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Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Edsall, John, L.		1871 NJ

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: 1942 TX

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

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CIVILIAN SERVICE

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Lighthouse Service (TX) 8th dist	1918	1919
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Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Mr. John L. Edsall, WASHINGTON April 2, 1919.

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 15, 1919.

APR 5 1919 NEW ORLEANS

Bureau Lighthouse Service (8th District).

Position Keeper.

Salary $900 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Red Fish Bar Lt Sta Sept. Ended, mce

Keeper Galveston Station of yours, on ... Thanking you for promptness in closing on date set.

I am

Respectfully

John L. Edsall

619 Ave H

Galveston

Please address all communications to 619 Ave H Galveston Tx

J. L. Edsall

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COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Buoy Bar Ent U.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 17, 1919

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Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans La

Sir:-

Keeper J. L. Edsall left station at 3.10 P.M. after turning over station to Assistant Keepers - who was brought to Station by John D. Ballentine Keeper Galveston Harbor Lights - on 82-

Thanking you for promptness in closing on date set

I am

Respectfully
John L. Edsall
619 Ave H
Galveston

Please address all communications to 619 Ave H Galveston Tx

J. L. Edsall

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Galveston Tx
619 Ave H
Jan 26-1919

March 28, 1919.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o 619 Ave. H.,
Galveston, Texas.

Supervising Inspector
New Orleans
La

1. Your letter of resignation dated March 26, 1919, has been received and forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses with recommendation that it be accepted effective at the close of April 15, 1919. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

2. Three copies of Form 30 are inclosed and you are directed to prepare thereon a receipt for transfer of property in accordance with Instructions "B". This receipt will be signed by your successor when you are relieved from duty on April 15th.

3. NO PAY WILL BE SENT YOU FOR APRIL SERVICES UNTIL FORM 30 IS RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE AND FOUND CORRECT.

4. For and in the absence of the Superintendent;

L.
First Assistant Superintendent.

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Galveston Tx
619 Cor H
Jan 26-1919

Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
La.

Sir :-

Refering to my letter to you of even date, and wishing to assist in the selection of another keeper in order that no delay may be necessary on or before April 15. As a candidate for the position, two names present themselves

Present Assistant - William C. Swaltney
Present Assistant on S. Jetty Light
George Smith.

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Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Former Assistant Keeper Pine Island Bayou Cut L.S.

Exon. Smith -

Hoping you will receive eturne my gestures in the spirit which is intended, not one of interference, I remain

Respectfully

John L. Edsall

Keeper.

P.S. Please over look the matter of non official paper.

J. L. E.

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., March 28, 1919.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John L. Edsall

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Texas.

Station, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

Salary, $900.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15, 1919.

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

Remarks:

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

L.

First Assistant Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

COPY (MCC) Recd., 12:30 p.m., March 28, 1919.

Galveston, Texas, 619 Ave. H.,
March 26, 1919.

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
New Orleans,
La.

Sir:

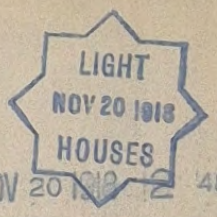
It is necessary for me to leave the Service on or before April 15, 1919.

Please accept this as due and formal notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully,

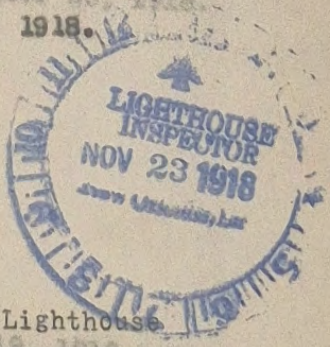
JOHN L. EDSALL, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut L. S.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.



M. John L. Edsall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sirs

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from 684 , per annum to 900 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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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Red Fish Bar Cut
L. S., Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

District Circular No.24.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighth District, New Orleans, La.,
November 25, 1918.

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Mr. John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o 619 Ave. H.,
Galveston, Texas.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, notifying you of increase in salary to $900.00 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Keepers will receive the usual commutation allowance for rations of forty-five cents (45¢) per day.

The rates of pay under this revision are base rates and keepers receiving the $120 per annum increase of compensation granted by legislative act for one year will continue to receive same up to the close of June 30, 1919, in addition to the new base rates, and those not now receiving the $120 per annum increase may be recommended to receive same, provided the ability and qualifications in such cases [illegible]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

District Circular No.24.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Eighth District, New Orleans, La.,
November 21, 1918.

JOHN L.EDSALL,KEEPER,
RED FISH BAR CUT LT.STA.,
619 AVE.H,
GALVESTON,TEXAS.

As a result of a recent reclassification of light stations in this district, you are informed that beginning November 1, 1918, the following revised schedule of pay at your station is in effect:

Keeper	$900	per	annum
Asst. Keeper	780	"	"

Keepers will receive the usual commutation allowance for rations of forty-five cents (45¢) per day.

The rates of pay under this revision are base rates and keepers receiving the $120 per annum increase of compensation granted by legislative act for one year will continue to receive same up to the close of June 30, 1919, in addition to the new base rates, and those not now receiving the $120 per annum increase may be recommended to receive same, provided the ability and qualifications in each case justify the increase of compensation.

Longevity pay will be allowed all keepers who have completed five years' continuous service. This will amount to $60 per annum and will also be in addition to the base rates above stated.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Red Fish Bar Cut Lt

October 8, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Referring to your letter of October 1, 1918, you are advised that your statements relative to subsistence at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station are so at variance with the statements of Additional Keeper Osborne P. Fuller and the amount claimed by each is so small that this office has no means of determining the justice of either claim and will take no further action in the matter.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
HOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR OCT 5 1918 NEW ORLEANS, LA.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Cut & LS
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Oct 1, 1918

Superintendent Light Houses
New Orleans La.

Dear Sir:-

As requested in your letter of Sept 26, in as much as it is impossible for me to see Mr Fuller, I have prepared an itemized statement covering Mr Fullers stay at Station

June 28-29-30-July 1-2-3-4-5- Inclusive } 12 days
" 28-29-30-31
Aug-1 to 31 31 "
Sept 1 " 14 " 14 "
Total 57 days

Actual No of days Mr Fuller was provided with food at my table from my supplies. Cash rec'd from Mr Fuller 22.50. At rate of 4.00 per week 57¢ per day is near enough, so we find 57 days at 57¢ per amounts to 32.49¢ Against which we place Mr Fullers 22.50, which is all he has ever paid, and up to the 15th of September he never brought groceries or supplies into the Station. It follows

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them that he owes me $9.99 instead of $9.34

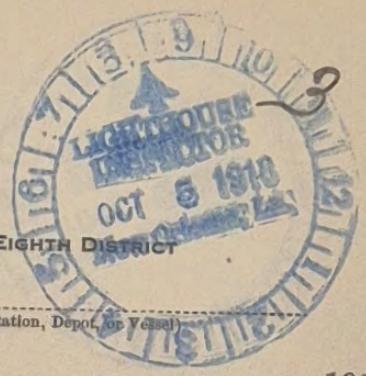
Re to his statement that my Son Howard ate his food it is absolutely untrue. Howard always brought supplies with him more than enough to cover what he ate while at Station.

