leave, you should comply with circular letter of June 23, 1911, copy enclosed.

It is hoped that it will not be necessary to again call your attention to such matters.

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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June 12, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Asst. Keeper,
Through the Keeper of
New Haven Outer Breakwater Lt.Station.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 10,1911:

Please inform me by return mail whether you will accept appointment as First Assistant Keeper, Little Gull Island Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $480 per annum; ration allowance 30¢ per day; fuel allowance 12 tons coal, 1½ cords wood per annum for 3 keepers; there are quarters at station for families of keepers. The station is on Little Gull Island. The illuminant is an incandescent oil vapor lamp; fog-signal, a 2nd-class compressed air siren. There are three keepers at the station.

Very respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

P.S.- In case you accept the position offered, transportation of yourself and personal property will be at your own expense.

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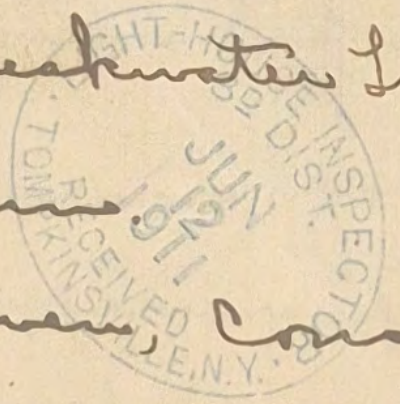
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Keeper

New Haven Outer Breakwater Lt. Sta.

Colonial Farm.

West Haven, Conn.



June, 10, 1911.

Inspector. Sept. 29/1910

Sir.

As I am paying rent ashore for my family and also my own board at the station, must inform you that I am going in debt every month as my pay is so small to make both ends meet.

I wish you would please transfer me to some light station ashore in the 3rd District where I could have

quarters for my family.
I also wish to inform you
that I have had experience
with the Vapor Lamp.

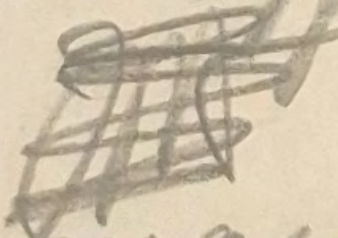
Respectfully,

Robert H. Chittenden

P.S. I would except first, second
third or fourth order lights
stations.

William L Tuttle
Keeper

Department of Commerce and Labor

Vacancy as 1st Asst
Kpr Little Gull Island,
Quarters for family
might be offered him;

tender may be made
to transfer him.

Peary — Offer

No. 203
Ed. 4-21-10—350,000

Form 76

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF

Inspector, 3d District.

September 7, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper

Through the Keeper, New Haven Outer B'water Lt. Sta.

Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Your application of September 6 , 1911 , for five days leave of absence from September 9th to the 13th inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-House Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

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March 16, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts,
Assistant Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
New Haven Otr.Bktr.Lt.Sta.,
Colonial Inn, West Haven,Conn.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are copies of letters received from the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station, Conn., from which it appears that you are addicted to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

Any reply you may wish to make in regard to the statements made by Mr. Tutty, the Keeper of the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station in his letters of March 11th and 14th, 1911, should be forwarded to this office within three days from the receipt of this letter.

Respectfully,

R. M. DOYLE.

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

AD-Copy

New Haven Outer Bkw. Light Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

March 4th, 1911.

Captain R.M.Doyle,
Tompkinsville, N. Y.,
Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 13, in regards Robert H. Ebbitts Assistant at this station, I beg to state as before in regards his duties at station he is all right but when I send him ashore he stops ashore longer than he should. He has been in about every bar-room in Savin Rook. One in particular that I will mention is Joseph Asthono cor of Grove and Thomas Sts. His wife went in there and forbid them from giving his any more liquor. Also officer Pond of Noble St. has seen him intoxicated. Also he went to come to the light not long ago, when he got about 200 yards from shore, he tried to stand up in the boat and fell over board. Mr. Robishaw picked him up. He came out next day to the light all right. He has promised me that he won't drink any more. I like him fine if he would keep away from liquor.

Yours respectfully.

WILLIAM L. TUTTY.

AD-Copy

New Haven Outer Bkw. Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.
March 11th, 1911.

Captain R. M. Doyle,
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of March 4th, in regards to Robert H. Ebbitts as proper person to receive a permanent appointment as assistant Keeper at this station. He is a good men in regards to his duties at the station but I am informed he drinks intoxicantsgwhen he is ashore. As soon as he gives up drinking I am ready to recommend him.

Yours respectfully,

William L. Tutty.

March 16, 1911.

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D. M. DOYLE,

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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March 13th, 1911.

William L. Tutty, Keeper,
New Haven Outer Bktr.Lt.Sta.,
Colonial Inn, Conn.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 11th, 1911, and to request that you forward to this office by return mail, a more specific report relating to the matter of the Assistant Keeper, Robert H. Ebbitts, drinking intoxicating liquors when on shore.

Respectfully,

Captain U.S.N.,
Inspector.

