ELDEN, CHARLES W.

ELDEN, CHARLES W.

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Form 73 **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE**

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AB-HBH

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT,
KEY WEST, FLA. May 31, 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUN 4 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, change in compensation from monthly to yearly rate.

Name, Charles W. Elden. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper. Salary, $600 A.

Location, Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

Effective July 1,1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~On the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper Former salary, $50 M.

Location, Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

Rank in list of eligibles, ----- Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered, -----

Letters of declination inclosed, -----

Previous incumbent, ----- Services terminated,

Reason, -----

Remarks:

In the absence, and by direction of the Inspector.

Appropriation-

Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Wm W Dennett
Supt. ~~Inspector~~ 7th Dist,

Department of Commerce and Labor
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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~~Acting~~ Commissioner

INSTRUCTIONS

Care should be used to see that the nominee's name is correctly spelled and that the official name of the position and station is accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or as stated on the eligible register, if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under Remarks.

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

June 29, 1912.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $50 per month.)

E D July 1, 1912.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY,

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Chas. H. Elden

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For commendation see letters of June 28, 1913, in file

Chas. H. Williams.

Chas. H. Elder

For commendation see letter of June 28, 1913, in file

Chas. A. Williams.

Office of Inspector, 7th District
Key West, Fla.

January 17, 1914.

Inspection of your station during the six months ending December 31, 1913, having shown the same to be in an exceptionally clean, orderly, and efficient condition, the Seventh Inspector takes pleasure in issuing in recognition thereof and in accordance with the Regulations, this letter of commendation for general efficiency during the period named.

(Signed) Demeritt,
Inspector.

Letters issued to the following keepers and assistant keepers:

Carysfort Reeef: Chas. Johnson, C. W. Elden, S. D. Johnson.
Alligator Reef; W. T. Stran, R.C.Roberts, R. S. Russell.

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Office of the Inspector, 7th L.H.Dist.
Key West, Fla., Jan. 17, 1914.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Carysfort Reef Fla. L.S.,
3. Name Elden, Charles W. 4. Where born Bahamas.
5. Age 43 yrs. 6. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $50. pm. 8. When appointed (a) April. 8, 1907.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from State Florida.
Congressional District 1st.
County Monroe.
11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service ~~None.~~ Temporary 2nd a.k., Rebecca Shoal L.S. for one month from March 8, 1907.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station in absence of Keeper, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with Keeper and 2nd Assistant.
15. Efficiency
Quantity of work (d) ~~0.K.~~ 9/10
Quality of work (e) ~~Average.~~ Good
Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; ~~average~~ Good interest.
Cer 21, 09 Dispatcher awards and duties [illegible] one class at present.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 5 - 1909, 19

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INSTRUCTIONS.

(*a*) Give date of appointment in branch of service in which now employed. Service elsewhere under the Government must be explained fully in answer to Question 13.

(*b*) State whether "Prior to Classification," "Without Examination," "Through Civil-Service Examination," by "Reinstatement," or "Transfer." If by reinstatement or transfer, prior service must be shown in answer to Question 13. If appointed without examination, explain fully.

(*c*) State whether "Presidential," "Unclassified," "Classified Competitive," or "Classified Excepted."

(*d*) Quantity of work must be stated in tenths on the basis that 10 tenths equal the amount of the particular class of work which can be performed by a thoroughly efficient employee.

(*e*) Express quality of work in the following terms: "Excellent," "Good," "Average," "Fair," "Poor."

(*f*) State whether or not employee manifests a disposition to familiarize himself with the work of the office in the sense of adding to the efficiency of the office as a whole.

(*g*) Under this head should be made any statement deemed advisable concerning the employee, especially in regard to efficiency.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Elden, Charles W., 2. Age 45 yrs. (Last birthday.)
3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.
5. Compensation $50. p.a. 6. Where employed Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.
7. When appointed (*a*) Mar.15,1907. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.
9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.
10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount --
12. Other Government service None.
13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station in absence of Keeper, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with Keeper and 2nd Assistant.
14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them ----
15. Efficiency (*d*):

	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	90	2	1	80
Quality of work	85	3	2	55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2	55
Attendance		[illegible]		
Total		8 [illegible]	6	90
Average percentage				86

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Manifests interest as a whole, to the extent of work overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. ------

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? -------

20. Remarks: (*e*) No.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

E. T. Johnson
Supt., 7th L.H. District.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. P. Eaton
Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

11—4259

Chief of Bureau or Office.

July 10, 1914, 7th Insyr. commended the following keepers and asst. keepers. See File Chas. G. Johnson.

Merrill A. Bethel
Chas. H. Williams
Henry L. Shumsham
Robert S. Meyer
Thomas A. Moody
Clifton H. Lopez
C. Johnson
C. W. Elden
Sinton D. Johnson

HBH.

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT NOV 6 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (City.) November 3 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, transfer.

Name, **Charles W. Elden** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$504. per annum.**

Location, **Anclote Keys L. S.,Fla.** Appropriation, **Sals.,L.H.Kprs.**

Effective **December 16,1915** { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper Former salary, **$600.**

Location, **Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.**

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

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Previous incumbent, Clifton H. Lopez Services terminated, **Dec.15,1915.**

Reason, **Recommended for transfer.**

Relatives in Government Service, --

Remarks: Mr. Elden is aware of the reduction in rank and salary, and is willing to accept the transfer. His written requests is enclosed. Approval of the action recommended will not be in violation of section 2 of Rule I of the civil-service rules.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector. ajs

1-inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON **November 6, 1915.**

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. **Inclosed is Elden's written request for the above referred to transfer.**

Acting Commissioner. TSC

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

11—2314

INSTRUCTIONS

The nominee's name should be correctly spelled and the official name of the position and station accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or is different from that stated on the eligible register if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under "Remarks."

The instructions in regard to transfers of employees, as set forth on pages 119 and 120, Regulations, 1911, should be carefully followed.

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In recommending the reinstatement, or original appointment, of a person whose papers show that he has already served under some branch of the Department of Commerce, include a brief note of that fact on the nomination.