The former statement in this letter is as concise as I can make it. Following is an outline of our agreement as far as food and expense, entered into by Mr Fuller and myself on the first day of his arival on Station: June 28 there was on hand at Station $15.23 worth of supplies actually accounted. Mr Fuller was to eat from these supplies and pay at rate of $4.00 pr week up to July 1st from then on we were to go halves on the actual grocery bill for July but not to have any equity in what was on the shelves on June 30 - (This if we needed them we of course would use them. It left that phase stand open) for on July 1 Mr Fuller left for the Hospital at 5:30 PM after having had his supper.

On his return soon July 28th we agreed that he should pay at rate of $4.00 pr week for the

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days he was at Station up to Aug 1st. and by actual accounting found 9 11.50 groceries on the shelves, The same understanding as before in these he was to have no equity. Beginning Aug 1st. we were to share Actuals August purchases & Stock were as follows

Aug 2 - L. V. Shrimbie		$11.43
" 2	"	7.90
" 8	"	9.35
" 8	"	4.40
" 8		5.41
	½	$38.49 = 19.24
12 days at $7		6.84
Total due Edwards		26.08 up to Aug 31
Fuller Co by Checks (about)		22.50
Balance due —		3.58
" Allowed		1.91
" Agreed		1.67 Aug 31 -

Mr Fuller still continued to eat from my supplies up to Sept 15. On Sept 1 another bill was purchased by me - Mr having about cleared

ESL-MCC

October 8, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Referring to your letter of October 1, 1918.

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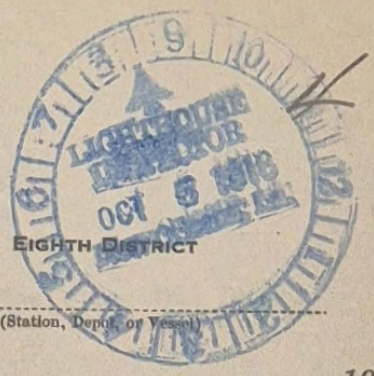
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the sherlock my 11th practicly used up - but I made no charge for that only asking that he pay half the Sept bill; he stalled and finally wanted to buy for himself cook by himself but no pay for me. On the 11th I took the steps you know about to protect myself -

The forgoing Statements I affirm to be true and accurate -

Respectfully
John L. Edsall
Keeper -

I hereby affirm that Osborne P. Fuller owes me $9.34 for board - and has refused payment -

John L. Edsall
Keeper -

JAM-HCC

September 26, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o 619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Referring further to your claim that Osborne P. Fuller, former additional keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, is indebted to you in the amount of $9.34 for board:

This office has taken this matter up with Mr. Fuller and in his written statement he claims that you are indebted to him in the amount of $9.59 instead of his owing you $9.34. As this office has no way of proving the statements of either one of you, it is handicapped in forcing a settlement. Fuller claims that you still owe him for your son Howard's board while he was at the station and for provisions purchased by him that he left at the station.

It is very desirous that you and Mr. Fuller reach some mutual agreement as the matter of subsistence at light station is always left for the keepers to arrange among themselves. If you are unable to reach a satisfactory agreement, make further report to this office in detail.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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JAM-MCC

September 23, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o 619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 20, 1918, inclosing letter dated September 14, 1918, in regard to the suspicious actions of former additional keeper Fuller:

As Mr. Fuller has left the Service and as his suspicious actions indicated nothing detrimental to the Lighthouse Service, no further action will be taken in the matter.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SEP 23 1918
EIGHTH DISTRICT

619 Gov H Galveston Tx
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
Sept 20, 1918
5 45 P.M.

Superintendent Light House
New Orleans La

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 18 instant received today at 11.30 A.M. The Tug for on which we started to leave Galveston had not returned to dock Sun not yet at 5.30 P.M. No other Tug was leaving today.

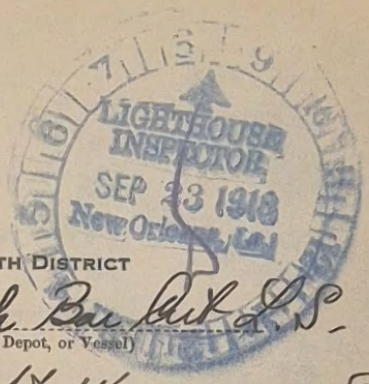
Launch 82 floated late this P.M. and Ens Ballillie having to deliver 5 gal gasoline to the Station has arranged to take Assistant Gwaltney - & myself and return Ens Osborne - Tomorrow morning - Sept 21st.

Re answer to my letter of Sept 16 = Subsequent developments of situation have made of less importance the subject under discussion - But the letter I intended to send I will enclose with this - It speaks for itself - If further particulars are desired Will furnish them.

John L. Edsall Keeper -

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Red Fish Bar Sect L.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 14, 1918

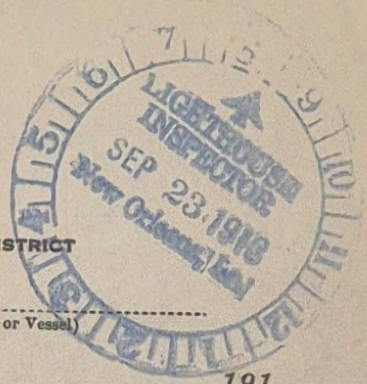
Light House Superintendent
New Orleans La.

Dear Sir:-

A matter of delicate character and one on which I desire advice, causes me to address this letter to you. Our Secretary before casting suspicion upon a fellow worker, especially of this nature, and also regrets the fact that the nature of the suspicion should have to be communicated to a higher official, with out the knowledge of the person on whom the suspicion is cast.

About a month ago, I noticed certain twitching of nostrils, a tendency at times to jump at the slightest disturbance, these late these signs would be followed by an indifference to outward surroundings, or when spoken to he will answer you, and not understand a word one may have said to him., As I have said to him it seems to go in one ear

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complaint, yet desire to have advise on the situation. Frankly I am both worried and undecided. The log will show that the left Galveston at 7.20 for Galveston, with the Registration papers, which we received late last night, (Courtesy of Tug) or) It was on finding his door locked that crystalized my suspicions into action. Nutical authority might settle the question, perhaps the Galveston Marine Dr. whom I know to be personaly acquainted with Mr Adler can throw some light on the situation, as he has known him as Hospital Orderly for the past year.

Apologizing for this lengthy letter, which is not to be considered a formal complaint, but a request for advise

I am respectfully
John L. Edsall
Keeper -

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

JAM-MCC

September 18, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o 619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of September 15, 1918, requesting instructions as to whether or not you should make formal complaint or charges of misconduct against another person whose name you do not mention:

If the suspected person is an employee of the Lighthouse Service or in your opinion contemplates damage to Lighthouse or other Government property, it is very important that you report full details to this office immediately.