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March 4th, 1911.

William L. Tutty, Keeper,
New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station,
Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Sir:-

Please inform me whether or not you consider Robert H. Ebbitts a proper person to receive permanent appointment as Assistant Keeper at New Haven Outer Breakwater Light-Station.

Respectfully,

R. M. Doig

Captain, U.S.N.,
Inspector.

CROSS - REFERENCE SHEET

Cross-file UNIT..... Number 75

Letter from.....

Date Oct. 1/1910.

Subject Robert N. Ebbetts

Original filed under

Unit Colonial Com. West Haven Comm. Number 601

Oct. 1/1910.

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Southold L.I. N.Y.
Sept. 26, 1910.

Inspector,
Sir:

I will report at the New Haven Outer Breakwater Light Station and New Haven Middle Breakwater West End Light, Conn., Sept. 29th

Respectfully,
Robert H. Offitts

Mr Williams

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Do not pay salary to
R. A. Cobitta - Keeper
Reno Rock Lt
beyond Aug. 16, 1921, until
further advised -

Ode

9/7/21

Paid
Vou. No. 30773
Check No. 73888-6587

Ebbitts Memo

JS

1 day excess in Sep - Ordered to make up

Mo report shows Sep 9-18

His letter Sep 30 states went ashore a/c reg letter on 24 & retd 26th - These 2 days not on Mo rept for Sept.

Really 3 d excess in Sept

Oct 16 - phoned wants 4 exd. a/c mother sick - Said had been ashore 8 d, & was "due back today" - Told OK, to subm appl & make up.

1st asst letter 10/16 days Ky. left Oct 5 & was due back Oct 10

Mo report for Oct shows he left & stalled Oct 5 & retd Oct 22 -

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when he phoned he had been ashore 8 d. he really had been ashore 11 d.

Asked for & granted 4 d but took 6 d. Say delay a/c weather -

Told to subm appl - not done -

Phone Mess 10/16 1 Said Mother very sick -

His letter Oct 29 says father almost died.

Red ..

Sep 3 18th
Sep 25+26 } 38

8
30 ..

11/22 = 1/2 = 4 days

14/22 7/11 = 8 56/11 5-1/11

Oct 11-22 - 12d 15d total.

5-1/11

Pal

Oct 1-10 ..
11 23-31 8/18

19-19
5-1/11
14-17

6-7-8-9-10

1-10 } = 18 days
23-31 }

~~3 days~~

18-25-26

1-10 Oct
23-31 Oct
Sept 18-25-26

1-4 Nov - Oct
1-31 Dec
Jan 14-23-26
Oct 11-22 Inc

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Sept. 8, 1911, Letter from Bobt. H. Ebbitts, Asst New Haven Outer Reports leaving sta. on leave and gives name of substitute.

See Ebbitts, Robt. H.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OFFICE OF

Inspector, 3d District,

September 7, 1911.

Robert H. Ebbitts, Assistant Keeper

Through the Keeper, New Haven Outer B'water Lt. Sta.

Colonial Inn, West Haven, Conn.

Sir:

Your application of September 5 , 1911 , for five days leave of absence from September 9th to the 13th inclusive has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-House Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, and give the name of the person employed as substitute. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

Respectfully,

Commander, U.S.N.
Inspector.

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Excess leave in Sept which was
not made up in Oct - 3 days

absent 1 P.M. Oct 5 to 8 a.m Oct 22 - 16 d. 19 hrs

Total Leave 19-d-19 hrs
Allowance 8-d
Excess - 11 d. 19 hrs

Actually worked
Oct 1 to Oct 5 = 1 P.M. = 4 d. 13 hrs
8 a.m Oct 22 to Oct 31 = = = 9 d. 16 hrs
Total — 14 d 5 hrs

Less 3 days excess leave
taken in Sept which
should have been
made up. — — 3 d - 0 hr

11 days 5 hrs

1910

10101 Ebbitts, Robert H.

9-23	1	Let to,selected for asst kpr New Haven Outer Bkwater,gives instructions. 114
9-23	2	Let to New Haven Outer Bkwater,states,- condiered for asst kpr. 114
9-26	3	Let from, will rept at above on 29th.
10-1	4	Let from New Haven Outer Bkwater,states,- reported on 29th.
10-4	5	Rec probationary appt of,- as asst kpr New Haven Outer Bkwater, ect.
10-4	6	Let to Comsr rel ours nominating Robert H.Ebbitts as asst kpr New Haven Outer Bkwater,etc,and to the fact that Jacob Vandewater,whose name ~~was not~~ precedes,- on registe was not considered.A let was sent Vandewater rel an appt of send asst kpr West Bank and he made no reply.States he is employed on Fire Is LV,and mails do not reach him often.Asks name be left on register.
10-4	7	Let to Comsr,rel let nominating,- asst kpr at New Haven Outer Bkwater also rel declination of Anson A.Brownell~~sx~~.He desired name resotred on April 1st ,1911.Records have been changed therewith.
10-5	8	Let to,enc form to fill out.
10-10	9	Appt of as asst kpr New Haven Outer Bkwater,etc.
LL-Z	10	Fwds to Comsr oath and sheet of , sworn to 17th Oct.
1911 3-4	11	Let to New Haven Outer Bkw,do you consieer Robt H.Ebbitts suitable for permanent appt.
6-12	12	Let to,inform whether you will accept appt as 1st asst Little Gull Is.
6-14	13	Let from Robt H.Ebbitts,can not accept Little Gull Is.Would prefer mainland. 10101

Form 76.