Recommendation for permanent or temporary appointment or extension of appointment to positions for which eligible registers are maintained by the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., or for appointment to excepted positions, or for transfer, promotion, reduction, or reinstatement, shall not be forwarded through the civil-service district secretary, but all other recommendations for permanent or temporary appointment or extension shall be forwarded through the district secretary.

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In recommending the probationary appointment of a keeper or assistant keeper, state under "Remarks" whether or not quarters are furnished by the Government for his family.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT
NOV 9 1915
HOUSES

November 8, 1915.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

~~Assistant Keeper~~

in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~

at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and 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 $600 per annum.)

Eod Dec 14, 1915

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Clifton H. Lopez.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

LIGHT DEC 24 1915 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LHP.

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. (City.) December 21, 1915. (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, increase in salary1

Name, Chas. W. Elden. Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Assistant Keeper. Salary, $516.00.

Location, Anclote Keys L. S. Appropriation, Salaries, L.H.Keepers.

Effective January 1, 1916. {1 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper. Former salary, $504.00.

Location, Anclote Keys L. S.

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated,

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Above recommendation made in accordance with Bureau's instructions of December 17, 1915.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector. ajs

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Acting Commissioner. wpn 113

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT-FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 3 1916

December 30, 1915.

Mr. Charles W. Eldon,

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, ~~Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $504 per annum.)

E D June 1, 1916.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Washington February 19, 1918

Lighthouse Inspector Key West Florida

Bureau approves suspension Elden Anclotekeys and temporary assignment Hall

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Acting Commissioner

CONFIRMATION:

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

It is not considered that your telegram of Feb. 19, 1918, was necessary, as Elden's suspension could have been reported by letter and Hall could have been placed on duty, and nomination submitted through the local civil service district secretary, recommending an emergency prior date appointment. The telegram did not state whether the additional assistant desired was to be "laborer" or "additional assistant keeper", and, if "additional assistant keeper" no recommendation as to the rate of pay or why it was impracticable to recommend laborer was made in accordance with Regulations 1914, par. 440 (2d par.). If it was impracticable for you to have employed Hall as laborer , with pay at rate of lowest grade at station, make necessary explanation.

This is one of the kind of cases that comes within the purview of Bureau circular 313, in regard to "cutting out" telegraphing in emergency cases.

Acting Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TELEGRAM

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 19 1918

2/19/18 Wired -

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Keywest, Flo. 945am Feb 19,1918.

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Lighthouse Commissioner ,

Washington

Chas

Have suspended case W. Elden , assistant keeper Anclotekeys light station eighteenth Feby gross neglect duty request authorization additional assistant pending decision no eligible available recommend temporary appointment R.V.Hall of Florida.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

February 20, 1918.

Suspension of
C. W. Elden, Assistant
Keeper, Anclote Keys L.S.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Referring to telegram sent by this office February 19, 1918 reporting the suspension from duty of Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper Anclote Keys Lightstation and request for authorization for additional Assistant Keeper pending decision and the Bureau's approval of suspension and temporary assignment of Hall dated February 19, 1918.

It is stated for the Bureau's information that it appears that Mr. Elden has been guilty of gross neglect of duty. The light was either extinguished or the lens stopped on several occasions recently, on his watch, when it was found that he had left his post of duty and was in his quarters asleep.

In accordance with the regulations the accused was furnished a copy of the charges.

When the answer to the charges are received they will be forwarded to the Bureau with such recommendation as the case may warrant.

W. W. Bennett

MAR 1 1918 Lighthouse Inspector.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval of action of Seventh Inspector in initiating the suspension of Elden, effective February 19, 1918. It is also recommended that the Department order of suspension contain the usual provision that the suspension will be with lawful pay and allowances in case Elden is exonerated of the charges, be included. Further report and recommendation in the case will be made at a later date, and also recommendation in the case of Hall.

LIGHT
MAR 6 1918
HOUSES

March 4, 1918.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has confirmed the action of the Seventh Inspector in suspending you from duty for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective February 19, 1918, pending the disposition of charges of gross neglect of duty.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, or if the same are not found sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 6, 1918.

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Charges & Specifications
against C. W. Elden
Asst. Keeper Anclote Keys L.S.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Charges and specifications preferred against Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, Fla.

Charge. Neglect of duty.

Specification 1. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being regularly on watch in the watchroom did leave his post of duty between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock and went to his bed, where he was found by the keeper. All this on or about February 6, 1918.

Specification 2. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being regularly on watch in the watchroom and when the keeper awoke he found the light not revolving, upon investigation it was found that Elden had left his post of duty and was found in his room setting in a rocking chair, and when informed that the light was down, replied, "I know it" I am going to it now, and he did go. All this at 4.35 A.M February 10, 1918.

Specification 3. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being reguarly on watch, in the watchroom, and when the keeper noticed the light extinguished at 10:45 P.M. and upon investigation the keeper found that Mr. Elden had left his post of duty and gone below, where he was found in bed asleep. All this on or about February 13, 1918.

To which the accused plead as follows.

Guilty as to being asleep once, but not on February 6, 1918 between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock as charged.

Finding. Guilty proved by plea, though not as charged.

Recommendation. In view of the fact that this light is particularly at this time of the greatest importance and being connected by telephone for military purposes, constant vigilance is required, therefore the accused is no longer

considered to be a reliable or responsible person to be entrusted with the grave responsibilities pertaining to the position of an Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and it is recommended that he be separated from the Service from February 18, 1918, the date upon which his suspension went into effect.

Copies of the charges and the reply of the accused are enclosed.

Wm. W. Bennett

Lighthouse Inspector.

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4 incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
March 15, 1918.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that Elden be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

A report will be made at a later date whether Elden has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Acting Commissioner

McC-JRT

4 Inclosures.

March 15 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

Referring to your letter of March 6, 1918, in regard to charges against C. W. Elden, assistant keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station.

You are advised that recommendation has this day been submitted to the Department for the dismissal of Elden, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

Report whether Elden had taken leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with the Regulations of 1914, paragraph 470, (3d paragraph).

Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

It is assumed from your letter, although it is not clear to the Bureau, that Elden's suspension became effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

Acting Commissioner

MCC-JMT

C. W. Elden,
charges.

March 18, 1918.

SPECIAL

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

Referring to Bureau letter of March 15, 1918, in regard to charges against C. W. Elden, assistant keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station.

As the inclosures accompanying your letter of March 6, 1918, consisting of copy of charges preferred by you against Elden, his reply, etc., are not on file in the Bureau nor the Department, it is presumed they were inadvertently inclosed with Bureau letter to you of March 15, 1918, and, if so, return them to this office.

Acting Commissioner

McC-JMT

C. W. Elden,
charges.

March 18, 1918.

INSPECTION
MAR 21 1918
KEY WEST FLA.
LIGHT
MAR 25 1918
HOUSES

3/27/18 Enclosures to Dept. unofficially

SPECIAL.

Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

Referring to Bureau letter of March 15, 1918, in regard to charges against C. W. Elden, assistant keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station.

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Accounts.
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Clk.
Clerk.

Acting Commissioner

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Office of Inspector, 7th L. H. District,
Key West, Fla.
March 21, 1918.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

The enclosure referred to are herewith returned.

W. W. Emerault

Lighthouse Inspector.

LIGHT
MAR 19 1918
HOUSES

March 19, 1918.

Sir:

Charges of neglect of duty having been preferred against you, and sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant your removal, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Anclote Keys Light Station, Florida, at $516 per annum, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

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File No. 10418.

13 March, '07.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
RECEIVED
MAR 14 1907
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the appointment of Mr. Charles W. Elden of Florida, to the position of Acting Second Assistant Keeper at the Rebecca Shoal, Fla., light station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to date from 8 March, '07, the date of his entrance on duty, pending the selection of a person from the eligible register.

Vice — Thomas M. Kelley — Promoted Oak Island, N.C. — Mar 8 '07.

Mr. Elden has passed the required Civil Service Examination, obtaining a rating of 80 per cent in Class IV.

The Board begs to state that Mr. Elden has already been considered for a position three times, but, due to the isolation of this light station, it is very difficult to get keepers to go there. For this reason, the Board begs to ask that the ineligibility of Mr. Elden be waived.

Respectfully,

3-15-07
Mr Rogers

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
MAR 15 1907
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Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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March 15, 1907.

Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Florida, is hereby appointed

Acting Second Assistant Keeper of Rebecca Shoal Light-Station, Fla.,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning March 8, 1907, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (vice Thomas M. Kelley.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(For a period not to exceed one month.)

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Laurence O. Murray
Assistant Secretary.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Charles W. Elden

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Charles W Elden

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 24 day of April, A. D. 1907.

[c] Name: Ernest B. Roberts

Official title: U. S. Commissioner

{Affix official seal.}

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Second Assist. Keeper	Rebecca Shoal L. S.	Bahama Islds.	Florida.

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

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.

Light House Board, Secy.

Date 8 April 07

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Chief Clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Mr. Charles H. Eldred

Position: Second Assistant Keeper,

Rebecca Shoal Light Station.

Dated April 24, 1907.

8 April '07 $500. yr.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 1756. Every person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, excepting the President and the persons embraced by the section following, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, and before being entitled to any part of the salary or other emoluments thereof, take and subscribe the following oath:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 1757. * * * I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

AN ACT amending the Revised Statutes of the United States in respect to official oaths, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 2. That section seventeen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and hereafter the oath to be taken by any person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, except the President of the United States, shall be as prescribed in section seventeen hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, May 13, 1884.

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Washington

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26 March, '07.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the probationary appointment of Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Fla., to the position of Second Assistant Keeper of the Rebecca Shoal, Fla., Light-Station, with pay at the rate of $500 a year, to date from 8 April, '07, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, in the place of Mr. Thomas M. Kelly, promoted.

Mr. Elden has passed the required Civil Service examination, obtaining a rating of 86 per cent in Class IV.

Elden Temp Act 2 AK same sta. Mar 8 '07 not exc. 1 mo
Succeeds himself

Respectfully,

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,
Engineer Secretary.

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1st on eligible list.
Considered with:
Ernest L. Curry
Harry C. Price
7th Insp. D.

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT—WITHOUT FIXED DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

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March 27, 1907.

Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Florida, having qualified under the civil-service regulations, is hereby appointed Second Assistant Keeper of Rebecca Shoal Light-Station, Florida, in the Light-House Service, with compensation at the rate of Five Hundred dollars per annum, for a probationary period of six months, effective beginning April 8, 1907, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. (Mr. Elden succeeds himself)

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

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

CARDED

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U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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Assistant Secretary.

The Light-House Board

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Charles W. Elden

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Charles W Elden

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 8 March '07
Johnson
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of March, A. D. 1907.

[c] Name: Ernest J. Roberts

Official title: U.S. Commissioner

{Affix official seal.}

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NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
Act. 2d Assist. Keeper	Rebecca Shoal L. S.	Bahama Isds	Florida.

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In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Mr. Charles M. Elden

Position: Acting Seamen's Assistant

Keeper, Rebecca Shoal Light Station

Dated March 23, 1907.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 1756. Every person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, excepting the President and the persons embraced by the section following, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, and before being entitled to any part of the salary or other emoluments thereof, take and subscribe the following oath:

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SEC. 1757. * * * I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

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Approved, May 13, 1884.

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.



Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

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Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Mr Charles William Elden

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Chas W Elden

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

Key West — City or town. Fla — State or Territory. Monroe — County. 1st — Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Nassau N P

6. When were you born? April — Month. 27 — Day. 1866 — Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
no				

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

asst- Keeper. L. H. S. Dec. 15-1906.