It is believed best that you make a full written report of this matter to this office and leave it to the judgment of the Superintendent of Lighthouses as to the proper action to take.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Red Fish Bar Light U.S.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 15, 1918

Light House Superintendent

Dear Sir:-

If a Keeper in charge has suspicions - more or less well founded - but not definite enough to form the basis of a formal complaint or charge of misconduct -, and wishing to obtain advice from the Superintendent on the matter -, will he be justified in communicating the details - data or facts which arouse his suspicions, with out the knowledge of the one suspected, to the Superintendent.

If he (the Keeper in charge) with held these same facts, would he be held accountable if subsiquent developements caused trouble or damage to property -, although his object in with holding them was to gain further definite data -, if possible. A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully - John L. Edsall - Keeper.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1918.





Mr. John L. Edsall,

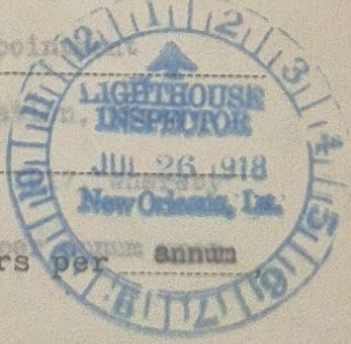
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service



at a salary of Six Hundred and Eighty-four dollars per annum

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

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George R. Smith.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT JUN 8 1918 HOUSES

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR JUL 14 1918 New Orleans, La.

June 7, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 23rd instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 6th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $684 per annum, and cancels its order of December 14, 1917, whereby the pay of the position would have been reduced to $648 per annum upon the appointment of a new incumbent.

It is requested that the notice of appointment dated May 28, 1918, addressed to Mr. Edsall, be returned to the Department for amendment.

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E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 10 1918

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans La
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

Acting Commissioner

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July 26, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
c/o Mrs. J. L. Edsall,
619 Ave. H,
Galveston, Texas.

Transmitted herewith is Department letter of May 28, 1918, appointing you Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of $684 per annum, for duty at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, effective commencing June 9, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,etc.,
Texas: Appointment.

July 15, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from Office of the Secretary, dated June 7, 1918, authorizing the appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of above light station at $684 per annum instead of $648 per annum as per order of December 14, 1917:

As requested, notice of Mr. Edsall's appointment, dated May 28, 1918, is herewith returned for amendment by the Department.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

June 17,1918.

John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station,
San Leon, Tex.

You are directed to return to this office Department notice of your appointment, dated May 28, 1918, as it is necessary to return same to Department for amendment. The rate of pay for this position has been changed from $648 to $684 per annum.

Inspector.

COPY (MCC) Recd., L.H.Inspr., N.O., La., 9 a.m., June 10, 1918.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John L. Edsall

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.

John L. Edsall
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of June, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

S (Notary Public
E (County of
A (Galveston,
L (Texas.

[4] (*Name*) Jno. D. Keeley

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires June, 1919.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Keeper in Lighthouse Service. Present	$684.00 p.a.	Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Tex.
1st Assistant Keeper in Lighthouse Service [5] Former	$540.00 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog Signal Station, Tex.

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

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OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La. (Address), July 26, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 9, 1918. (Date)

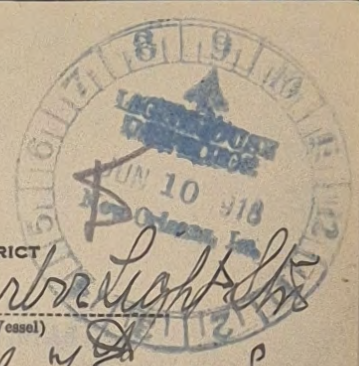
(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time after the date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, 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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...ICATIONS TO
... INSPECTOR
...ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Harbor Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

June 7th, 1918

Light-House Inspector
8th District
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

John L. Edsall 1st Assistant-Keeper left the Station at 8.30 this morning to assume charge of Red Fish Bar Int-Light-Sta as Keeper. I made the trip to Red Fish and carried his household goods and provisions as there was not a boat going that way in time for him to arrive at that Station on time.

Respectfully

John D Balsillie
Keeper
Galveston Harbor Light Sta
P. O. Box No 15.
Galveston, Texas

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June 4,1918.

John L. Edsall,1st Assistant Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15, Galveston, Tex.
(Through the Keeper.).

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 28, 1918, appointing you Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at salary of $648.00 per annum (plus 10 per cent. during fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and the usual ration allowance, effective on the date you enter upon duty at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

Subscribe to the inclosed Oath of Office before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths, and return same as soon as practicable.

You are directed to leave Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog Signal station in sufficient time to reach Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station not later than the evening of June 7, 1918, or the morning of June 8, 1918, advising the exact date you relieve Mr. George R. Smith of his duties as Keeper at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

You will note that in letter from this office dated May 23, 1918, it was inadvertently stated that your salary under the new appointment would be $684.00 per annum: the salary authorized by the Department for this position is $648.00 per annum.

B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished John D. Balsillie, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog Signal Station, Tex., for his information and the station files.
Promptly advise this office the exact date Mr. Edsall leaves Galveston en route to the new station.

Inspector.

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May 23, 1918.

John L. Edsall, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that nomination has this day been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your appointment as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, etc., Texas, at a salary of $684 per annum (plus 10% during the present fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and the usual ration allowance.

Immediately upon receipt of Department letter of appointment at this office, you will be given definite instructions in regard to proceeding to the new station.

Three copies of Form 30 have been forwarded to Mr. George R. Smith, the retiring Keeper, and he has been directed to prepare a "Receipt for Transfer of Property" thereon, which you will check over and sign in accordance with Instructions "B" on the form upon your arrival at the station.

You will advise this office promptly the exact date you relieve Mr. Smith of his duties as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station.

(Signed) DORRY,

Inspector.

Copy furnished J. D. Balsillie, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

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Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,
etc., Texas.--salary.

May 25, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to nomination, forwarded through the Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District this date, recommending the transfer, promotion and appointment of John L. Bisall as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas, at a salary of $684 per annum:

The recommendation that this employee be appointed at $684 per annum instead of $648 per annum as instructed by Bureau Circular Letter No. 142, dated November 18, 1915, is for the reason that living conditions have changed considerably since the readjustment of pay was authorized and, under the circumstances that now exist, it is not deemed advisable to reduce the pay of this position.

Inspector.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., May 23 (City.) (Date.), 1918.

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, John L. Edsall — Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $684 per annum.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 9, 1918, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Assistant Keeper. — Former salary, $540 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas.

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

Previous incumbent, George R. Smith. — Services terminated, ~~to~~ at close of June 8, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks. John L. Edsall is now serving under probationary appointment at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Texas. He is the only employee in his grade at his station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position. Quarters are not provided at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station for the families of the keepers.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. — Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply. 11—2314

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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May 17, 1918.

John L. Edsall, 1st Asst. Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P.O.Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that you are being considered, with others, for transfer and promotion to Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, as Keeper, and you are requested to advise by return mail whether or not you will accept such appointment. Salary, $648 per annum (plus 10% during the present fiscal year to end June 30, 1918) and the usual ration allowance.

Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station is located in Galveston Bay, on bar, off Edwards Point, about 14 miles from Galveston, Texas. Post Office: San Leon, Texas, about 2½ miles from station. Two keepers are authorized to care for this station. Quarters are provided for the keepers, but their families are not permitted to reside at the station. Family quarters may be rented at San Leon, Texas, about 2½ miles distant, or at Galveston, Texas. The Government furnishes heating and cooking stoves as well as the fuel for same.

If selected for above position, it is desired to have you report at the station for duty on the evening of June 7, 1918, and you are directed to make arrangements accordingly. However, do not proceed to the new station until you receive definite instructions to do so from this office.

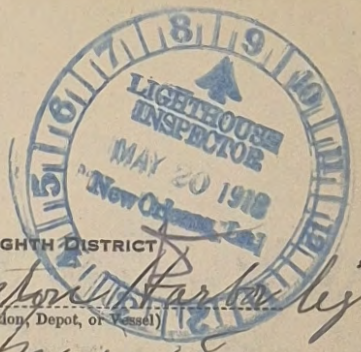
(Signed) DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished J. D. Balsillie, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Box 15, Galveston, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

...MUNICATIONS TO
...OUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Harbor Light
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 18, 1918

Light House Inspector
8th Dist.
New Orleans
La.

Through the Keeper

Sir:- I will accept a position as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station if appointed, and will be ready on date mentioned,

Thanking you

Respectfully
John L Edsall
Galveston Harbor Light.

Approved.
John D Balsillie
Keeper.
May 18/18.

COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Galveston Harbor Light Stn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 16th, 1918

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
MAY 17 1918
New Orleans, La.

Light-House Inspector
8th District.
New Orleans La.

Sir

In answer to your letter of May 14/18 regarding John. L. Edsall. He has shown on all occasions, a willingness to learn everything in connection with Service work at this Station. He is an industrious worker, and sober, and I think, if given the promotion to Keeper of Red Fish Bar Lent Light Station, Texas, will make an excellant Keeper. He takes an interest in keeping everything to the efficiency point; and I take pleasure in recommending him to you.

Respectfully
John D Balsillie.
Keeper
Galveston Harbor Light Stn.
P. O. Box No 15.
Galveston, Texas

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May 14, 1918.

John D. Balsillie, Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.

Advise this office by return mail if, in your opinion, John L. Edsall possesses the necessary qualifications and is worthy of transfer and promotion to Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station as Keeper.

In the event Edsall is transferred, Robert L. Payne will be promoted to the position of First Assistant Keeper of Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc.

Inspector.

CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 23 1918
HOUSES

January 22, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George W. Bardwell.

Legal Residence: Texas.

(See reverse side.)

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
JAN 26 1918
New Orleans, La

COPY (MCC) Recd., L.H.Insp., 8th D., New Orleans, La., 10:30 a.m., Feb. 7, 1918.

No. 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John L. Bissell,

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.

John L. Bissell.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 5th day of February, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

S(Notary Public,
E(County of
A(Galveston,
L(Texas.

[4](Name) JNO. D. KELLEY,

(Official title) Notary Public.

My commission expires June, 1919.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	1st Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$540 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1, 3, 31, 2, 21, 4, 41, and 5, Texas.
Former [5]	Probationary appointment.		

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

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Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Eighth District

New Orleans, La. (Address) February 11, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 9, 1918. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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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8 tm.

January 28, 1916.

John J. Strail, Laborer,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Sig-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated January 28, 1916, appointing you First Assistant Keeper of Galveston Harbor Lights and Sig-Signal Station, Texas, at a salary of $540 per annum (plus $60 additional during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1916) and an allowance of thirty cents (30¢) per day in cash instead of rations.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly.

"Personal Question Sheet" should be executed in duplicate, all questions being answered, even if only "No" or "0" is necessary.

Form 124, "Declaration of appointee," should be completed and signed by you in the presence of the Keeper of Galveston Harbor Lights, etc., then dated and signed by him and forwarded to this office.

Give the above your careful attention.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

(Signed) R. S. LEHRIER,
Superintendent.

Copy furnished J. D. Saloillie, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights, etc., for his information and the station files.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Superintendent.

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January 17, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Laborer,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that nomination has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your probationary appointment to the position of First Assistant Keeper of Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas, at a salary of $540.00 per annum (plus 10% during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1918), and an allowance of thirty cents (30¢) per day in cash instead of rations.

You will be duly advised of the Department's action in this matter.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished J. D. Balsillie, Keeper, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, P.O.Box 15, Galveston, Texas, for his information and the station files.

Inspector.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., January 16, 191 8.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John L. Edsall. Legal residence, Texas.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $540.00 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Houston Chan. Ent. Rge.Lts., and Houston Chan. Lts. Nos. 1,3,3A, 2,2A,4, 4A, 6, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective: February 1, 1918, } 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, First Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 84.8, Other eligibles considered:

Samuel T. Ganse, C.

Previous incumbent, George W. Bardwell. Services terminated, to about January 31, 1918.

Reason, Recommended for transfer and appointment as Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, effective commencing February 1, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall has been serving as temporary Laborer at above light station since December 21, 1917. Quarters are not provided at this light station for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable person in the service who desires transfer to this position.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

File:

Personal Question Sheet forwarded to Bureau Jan. 14, 1918. under temporary appointment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr John Linn Edsall

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Galveston Harbor Lts.& Fog-Signal Stn, Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $540 per annum.

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

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

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination-- January 15, 1918.

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

Galveston (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Galveston (County.) (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? Newark N.J.

12. When were you born? July 8 (Month. Day.) 1875 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Fair

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

Mrs H. A. Edsall (Name.) 67 Crystal St (Number and street.)

Newark (City or town.) N.J. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) No