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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MAR 11 1918 RECEIVED LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

REQUEST

Race Rock Light Sta., Mar. 6th, 1918
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 11 days of shore liberty or leave, from Feb. 23 to Mar. 6, inclusive, 1918 I have had 8 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

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

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

Not needed,
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

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

Hortons Point Ld. N.Y.
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

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

M H Hedger
Keeper in charge.

Robert H Chittys
(Applicant's signature.)

J. T. Yates.
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, March 15, 1918 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 11 days, from 2:30 P.M. Feb. 23 to 2:30 P.M., March 6th, inclusive, 1918.

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

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, 3rd Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 2.30 P.M. 23rd 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 2.30 P.M. 6th 1918.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 11 days.

Period charged: 11 days.

Robert H. Chittys
(Applicant's signature.)

J. T. Yates.
(Title.)

Certified correct and forwarded.

M H Hedger
Keeper in charge.

11—882

THIRD DISTRICT

March 13 / 15
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Rock Rock, 191

Inspector

In answer to your letter of March 11th Concerning leave of 1st asst - W H Ebbitt will say he left station on Feb 16th and returned on March the 6th The enclosed papers are for the above leave and he was entitled to leave from Feb 16th to Feb 23rd

Respectfully

W H Hedges
Keeper

William E. Hedges, Keeper,

Race Rock Light Station,

Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y.

March 11,1918

In your letter dated March 8,1918 you stated Assistant Keeper Ebbitts left the station on February 16th, and that he had not returned up to the date of your letter. The enclosed Form 76 submitted by Ebbitts, and which is approved by you, gives the date of his leaving the station as February 23rd. You are directed to advise this office promptly as to which date is correct, and also submit explanation of your action in reporting two different dates on which he left the station. You will also have Ebbitts fil in at bottom of form the dates on which he left the station and the date on which he returned. Return Form 76 to this office.

Inspector

Inspt
Supt

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THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 2, 1918

MAR 8 1919 RECEIVED PORT JEFFERSON N.Y.

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Inspector

1st asst- R H Ebbitt went on leave Feb 16th Has not returned to station 2 Has been in New London with a sprained ankle

Respectfully

R H Hedges

Keeper

See if you can get and inf me, from him or from tenders dates

J T G

Richard W. Trolan, Keeper,
New London L.H.Depot,
New London, Conn.

March 8th, 1918.

Assistant Keeper R.H.Ebbitts of Race Rock Light Station left that station on February 16th and has not since returned.

It is understood that he is at New London and has a sprained ankle.

Please advise whether or not you have any information in regard to the matter and if so, state such facts as may be available.

J.T.YATES

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock Light-Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Mar. 6, 1918

Inspector:-

While on leave of absence I got a sprained ankle, and had to go home.

I informed the Keeper at once, also returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Whitte
1st asst.

M H Hedges
Keeper

THIRD DISTRICT

New London Lt. H. Depot
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 11th, 1918

Lt. H. Inspector 3rd Dist.

In regard to Asst. Keeper R. H. Sibbitt of Race Rock Light-Station, the Wharfinger at Fort Wright informs me by phone that he went back to the Station on crutches the first part of last week.

Richard W. Nolan
Keeper

Form A-21

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS-LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

June 25, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $1740 per annum to $1920 per annum, effective July 1, 1925.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

WM. J. GARDNER.
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

15 LIGHTHOUSES
1925 FEB 4 PM 3 18

January 31, 1925.

Mr. Robert H. Ebbitts,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

In connection with the readjustment of pay of positions in the Lighthouse Service the total compensation of the position occupied by you has been fixed as indicated below, effective February 1, 1925.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

EDW. J. GARDNER.

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Position: Keeper.

Salary: $1740.

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

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Sd

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. OCT 9 10 1 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Race Rock
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 8th, 1918

Superintendent

Sir -

Please let me know about my asst check 1st asst Tibbitts was 70.70 And 2nd asst Smiths was 77.63 There must have been a mistake as the 2nd asst check was more than the 1st asst

Respectfully

W H Hedges
Keeper

Wm.H.Hedges, Keeper,
Race Rock Light Station,
Fort H.G.Wright,
Fishers Island,N.Y.

October 11th, 1918.

The $10.00 increase of compensation will be sent First Asst.Keeper as soon as certificate for increase of pay from $564.00 to $780.00 has been authorized.

J.T.YATES