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

no

11. Have you ever held any position in the civil service of the United States prior to the time of your present appointment? (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.)

no

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

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

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

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

14. 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 for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

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

public school

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

none

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

asst- Keeper. L. H. S. Dec. 15- 1906

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public school

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

none

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

asst Keeper L. H. S. Dec. 15 1906

" " " " " March 21 1907

18. 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

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled March 23, 1907

Witness: _____

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Chas W Elder

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

918 ashe St
Number and street.

Fla
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 25, 1907.

(Signature) J. Faed. Comdr, USN.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District

PART II.

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

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

Light House (Bureau or Service.) Rebecca Shoal F. S. (Place (city, town, or station).) 7th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? 2nd asst. Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. Mar 15, '07.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. March 8 '07.

5. What is his salary? $500 per annum.

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light Houses.

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

8. If classified, state the date of classification Dec. 15, 1906.

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau, or Service, position and salary, if known.)

From Asst. Keeper, L. H. Service, examination.

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? No.

(Signature) J. Faed. Comdr, USN.

Date: March 25, 1907. (Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District

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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

NOTE.—This sheet is to be used only in cases of persons appointed in the Department of Commerce and Labor after June 30, 1903.

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 10, 1904.

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

For the purpose of enabling the Department to obtain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are hereby requested to furnish the information called for by the questions in Part II of this form, relative to each person appointed or employed in your Bureau after June 30, 1903, now serving or hereafter appointed or employed, and to have every such person answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. Officers in charge, subordinate to heads of Bureaus, are expected to review this sheet, after it has been executed, to see that all questions have been answered, and, after doing so, to forward it immediately to the head of the Bureau for transmission to the Department.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED MAY 1 1907 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR G

Geo. B. Cortelyou

Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Mr. Charles William Elden

2. How do you write your name on the pay roll? Charles W. Elden

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

Key West	Fla	Monroe	1
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

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

5. Where were you born? Nassau.

6. When were you born?

April	27	1866
Month.	Day.	Year.

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

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

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
no				

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

asst- Keeper. L. H. service. march. 21. 1907

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

no

11. Have you ever held any position in the civil service of the United States prior to the time of your present appointment? (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.)

acting 2nd asst- Keeper Rebecca Shoal L. S. Station
$840.00 per year from march. 8 1907 until april. 8. 1907

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

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

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

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

14. 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 for the Government, indicated in your answers to questions 11, 12, and 13.)

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

public school

16. What special qualifications have you—professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

none

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

asst. Keeper L. H. Service December 11 1906

" " " March 21 1907

18. 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

19. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled Apr. 24. 1907, 190

Witness: (Signature) Charles W Elden

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Key West-
City or town.
ashe st- 718
Number and street.
Fla
State or Territory.

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded April 25, 1907

(Signature) J Hood. Comdr, U.S.N.

(Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. District.

PART II.

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

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

Light-House (Bureau or Service.) | Rebecca Shoal L.S. (Place (city, town, or station).) | 7th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? 2nd Asst. Keeper.

3. State the date of appointment. March 27'07.

4. State the date the appointee or employee entered on duty. Apr. 8'07.

5. What is his salary? $500 per annum.

6. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Light-Houses

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

8. If classified, state the date of classification March 21'07.

9. In what manner did the appointee or employee enter the service? (Examples: "Appointed before position was classified;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau, or Service, position and salary, if known.)

Passed examination Asst. Keeper, L. H. Service;

10. Is the appointee or employee required to give bond? Yes.

(Signature) J Hood. Comdr, U.S.N.

Date: April 25, 1907. (Official title) Inspector 7th L. H. Service.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.

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

Name of employee Mr. Charles W. Elden of Florida ..... $500 yr.

Designation Actg 2d A. K., Rebecca Shoal Lt.-Sta., Fla. Mar. 15-8, '07 - 1 mo.

Last day served 7 April, '07.

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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U. S. COMMISSION.

Chief Clerk
(Official title.)

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Light-House Board.
(Bureau or service.)

Date 15 April, '07.

See Prob. appt.

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

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16 Dec., '07.

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DEC 17 1907
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The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the promotion of Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Fla., from Second Assistant Keeper at Rebecca Shoal, Fla., Light-Station at $500 a year, to First Assistant Keeper at Rebecca Shoal, Fla., Light-Station at $550 a year, from 4 Dec., '07, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Thomas M. Kelly, recommended for transfer and promotion this day.

Respectfully,

J. M. Kelly

Commander, U.S.N.,

Naval Secretary.

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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
APPOINTMENT WRITTEN
DEC 17 1907
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

GENERAL APPOINTMENT--PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

December 17, 1907.

Mr. Charles C. Rider, of Florida, is hereby appointed

Third Assistant Keeper of Rebecca Shoal Light-Station, Fla.,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred and Fifty dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning December 4, 1907, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (vice Thomas M. Kelly.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By promotion from Second Assistant Keeper of Rebecca Shoal Light-Station, Florida, at $500 per annum.)

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DEC 18 1907
TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

CARDED

Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

To Light-House Board.

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C. S. COURT OF C.C.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

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Charles W Elden

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date 4 Dec, 07

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of February, A. D. 1908

W. A. Kuyken
Actg Chief Clerk.

[c] Name: Geo. L. Lowy

{Affix official seal.}

Official title: Notary Public

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Assist. Keeper	Rebecca Shoal L. S.	Bahama Islds.	Florida.

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. *The oath should be taken on or after the date of the appointment.*

In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

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Form 111

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Charles M. Eldred

Position: Asst. Assistant Keeper,

Rebecca Shoal light-Station.

Dated Feby. 10, 1908.

17 Dec. 07 - $550 a year.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 1756. Every person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, excepting the President and the persons embraced by the section following, shall, before entering upon the duties of such office, and before being entitled to any part of the salary or other emoluments thereof, take and subscribe the following oath:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 1757. * * * I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) 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.

AN ACT amending the Revised Statutes of the United States in respect to official oaths, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

* * * * * * *

SEC. 2. That section seventeen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and hereafter the oath to be taken by any person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit, either in the civil, military, or naval service, except the President of the United States, shall be as prescribed in section seventeen hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, May 13, 1884.