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

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

19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.) No

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

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

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

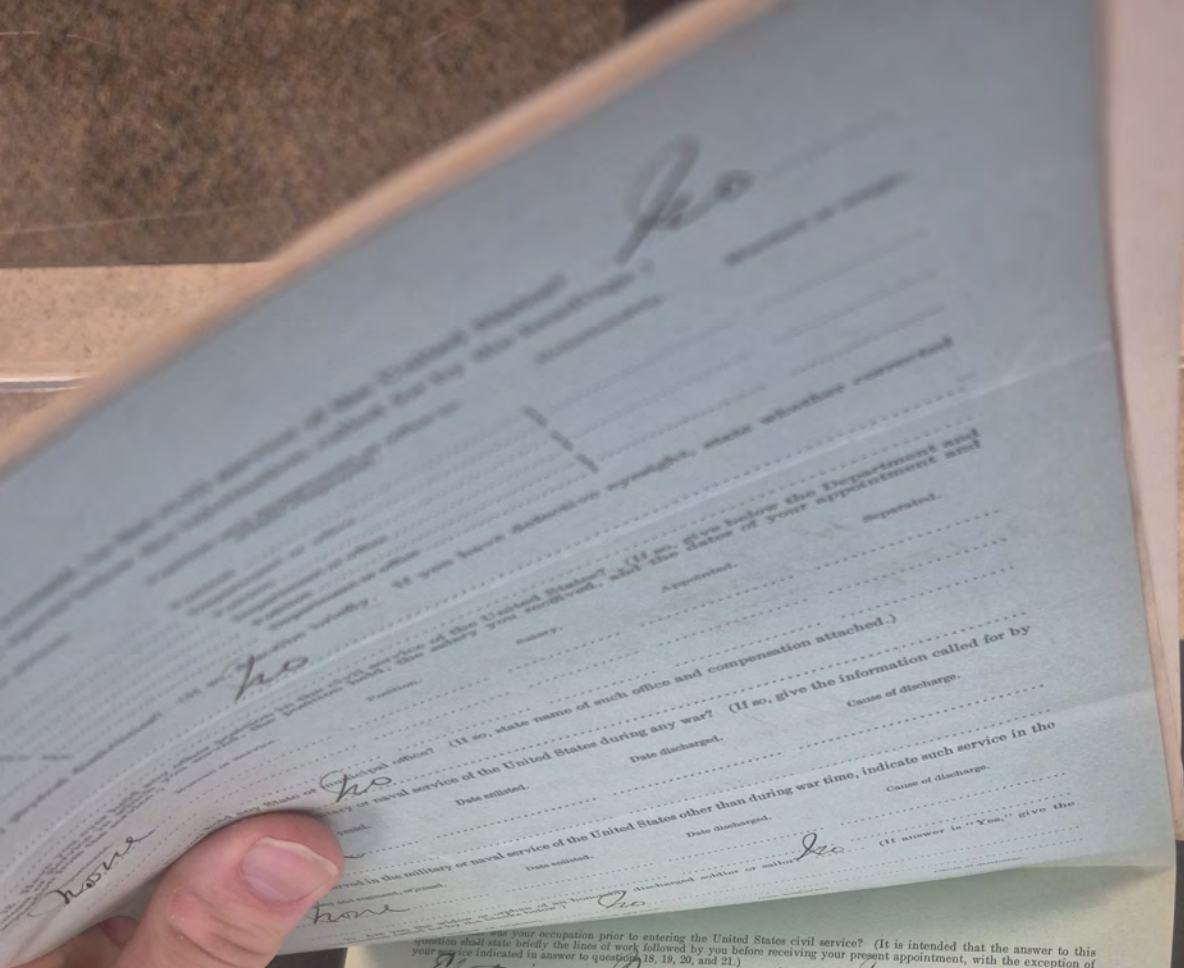
Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None			
		No	

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

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

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



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

Electrician - Wood worker - Mechanic
Clerk - Insurance Agent - Painter

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

High School Rodmans Seminary

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

Electrician

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

Only that from which my appointment was made

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

Yes

Date, Oct 1, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John Linn Edsell

P. O. Address: Galveston
City or town.
619 - H
Number and street.
Texas
State or Territory.

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

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

(Signature) .....

(Official title) .....

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr John Linn Edsall

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Galveston Harbor Lts.& Fog-Signal Stn., Tex. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth (District.)

4. Position to which appointed. First Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $540 per annum.

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

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

From Assistant Lighthouse Keeper Examination-- January 15, 1918.

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

Galveston (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Galveston County (County.) (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? Newark N.J.

12. When were you born? July 8 1875 (Month. Day. Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Married

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

Mrs H. A. Edsall 67 Central Ave (Name. Number and street.)

Newark (City or town.) N.J. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

.....No.....

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
None	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

.....No.....

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None	.....	.....	.....
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21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
None	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	No.	.....

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) ..... No .....

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

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

Electrician - Woodworker - Mechanic
Clerk - Insurance Agent - Painter -

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

High School - Rodmans Seminary -

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

Electrician

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

Only that from which my appointment was made

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

Yes

Date, Dec 1, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John Lewis Edsall

P. O. Address: 619-H Galveston
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

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

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

(Signature) .....

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(Official title) .....

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

U. S. Lighthouse Service
[Branch of service or department.]

Galveston, Texas
[Name of city.] [State.]

Dist 4



DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

This form must be executed by the appointee before he enters on duty. If the answer to question 6 includes two or more names, and is not IDENTICAL in every respect with answer to similar question in the application, this form must be submitted by the appointing officer for approval before appointment may be authorized. ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AS QUOTED ON ATTACHED FORM. False personation in an examination is a criminal offense, and will be prosecuted accordingly.

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	42 Years July 8- 1875-
2. Where were you born?	Newark N.J.
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Geo W. Baldwell 2601-P Galveston Tx Edward Stoughton- John Donnelly
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La.
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	Galveston Tx At Home First Assistant Keeper Light House Service 6 Probation $749.00 per Year

6. Are any members of your family in the U. S. Government Service? Answer "yes" or "no" No If so, fill in the following blanks. If additional space is necessary use back of this sheet.

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

7. Have any of the above-named persons entered the Government service since the execution of your application for examination? No- If so, give the name of each such person

8. Will you inform yourself of and observe the provisions of the civil service law and rules and Executive orders concerning political activity, political coercion, political assessments, use of influence to secure promotion, etc., as quoted on the attached form? Yes

I hereby certify that the answers to the foregoing questions are true in every particular.

John Linn Edsall
[Signature.]

619-H Galveston Texas
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

The officer before whom the above certificate is made is requested to sign the following:

The above certificate was executed before me, in his own handwriting, by the identical person who has reported for assignment to duty.

Was photograph of appointee furnished you? Yes. If so, is it a correct likeness of the person who executed this form? Yes.

This is to be signed by an officer of the department or bureau to which the appointee belongs, not by a notary public, and does not need to be sworn to.
The paper should be returned to Chief Clerk of bureau when completed.

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Signature John D Balsellie

Official title Keeper

Galveston Harbor Light Station

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

Name of employee John L. Edsall.

Designation Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas. *Compensation* $480 p.a.

Date of appointment: January 3, 1918, effective from Dec. 21, 1917, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles.

Place of employment Galveston Harbor Lts. & Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas.

Last day served February 8, 1918.

Copy furnished Secretary, 10th Civil-Service District, N.O., La., for his information.

(Signed) DORRY.

Inspector.

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.
(Official title.)

Date February 11, 1918.

Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau or service.)

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at a salary of ..... per annum,

effective December 21, 1917.

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

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.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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8 Insp.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas, in the Lighthouse Service, at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective December 21, 1917.

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

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.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John L. Edsall,

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.

JOHN L. EDSALL.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 11th day of January, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (*Name*) _____

(*Official title*) _____

SEAL.

My commission expires _____

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Laborer in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1, 3, 3A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A, and 6, Texas.
Former Temporary appointment; for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles for appointment to position of second assistant keeper.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., January 12, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 21, 1917.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

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

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

Mr. John Linn Edsall

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

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth. (District.)

4. Position to which appointed Laborer.

5. Compensation $480 per annum.

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

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

Temporary appointment without examination.

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

619-11 Galveston (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) Galveston County. (County.) 7th Dist. (Congressional district.)

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

619-11 Galveston Texas

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

11. Where were you born? Newark N. J.

12. When were you born? July (Month.) 8 (Day.) 1875 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out Not foreign born.

14. What is your marital condition? ~~Married~~ Married.

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

Mrs. K. A. Edsall (Name.) 67 Quintard St (Number and street.)

Newark (City or town.) N. J. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.) None

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

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

19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.) No

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

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

Mechanic - Woodworker - Painter
Mason - and General Life Insurance Agent

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

Preparatory - Rodmans Seminary Plainfield N.J.

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

Carpenter - Electrician

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

None

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

Yes

Date, January, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John L. Edsall

P. O. Address: 619 - 11th Galveston
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded January 14, 1918.

(Signature) D

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(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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4 inclosures.

January 8, 1918.

John L. Edsall, Laborer,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter of January 3, 1918, appointing you Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas, at a salary of $480 per annum (plus 10%), effective commencing December 21, 1917. This appointment will continue for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for appointment to the position of second assistant keeper.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly, as check in payment of your services from December 21 to 31, inclusive, will not be forwarded to you until the oath is received in proper form.

"Personal Question Sheet" should be completed in duplicate and returned to this office as soon as practicable. All questions should be answered, even if only "Yes" or "No" is necessary.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished J. D. Balsillie, Keeper of Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc., for his information and the statil files.

Inspector.

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., December 26 7.
(City.) (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles.

Name, John L. Edsall. Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 p.a.without rations.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1,3,3A,2,2A,4,4A, and 5, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 21, 1917. {the actual date of entrance on duty, xx
{as xxxx

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Harbor Light-Station.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

December 22nd, 1917

Light-House Inspector
8th District
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

I engaged Mr John L. Edsall yesterday, at 8 Oclock in the morning, December 21st 1917. He started to work at time mentioned, and is now out at the Station at work. He has filled in application papers for Appointment in Light-House Service.

Name John L. Edsall
Date & Place of Birth. July 8th 1875. Newark, New Jersey.
Present legal residence. No 619 Ave H. Galveston, Texas.
Has had no employment in the Government Service.
Has no relatives in the Government Service.
Employed & Started Work 8 Am. December 21st-1917

Respectfully.
John D Balsillie
Keeper

Galveston Harbor Light-Stn. Box 15 Galveston Tex.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Harbor Light-Stn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
December 18th, 1917.

Light-House Inspector.
8 District-
New Orleans La.

Sir.

I have a man in crew, who has promised to start work with us Friday. He is going to ask for application papers for the Light-House service. I believe he will make a good man for us. His name John L. Edsall. Will fill out form and mail to the Office when he starts in.

Respectfully.

John D Balsillie
Keeper.
Galveston Harbor Light-Stn
P.O. Box # 15
Galveston, Texas.

December 12, 1917.

John D. Balsillie, Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.

Replying to your letter of December 10, 1917, you are authorized to employ Simon Sadoroskny in the position of Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc., and place him on duty, reporting the date to this office promptly. Salary will be paid him at the rate of $480 per annum with an increase of 10%. No allowance will be made for rations. His appointment will only be temporary pending the arrival of a regular Second Assistant Keeper.

Furnish the following information regarding Mr. Sadoroskny:

1. His first name in full, middle initial (if any), and last name in full.

2. Date of birth.

3. His present legal residence.

4. Has he any relatives in the Government Service now, that is, members of his family who reside under the same roof with him? If so, give names, positions held, salaries, length of service, and under what Department.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Superintendent.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Galveston Harbor Light-Stn.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

December 15th, 1917.

Light-House Inspector.
8th District.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

I went-town last-night; and came across a man, that-used to clean the buoys for us. He has been engaged on the Tender "Sunflower" also. He is a good worker, and can be depended on, and trusted. His name is Simon Sadorosky. Russian by birth, has taken out-his first-Papers 5 years ago. He is expecting to get-his final Papers this week. His service under Capt-Ludlam was from June 17-1917 to Sept-30-1917, leaving at his own request. Has 3 Excellents 4 2 Good on his discharge. If possible would like to be able to get him.

Respectfully.
John D Balsellie Keeper
Galveston Harbor Light-Stn
P.O Box #15 Galveston Texas

December 10, 1917.

John D. Balsillie, Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station,
P. O. Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.

Referring to your letter of the 9th instant, stating that you are unable to secure a laborer for the vacant position of Second Assistant Keeper:

You are directed to have First Assistant Keeper Bardwell accompany you on the launch until you are able to secure a laborer or until this office fills the vacant position.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Superintendent.

(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

December 9th, 1917.

Light-House Inspector.
8th District
New Orleans. La.

Sir.

I am unable to get a man to work at Station, as salary is not enough they claim. I will still try to get some one.

Respectfully

John D Balsillie
Keeper.
Galveston Harbor Light Stn.
P.O. Box № 15.
Galveston, Texas.

December 3, 1917.

John D. Balsillie, Keeper,
Galveston Harbor Lights,
Box 15,
Galveston, Texas.

Referring to vacancy existing in the position of second assistant keeper at your station, you are directed to look up a suitable person for the position of temporary laborer pending the appointment and arrival of a new 2d assistant keeper. The salary is $480. per annum with an increase of ten percent. No allowance will be made for rations. The person selected must be an American citizen. If you find a suitable person, you are authorized to employ him immediately; furnishing this office by letter with the following information:

1. His first name in full, middle initial (if any), and last name in full.

2. Date and place of birth. (If foreign born, forward his final certificate of naturalization, which will be returned after proper record has been made in this office.)

3. His present legal (that is, voting) residence.

4. Has he ever been employed in the Government Service? If so, give name of position held, salary, dates served, and under what Department.

5. Has he any relatives in the Government Service now, that is, members of his family who reside under the same roof with him? If so, give names, positions held, salaries, dates served, and under what Department?

6. The exact date you employed him as temporary Laborer.

Give the above your careful attention.

Inspector.

Jno. L. Edsall

John L. Edsall

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Texas

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Labrr. (TEMPORARY) (Paid Cert.) Galveston Harbor Tex	480	L H	Dec 21. 1917
Laborday served Feb 8. 1918.			
1st Asst Kpr — Port appr. Galveston Harbor Tex	540.	L. H.	Feb. 9, 1918
Keeper Red Fish Bar Tex	~~640~~ 684	"	June 9, 1918
" Increase "	900	"	Nov 4, 1918
Resigned April 15, 1919			

INACTIVE

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 26, 1917.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles.

Name, **John L. Edsall.** Legal residence, **Texas.**

Position, **Laborer in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$480 p.a.without rations.**

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1,3,3A,2,2A,4,4A, and 6, Texas. Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective December 21, 1917, } the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~

Former position, - - - Former salary, - - -

Location, - -

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

Previous incumbent, New position. Services terminated, - - -

Reason, Pending certification of eligibles for the position of Second Assistant Keeper vice Harris A. Brown transferred to Brazos River Light Station by Department letter of November 15, 1917.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall has never served under any branch of the Department of Commerce. Due to the necessity for maintaining the full authorized complement at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc., Mr. Edsall was assigned to duty on December 21, 1917.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Dec 26, 1917

E. A. Harway
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Dorry
Inspector.

Temporary pending certification.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 2 - 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

It is requested that the temporary position of laborer, at $480 per annum, be authorized for the Galveston Harbor Lights, etc., Tex., effective December 21, 1917, and to continue for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of receipt of certificate for appointment of second assistant keeper. Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses. The rate of pay recommended is reasonable and is not in excess of that paid for the same or similar services during the preceding fiscal year.