Department of Commerce and Labor

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LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD
Washington

Chas.W.Elden,
transfer.

April 9, 1908.

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DEPT. OF COMMERCE & LABOR

The Honorable,

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Sir:-

The Board has the honor to ask the transfer of Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Fla., from First Assistant Keeper at Rebecca Shoal Light-Station, Fla., at $550 a year, to First Assistant Keeper at Sand Key Light-Station, Fla., at $500 a year, effective beginning March 21, 1908, the date of his entrance on duty, in the place of Mr. Thomas E. Albury, who is this day recommended for transfer and promotion.

This transfer, which carries with it a reduction in Mr. Elden's compensation, is made at his request.

Respectfully,

H-10-OF

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Captain, U.S.N.,
Naval Secretary.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT REGISTER DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor

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Washington

April 10, 1908.

Mr. Charles W. Elden, of Florida, is hereby appointed

First Assistant Keeper of Sand Key Light-Station, Florida,

in the Light-House Service,

at a salary of Five Hundred dollars per annum,

this appointment to be effective beginning March 21, 1908, he

having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served

in the above-mentioned position. (vice Thomas E. Albury.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is

subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper of Rebecca Shoal Light-Station,

Florida, at $550 per annum.)

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Acting Secretary.

Date of oath: , 190

The Light-House Board.

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C. S. COMMISSION.

Enclosure.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

I, Charles W. Elden

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.**

Charles W Elden

Light House Board,
Entered upon duty.
Date March 21, 1908
W. W. Bendmann
Chief Clerk.

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23 day of April, A. D. 1908

[c] Name: Geo. L. Lowe

Official title: Notary Public

{Affix official seal.}

CARDEN

NAME OF OFFICE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Assist. Keeper	Sand Key L. S.	Bahama Islds.	Florida.

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Form 111

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

OATH OF OFFICE

OF

Mr. Charles N. Eldredge

Position: *First Assistant Keeper,*

Bass Rock Light Station.

Dated *April 23* , 1908.

Mass. 10, 1908.

5 months 1 year.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REVISED STATUTES RELATING TO OATHS OF OFFICE.

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* * * * * * * * *

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Approved, May 13, 1884.

Form 73 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Office of the INSPECTOR, 7TH L. H. Dist.,
KEY WEST, FLA.

The Light-House Board,

Washington, D. C.

August 10, 1908.
(Date)

Sirs: I have the honor to recommend the (1) transfer
(Probationary appointment, transfer, promotion, etc.)
of (2) Mr. Charles W. Elden of (3) Key West, Fla.,
(Name of person—letter for letter—as reported to Board) (State of legal residence)
from (4) First Assistant Keeper
(Official title of present position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (5) Sand Key Light-Station, Fla.,
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
at (6) $41.67 p.m. to (7) First Assistant Keeper
(Salary now paid) (Official title of position, as Keeper, First Assistant Keeper, etc.)
at (8) Carysfort Reef Light-Station, Fla., at
(Official name of aid, as given in Light List, as Absecon Light-Station, N. J.)
(9) $50 p.m., effective beginning (10) August 14, 1908, ~~(the date of his entrance on duty)~~ (or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty)
(Salary recommended) SEE note below.
(Strike out the clause not appropriate)
in the place of (11) Mr. Theophilus Sawyer,
(State name of *last* person holding position)
who (12) is recommended for transfer on (13) Aug. 12, 1908.
(Died, transferred, resigned, dismissed, etc.) (Last day of service)
~~Mr. (14)~~ This increase is asked in accordance with the report of the Committee on Equalization of Pay, approved June 25, 1908. ~~stands No. (15) in list of eligibles, class (16) , with an average of (17) per cent, and was considered with (18)~~ This transfer is at the request of the keeper concerned. ~~(19) letters of declination of herewith.~~

Respectfully,

COMDR. U.S.N.
INSP. 7TH DIST.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED AUG 31 1908 TO APPOINTMENTS DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD

August 31, 1908.

Approved, and respectfully forwarded to the Honorable the Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Mr. Elden actually entered on duty on August 14, 1908.

Lt. Col., Corps of Engineers, U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN SEP 1 1908 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—PRIOR DATE

Department of Commerce and Labor
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington

10413.

September 1, 1908.

Mr. Charles W. Elder, of Florida, is hereby appointed First Assistant Keeper of Carysfort Reef Light-Station, Florida, in the Lighthouse Service, at a salary of Fifty dollars per month, this appointment to be effective beginning August 14, 1908, he having entered upon duty on that date and since continuously served in the above-mentioned position. (Mr. Thompkins Sawyer.)

Payment of the compensation authorized in this appointment is subject to the oath of office being taken.

(By transfer from First Assistant Keeper at Sand Key Light-Station, Florida, at $600 per annum.)

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TO DISBURSING CLERK
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Secretary.

Date of oath: ____, 190

The Lighthouse Board.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 1757, REVISED STATUTES)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

No. 10418

I, Charles W. Elden

do solemnly[a] Swear 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.

Charles W Elden

[b] Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 5 day of September, A. D. 1908

(Affix official seal here.)

[c](Name:) Ernest P. Roberts

(Official title:) U.S. Commr

OFFICIAL TITLE.	NAME OF STATION.	State or Country in which born.	State or Territory from which appointed.
First Assist. Keeper	Cays fort Reef L. S.	Bahama Islds.	Florida.

$50 mo. CAPPED

OFFICE OF THE Inspector, 7th LIGHT-HOUSE DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla., (Address.) Sept. 10, 1908 (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Aug. 14, 1908. (Date.)

(Signed:) H. H. Bennett, Comdr. USN
Inspector

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

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

[c] This Oath should be taken before a Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Judge, Clerk of a Court, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a Collector of Customs, as he has no power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk.

NOTE CAREFULLY.

The oath may be executed at any time subsequent to the actual issuance of the appointment certificate, but no compensation should be paid until the oath is executed in proper form. Whenever possible the oath should be executed upon the date of actual entrance upon duty.