APPROVED:

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

Acting Commissioner.

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective December 21, 1917.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 4 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

CARDED.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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JAN 4 1918

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR JAN 12 1918 New Orleans, La
LIGHT JAN 15 1918 HOUSES
CHIEF CLERK JAN 21 19
APPOINTMENT JAN 21 1918

I, John L. Edsall,

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.

John L. Edsall
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of January, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Mack Keeley

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1919

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Laborer in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1, 3, 3A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A, and 6, Texas.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment; for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles for appointment to position of second assistant keeper.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., (Address) January 12, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 21, 1917. (Date)

CARLISLE.

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., January 16, 1918
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John L. Edsall. Legal residence, Texas.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $540.00 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Houston Chan. Ent. Rge.Lts., and Houston Chan. Lts. Nos. 1,3,3A, 2,2A,4, 4A, 6, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Effective: February 1, 1918.

Former position, - - Former salary, - -

Vice, - -

Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 84.8, Other eligibles considered, -

Nominee, T. Gause, C.

Previous incumbent, George W. Bardwell. Services terminated, to about January 31, 1918.

Reason, Recommended for transfer and appointment as Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, effective commencing February 1, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall has been serving as temporary Laborer at above light station since December 21, 1917. Quarters are not provided at this light station for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable person in the service who desires transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, January 16, 1918

E. A. Conway
Secretary, 16 Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 21 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

E. Conway
Acting Commissioner

JAN 22 1918 10 57 AM

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

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George W. Bardwell.

Legal Residence: Texas.

(See reverse side.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JAN 22 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR FEB 17 1918 New Orleans, La.

LIGHT FEB 17 1918 HOUSES

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I, John L. Edsall,

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.

John L. Edsall

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 5th day of February, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Geo. D. Keeley

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1919

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	1st Asst. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$540 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1, 3, 3A, 2, 2A, 4, 4A, and 6, Texas.
Former [5]	Probationary appointment.		

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

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT

New Orleans, La. (Address) February 11, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 9, 1918. (Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

[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.

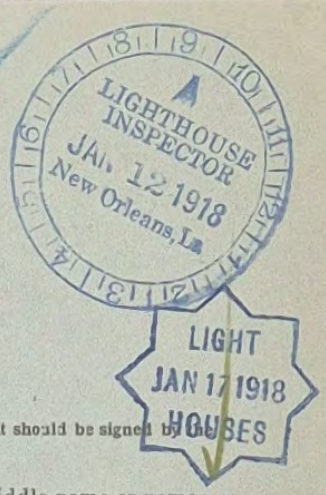
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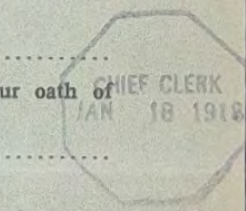
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET





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

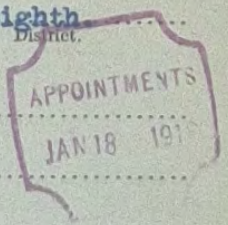
1. What is your full name? (State whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. and spell out names in full, including middle name or names. Example: Mr. John Richard Roe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mrs. John Linn Edsall

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

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) Eighth. (District.)



4. Position to which appointed.... Laborer.

5. Compensation ..$480 per annum.

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

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

Temporary appointment without examination.

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

619-H Galveston (City or town.) Texas (State or Territory.) (County.) (Congressional district.)

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

619-H Galveston Texas, Galveston County, 7th Dist.

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

11. Where were you born? Newark N.J.

12. When were you born? July (Month.) 8 (Day.) 1875 (Year.)

13. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out Not foreign born.

14. What is your marital condition? ~~Married~~ Married.

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

Mrs H. A. Edsall (Name.) 67 Dental St (Number and street.)

Newark N.J. (City or town.) (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

None

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

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

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

Surchanja - Wood worker - Painter -
Clerk - and General Life Insurance Agent

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

Preparatory - Rodman Seminary - Plainfield N.J.

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

Carpenter - Electrician

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

None

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

Yes

Date, Jan 10, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) John L. Rasall

P. O. Address: 619 - H Galveston
City or town.

Number and street.

Texas
State or Territory.

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

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Reviewed, approved, and forwarded January 14, 1918.

(Signature) [illegible]

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

APPOINTMENTS

LIGHT FEB 14 1918 HOUSES

(To be filled in immediately after the last day temporary employee serves, signed by the proper official and forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce.)

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OFFICE OF CLERK

Name of employee John L. Edsall.

Designation Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas. *Compensation* $480 p.a.

Date of appointment: January 3, 1918, effective from Dec. 21 1917, for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles.

Place of employment Galveston Harbor Lts. & Fog-Signal Station, etc., Texas.

Last day served February 8, 1918.

CARDED

Rec. appt

DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF INTERPRETATION MAR 4 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.
(*Official title.*)

Date February 11, 1918.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., May 23, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 27 1918

APPOINTMENTS

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

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CHIEF CLERK 5

Name, John L. Edsall

Legal residence, Texas.

Equalization report 624 pa. 648. D.L. Dec 14 1917

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Salary, ~~$684 per annum.~~

1918 MAY 28 PM 2 19

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Texas.

Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 9, 1918,

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

Former position, First Assistant Keeper.

Former salary, $540 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ACTION TAKEN MAY 29 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

- - - - - - - - - - - -

Previous incumbent, George R. Smith. $684 pa

Services terminated, to at close of June 8, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall is now serving under probationary appointment at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Texas. He is the only employee in his grade at his station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position. Quarters are not provided at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station for the families of the keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, May 23, 1918

E. H. Thompson
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Dorry
Inspector.

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

MAY 28 1918

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N. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred and Forty- eight* dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By transfer from first assistant keeper at $540 per annum.)

*amended

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George R. Smith.

Legal Residence: Texas.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 29 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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LIGHT JUL 29 1918 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, John L. Edsall

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.

JUL 29 1918 9 43 AM

CHIEF CLERK

John L. Edsall

(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 6th day of June, A. D. 1918

APPOINTMENTS JUL 30 1918

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Geo. D. Keeley

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires June 1919

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Keeper in Lighthouse Present Service.	$684.00 p.a.	Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Tex.
1st Assistant Keeper in Former [5] Lighthouse Service	$540.00 p.a.	Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog Signal Station, Tex.

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

RSW

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Supt. of Lighthouses, 8th District

New Orleans, La. (Address), July 26, 1918. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 9, 1918. (Date)

R. R. Doty

(Signature, followed by title) Superintendent.

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

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

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

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

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

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINTMENTS 5 CHIEF LIGHT HOUSES MAY 27 1918

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

May 23, 1918.

Keeper, Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,
etc., Texas,--salary.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to nomination, forwarded through the Secretary, Tenth Civil-Service District this date, recommending the transfer, promotion and appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station and Galveston Bay Channel Light No. 2, Texas, at a salary of $684 per annum:

The recommendation that this employee be appointed at $684 per annum instead of $648 per annum as instructed by Bureau Circular Letter No. 142, dated November 18, 1915, is for the reason that living conditions have changed considerably since the readjustment of pay was authorized and, under the circumstances that now exist, it is not deemed advisable to reduce the pay of this position.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN JUN 7-1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
June 6, 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention in this connection being invited to nomination for transfer, promotion and appointment submitted to the Department on May 28, 1918.

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Acting Commissioner.

June 7, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 23rd instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 6th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $684 per annum, and cancels its order of December 14, 1917, whereby the pay of the position would have been reduced to $648 per annum upon the appointment of a new incumbent.

It is requested that the notice of appointment dated May 28, 1918, addressed to Mr. Edsall, be returned to the Department for amendment.

6/7/18 - 3:19 P.M.

[SIGNED] E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF OFFICE LIGHT HOUSES
JUL 16 1918

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

July 13, 1918.

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John L. Edsall, Keeper,
Red Fish Bar Cut L.S.,etc.,
Texas: Appointment.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to letter from Office of the Secretary, dated June 29, 1918, authorizing the appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of above light station at $684 per annum instead of $648 per annum as per order of December 14, 1917:

As requested, notice of Mr. Edsall's appointment, dated May 28, 1918, is herewith returned for amendment by the Department.

Superintendent.

CARDED

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
July 22, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, there being inclosed, in duplicate, Department letter, dated May 28, 1918, for amendment.

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H. B. Brownell
Acting Commissioner

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
JUL 24 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
JUL 24 1918
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Returned to Bureau 7/24/18

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

W. John L. Edsall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sirs

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $684 per annum to $900 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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.

ON BASIS OF THIS ACTION BE
ITEM DATED 11-15-18
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 21 1918

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NOTICE OF RESIGNATION ~~OR DEATH~~

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LIGHT MAR 31 1919 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~, Eighth DISTRICT.

CHIEF CLERK

New Orleans, La., March 28, 1919.

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, John L. Edsall — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.

Legal residence, Texas. — Station, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas.

Salary, $900.00 per annum.

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of April 15, 1919.

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

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Remarks:

For and in the absence of the Superintendent:

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First Assistant Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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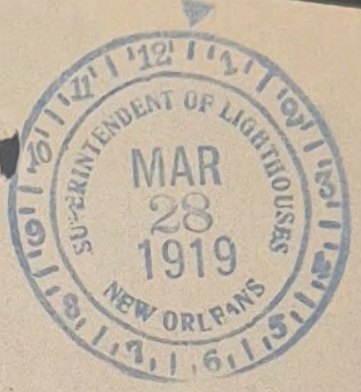
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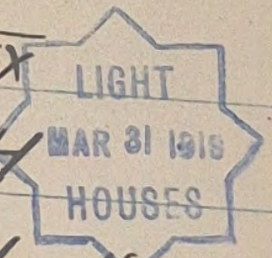
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Acting Commissioner



Galveston Tx
619 Ave H
Mar 26-1919



Superintendent of Light Houses
New Orleans
La.

Sir:

It is necessary for me to leave the service on or before April 15- 1919.

Please accept this as due and formal notice and govern yourselves accordingly

Respectfully
John L. Edsell
Keeper
Red Fish Bar Cut Lt.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1919.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on April 15, 1919.

Bureau_____ Lighthouse Service (8th District).

Position_____ Keeper.

Salary_____ $900 per annum.

C. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

EDSALL, John L.

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EDSALL, John L.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., December 26
(City.) (Date.)

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THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles.

Name, John L. Edsall. Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 p.a.without rations.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Houston Channel Entrance Range Lights, and Houston Channel Lights Nos. 1,3,3A,2,2A,4,4A, and 6, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective December 21, 1917, {the actual date of entrance on duty, ~~as~~
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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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HOUSES

January 3, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, Laborer at Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective December 21, 1917.

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

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.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 21 1918

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New Orleans, La., January 16, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, John L. Edsall. Legal residence, Texas.

Position, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $540.00 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Houston Chan. Ent. Rge.Lts., and Houston Chan. Lts. Nos. 1,3,3A, 2,2A,4, 4A, 6, Texas. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

~~Effective~~ Effective: February 1, 1918, ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, - - Former salary, - -

Location, - -

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Dep. Commr.
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Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper. Percentage, 84.8, Other eligibles considered:

Samuel T. Gause, C.

Previous incumbent, George W. Bardwell. Services terminated, to about January 31, 1918.

Reason, Recommended for transfer and appointment as Keeper of Galveston Jetty Light Station, Texas, effective commencing February 1, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall has been serving as temporary Laborer at above light station since December 21, 1917. Quarters are not provided at this light station for the family of the First Assistant Keeper. There is no suitable person in the service who desires transfer to this position.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, January 16, 1918

E. H. Kennedy
Secretary, 1st Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JAN 21 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
JAN 23 1918
HOUSES

January 22, 1918.

Mr. John L. Edsall,

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, First Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Forty dollars per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon duty in the above-mentioned position.

By selection from certificate of eligibles (No. - - -) issued by the local Civil Service Board for the Eighth Lighthouse District.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: George W. Bardwell.

Legal Residence: Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 27 1918

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

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New Orleans, La., May 25 1918 (City.) (Date.) MAY 27 1918 8 38 AM

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer, promotion and appointment.

Name, John L. Edsall — Legal residence, Texas.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. — Salary, $684 per annum.

Location, Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, and Galveston Bay Channel Light No.2, Texas. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective June 9, 1918, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, First Assistant Keeper. — Former salary, $540 per annum.

Location, Galveston Harbor Lights and Fog-Signal Station, Texas.

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

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Previous incumbent, George R. Smith. — Services terminated, to at close of June 8, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: John L. Edsall is now serving under probationary appointment at Galveston Harbor Lights & Fog-Signal Station, Texas. He is the only employee in his grade at his station, and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time he was appointed. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position. Quarters are not provided at Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station for the families of the keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, May 23, 1918

E. H. Gunn
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner.

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June 7, 1918.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

For the reasons stated in the Eighth Inspector's letter of the 23rd instant, and in accordance with the Bureau's recommendation of the 6th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the appointment of John L. Edsall as Keeper of Red Fish Bar Cut Light Station, Texas, at $684 per annum, and cancels its order of December 14, 1917, whereby the pay of the position would have been reduced to $648 per annum upon the appointment of a new incumbent.

It is requested that the notice of appointment dated May 28, 1918, addressed to Mr. Edsall, be returned to the Department for amendment.

(SIGNED) E. F. BWEN

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JUN 10 1918

To Lighthouse Inspector, New Orleans, La.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

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Acting Commissioner.

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