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

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

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(CROSS REFERENCE -- E F F I C I E N C Y)

At a conference it was decided to take the action outlined in the following cases:

HENRY J. LEWIS, Give him 60 days in which to improve. Should he fail to improve, dismiss him on charges.
HENRY SHANNAHAN, same as LEWIS.
EUGENE H. SHANNAHAN, same as LEWIS.
WILLIE M. SHARIT, Report efficiency at end of prob. period.
RICHARD PALMER, same as SHARIT.
JOHN L. WILLIAMS, same as SHARIT.
WILLIAM J. KNICKMEYER, Give him 60 days in which to improve. Should he fail to do this, dismiss him on charges.
CHARLES T. WATHEN, Same as KNICKMEYER.
CHARLES W. ELDER, Same as KNICKMEYER.

FILE

SEE MEMO DATED JULY 13, 1909 in file of

MISC. 271/3.

Also see Dept. letter of July 9, in same file.

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Reprimand. July 24, 1909.

Mr. Charles W. Elden, First Assistant Keeper,
Carysfort Reef Light-Station, Fla.,
Through the Inspector of
The 7th Light-House District,
Key West, Florida.

Sir:

1. The Board states that your efficiency rating for 1909 is unsatisfactory. It seems that you are not giving an equivalent amount of work for the salary paid you. This condition will not be tolerated by the Board, and you are therefore given 60 days from August 1, 1909 in which to demonstrate that you are such a competent employee as to warrant your retention in the Light-House Service.

2. If in that time it is found that you are still below a fair standard of efficiency, recommendation will be made to the Department that you be dismissed from the Light-House Service.

3. This letter of reprimand is written by direction of the Department, based upon the efficiency report submitted in your case by the Light-House Inspector.

Respectfully,

Lt.Col.,Corps of Engineers,U.S.A.,
Engineer Secretary.

Fifth

Efficiency rating amended to
9/10, good, good. No action.

(Cross Reference)
For basis of this action see
letter dated Oct. 21-09
in file of Misc 271/3

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT HOUSE BOARD
JUN 8 1909
NO.

EFFICIENCY REPORT

(Read the instructions on the reverse side of this Form before attempting to fill it out.)

1 Engr.

1. Bureau Light-House - 7th Dist. 2. Where employed Carysfort Reef Fla. L.S.,
3. Name Elden, Charles W. 4. Where born Bahamas.
5. Age 43 yrs. 6. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.
7. Compensation $50. pm. 8. When appointed (a) April 8, 1907.
9. How appointed (b) Through Civil-Service Examination.
10. Appointed from { State Florida. / Congressional District 1st. / County Monroe. }

O. R.

11. Status under Civil Service Rules (c) Classified Competitive.
12. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.
13. Other Government service Temporary 2 A.K., Rebecca Shoal L.S., for one month from March 8, 1907.
14. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station in absence of Keeper, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with Keeper and 2nd Assistant.
15. Efficiency { Quantity of work (d) ~~0.8~~ 9/10 By DD / Quality of work (e) ~~Average.~~ Good 10-21-09 Good / Interest manifested in work (f) Yes; average interest.
16. Is this employee fully earning the salary he is now receiving? Yes.
17. Remarks (g) Nothing not brought out by above questions.

CAPTAIN, U. S. N.
NAVAL SECRETARY

Head of Bureau or Office.

JUN 5 - 1909, 19

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INSTRUCTIONS.

(*a*) Give date of appointment in branch of service in which now employed. Service elsewhere under the Government must be explained fully in answer to Question 13.

(*b*) State whether "Prior to Classification," "Without Examination," "Through Civil-Service Examination," by "Reinstatement," or "Transfer." If by reinstatement or transfer, prior service must be shown in answer to Question 13. If appointed without examination, explain fully.

(*c*) State whether "Presidential," "Unclassified," "Classified Competitive," or "Classified Excepted."

(*d*) Quantity of work must be stated in tenths on the basis that 10 tenths equal the amount of the particular class of work which can be performed by a thoroughly efficient employee.

(*e*) Express quality of work in the following terms: "Excellent," "Good," "Average," "Fair," "Poor."

(*f*) State whether or not employee manifests a disposition to familiarize himself with the work of the office in the sense of adding to the efficiency of the office as a whole.

(*g*) Under this head should be made any statement deemed advisable concerning the employee, especially in regard to efficiency.

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READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 3

Department of Commerce and Labor

EFFICIENCY REPORT

MAY 10 1911

(The parenthetical letters refer to instructions on page 3, which instructions should be read and understood before attempting to fill out the form.)

1. Name Elden, Charles W., 2. Age 45 yrs. (Last birthday.)

3. Bureau Lighthouse. 4. Position 1st Assistant Keeper.

5. Compensation $50. p.a. 6. Where employed Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

7. When appointed (*a*) Mar.15,1907. 8. How appointed (*b*) Through Civil-Service Examination.

9. Status under Civil Service Rules (*c*) Classified Competitive.

10. Is the employee an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? No.

11. Does the employee receive a pension? No. If so, state the amount --

12. Other Government service None.

13. Duties (describe fully) In charge of station in absence of Keeper, tends light, keeps station in order, and cooks alternately with Keeper and 2nd Assistant.

14. Has the employee special qualifications? No. If so, state them ----

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15. Efficiency (*d*):	Averages.	Relative weights.	Products of averages multiplied by weights.	
Quantity of work	90	2	1	80
Quality of work	85	3	2	55
Interest manifested in work (see also Question 17)	85	3	2	55
Attendance		~~=0~~		
Total		8 ~~=0~~	6	90
Average percentage				86

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16. In the following form state the number of days of annual leave, sick leave, and leave without pay taken in each of the years 1908, 1909, and 1910:

1908.			1909.			1910.		
Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.	Annual.	Sick.	Without pay.

17. Is this employee a purely routine employee, or does he manifest interest, not only in his own work but also in the work of the office or bureau as a whole, to the extent of overtime work or voluntary efforts by suggestion or otherwise to add to its efficiency? (Answer fully.) Manifests interest as a whole, to the extent of work overtime.

18. On the basis of efficiency alone, is this employee overpaid or underpaid as compared with others in your office engaged on the same grade of work, or is his salary a fair equivalent for the service rendered? (Answer fully.) His salary is a fair equivalent for the service rendered. If the present salary is above or below a fair equivalent, state what, in your opinion, it should be. ---

19. Is this employee superannuated? No. If so, what percentage of salary is unearned? ---

20. Remarks: (e) No.

The official who is primarily responsible for the statements herein submitted will sign here—

A. B. Johnson
Supt., 7th L.H. District.

The official who approves the statements thus submitted will sign here—

C. F. Eaton
Commander, U.S.N., Retd.
Inspector 7th L.H. Dist.

L. O. Putnam
Chief of Bureau or Office.

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Form 73

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

AB-HBH

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, SEVENTH DISTRICT,

KEY WEST, FLA. May 31 , 1912.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
JUN 4 1912
DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, change in compensation from monthly to yearly rate .

Name, Charles W. Elden Legal residence, Florida.

Position, 1st Assistant Keeper. Salary, $600 A

Location, Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

Effective July 1,1912, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty.~~

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DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, 1st Assistant Keeper Former salary, $50 M.

Location, Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

Rank in list of eligibles, ----- Rating, Percentage,

Other eligibles considered, ------

Letters of declination inclosed, -----

Previous incumbent, ----- Services terminated,

Reason, -----

Remarks:

In the absence, and by direction of the Inspector.

Appropriation-
Salaries of Keepers of
Lighthouses.

Wm W. Dennett
Supt. ~~Inspector~~-7th Dist,
A.B.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

JUN 21 1912

Respectfully submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, approved.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
APPROPRIATION WRITTEN
JUN 29 1912

G B Putnam

~~Acting~~ Commissioner

INSTRUCTIONS

Care should be used to see that the nominee's name is correctly spelled and that the official name of the position and station is accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or as stated on the eligible register, if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under Remarks.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Washington

June 29, 1912.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

First Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Six Hundred dollars per annum,

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

(By change from $50 per month.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED JUL 1 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

CARDEN.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Not to be reported to C. S. C.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 111

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES JUL 29 1912 DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

RECEIVED JUL 1912

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office

I, Charles W. Elden

do solemnly[1] Sworn (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.

Charles W Elden
(Appointee signs here.)

[2] Sworn To (See below.) and subscribed before me, this [3] 19th day of July, A. D. 1912

(Affix Official seal here.)

[4] (Name) Wm V Malone Jr

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title.	Rate of Pay.	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
CANDLE. 1st Asst.Keeper	$600 A.	Carysfort Reef L.S.,Fla.

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

(Change from $50 per month.)

DIVISION OF LIGHTHOUSES RECEIVED AUG 5 1912 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT

KEY WEST, FLA. (Address.), July 20,1912. (Date.)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1,1912. (Date.)

(Signature, followed by title.)
Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES NOV 6 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla., (City.) November 3 (Date.), 1915.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK NOV 8 1915

Action recommended, transfer.

Name, Charles W. Elden — Legal residence, Florida.

Position, Assistant Keeper. — Salary, $504. per annum.

Location, Anclote Keys L. S., Fla. — Appropriation, Sals., L.H.Kprs.

Effective December 16, 1915 — ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS NOV 8 1915

Former position, 1st Asst. Keeper — Former salary, $600.

Location, Carysfort Reef L.S., Fla.

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

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Previous incumbent, Clifton H. Lopez — Services terminated, Dec.15,1915.

Reason, Recommended for transfer.

Relatives in Government Service, --

Remarks: Mr. Elden is aware of the reduction in rank and salary, and is willing to accept the transfer. His written requests is enclosed. Approval of the action recommended will not be in violation of section 2 of Rule I of the civil-service rules.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District.

Inspector. ab

11-8-15

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BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Inclosed is Elden's written request for the above referred to transfer.

Acting Commissioner.

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

11—2314

INSTRUCTIONS

The nominee's name should be correctly spelled and the official name of the position and station accurately stated. In nominating a person already in the Lighthouse Service his last appointment should be examined for official name of position, station, salary, etc.

In case a nominee's legal residence as stated on this nomination is different from that contained in his last appointment, or is different from that stated on the eligible register if the nomination is for probationary appointment, a statement to that effect should be made under "Remarks."

The instructions in regard to transfers of employees, as set forth on pages 119 and 120, Regulations, 1911, should be carefully followed.

Under "Action recommended" indicate clearly the kind of appointment desired, as temporary, probationary, etc. If temporary, indicate under that heading or under "Remarks" the period for which appointment is desired and the necessity therefor.

In recommending the reinstatement, or original appointment, of a person whose papers show that he has already served under some branch of the Department of Commerce, include a brief note of that fact on the nomination.

Recommendation for permanent or temporary appointment or extension of appointment to positions for which eligible registers are maintained by the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C., or for appointment to excepted positions, or for transfer, promotion, reduction, or reinstatement, shall not be forwarded through the civil-service district secretary, but all other recommendations for permanent or temporary appointment or extension shall be forwarded through the district secretary.

When a person recommended for probationary, excepted, or temporary appointment, or reinstatement, states that he has two or more relatives in the Government service, he should be directed to properly fill out civil-service Form No. 1769, which should be forwarded with the nomination.

In recommending the probationary appointment of a keeper or assistant keeper, state under "Remarks" whether or not quarters are furnished by the Government for his family.

After "Other eligibles considered" inspectors will state the names of the eligibles who "declined" or "failed to reply," and those "who were merely considered without other action," and will indicate the same after each name by the use of the key terms "D," "FR," and "C," respectively.

Opposite "Rank on eligible list" inspectors will state whether the person recommended stands first, second, or third, as the case may be, of the eligibles available for appointment to the position in question.

To Lighthouse Inspector

Key West Fla.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SEVENTH DISTRICT
OCT 29 1915
KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

10/29/19.

Sir:

LIGHT
NOV 6
HOUSES

It is respectfully requested that I be transfered from the position of First Assistant Keeper at Carysfort Reef Light Station to that of Assistant Keeper at Ancote Key Light Station. I am aware that this transfer implies a reduction in rank and salary, but owing to the fact that my children can go to school at Ancote I am willing to make this change. Mr. Lopez the present Assistant Keeper has signified his willingness to go to Carysfort Reef Light Station.

Respectfully,
C. W. Eldem.
1st Asst. Keeper.
Carysfort Reef Light Station

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

APPOINTMENT DIVISION

WASHINGTON

November 8, 1915.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Five Hundred and 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 $600 per annum.)

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CARDED

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

RC

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1915

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Clifton H. Lopez.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 111

LHP.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 20 1915 HOUSES

CHIEF CL DEC 2 1915

APPOINTMENTS DEC 1915

I, Charles W. Elden.

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.

☞ Charles W. Elden.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] eighth day of December, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) A. D. Wood

(Official title) Chief Clerk, Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Seventh District.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst. Keeper.	$504. Annum	Anclote Keys Lightstation.
Former [5] 1st Asst. Keeper.	$600. "	Carysfort Reef Lightstation.

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

(By transfer from 1st Asst. Keeper at $600. per annum).

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7TH District

Key West, Fla (Address), December 17, 1915. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on December 16, 1915. (Date)

W. W. Winsett
(Signature, followed by title)

Inspector 7th L. H. District.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LHP.

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 24 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Seventh DISTRICT,

Key West, Fla. (City.), December 21, 1915. (Date.), 191

CHIEF CLERK DEC 29 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, increase in salary.

Name, **Chas. W. Elden.** Legal residence, **Florida.**

Position, **Assistant Keeper.** Salary, **$516.00.**

Location, **Anclote Keys L. S.** Fla Appropriation, **Salaries, L.H.Keepers.**

APPOINTMENTS DEC 30 1915 9

Effective **January 1, 1916.** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper. Former salary, **$504.00.**

Location, **Anclote Keys L. S.** Fla

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

Previous incumbent, Services terminated, D. L. DEC 16 1915

Reason,

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: Above recommendation made in accordance with Bureau's instructions of December 17, 1915.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. **Inspector.** a.b.

12-29-15

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 28 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

J. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

INSTRUCTIONS

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The instructions in regard to transfers of employees, as set forth on pages 119 and 120, Regulations, 1911, should be carefully followed.

Under "Action recommended" indicate clearly the kind of appointment desired, as temporary, probationary, etc. If temporary, indicate under that heading or under "Remarks" the period for which appointment is desired and the necessity therefor.

In recommending the reinstatement, or original appointment, of a person whose papers show that he has already served under some branch of the Department of Commerce, include a brief note of that fact on the nomination.

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After "Other eligibles considered" inspectors will state the names of the eligibles who "declined" or "failed to reply," and those "who were merely considered without other action," and will indicate the same after each name by the use of the key terms "D," "FR," and "C," respectively.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1915.

Mr. Charles W. Elden,

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, ~~Assistant Keeper~~ in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $504 per annum.)

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 30 1915

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES FEB 17 1916

CHIEF CLERK FEB 21 1916

I, Chas. W. Elden

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.

☞ Chas. W. Elden.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 11th day of February, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official ~~seal~~ here)

[4](Name) J. J. Hogg J.P.

(Official title) 4th Dist. Pinellas Co. Fla

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Asst. Keeper	$516 A.	Anclote Keys Lightstation, Fla.
Former[5] do.	$504 A.	do.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 7th District

Key West, Fla. (Address), February 14, 1916. (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1916. (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Chief Clerk. (Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Encl'd

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4769-2

LIGHT HOUSES
SEP 25 1916

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Elden, Charles William

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

Lighthouse, 7th District

4. Designation of position:

Asst.Keeper, L.H.S.

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

See "4"

6. Annual earnings:

$554.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS.

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 516 PA.

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 500 PA.

10. Total length of service (give the total of ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

~~Substitute—~~ Years:	~~Months:~~	~~Regular—~~ Years:	Months:
9		3-23/30	

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

Bahamas.

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

M

14. Date of birth—

Month: April 27

Year: 1866

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

E4

16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

No.

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 4 Florida

County: Monroe

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City: Anclote Keys L.S.,

State: Fla.

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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RECOMMENDATION

* * * *

NATURE: Suspension from duty effective February 19, 1918.

BUREAU: Lighthouse Service

NAME: Charles W. Elden

POSITION: Asst. kpr. Anclote Keyes
FROM: Light Station, Florida.

TO:

REMARKS: Charged with gross neglect of duty.

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ASS'T.SECY
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APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Service

Office of Inspector, 7th Dist.
Key West, Fla.

AB-GGC.

February 20, 1918.

Suspension of
Chas. W. Elden, Assistant
Keeper, Anclote Keys L.S.

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Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF
CHIEF CLERK

Referring to telegram sent by this office February 19, 1918, reporting the suspension from duty of Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper Anclote Keys Lightstation Fla #516. and request for authorization for additional Assistant Keeper pending decision and the Bureau's approval of suspension and temporary assignment of Hall dated February 19, 1918.

APPOINTMENTS
1918 MAR 1 PM 2 46

It is stated for the Bureau's information that it appears that Mr. Elden has been guilty of gross neglect of duty. The light was either extinguished or the lens stopped on several occasions recently, on his watch, when it was found that he had left his post of duty and was in his quarters asleep.

In accordance with the regulations the accused was furnished a copy of the charges.

When the answer to the charges are received they will be forwarded to the Bureau with such recommendation as the case may warrant,

sgd Wm. W. Demeritt.

Lighthouse Inspector.

MAR 1 1918

A.G.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending approval of action of Seventh Inspector in initiating the suspension of Elden, effective February 19, 1918. It is also recommended that the Department order of suspension contain the usual provision that the suspension will be with lawful pay and allowances in case Elden is exonerated of the charges, be included. Further report and recommendation in the case will be made at a later date, and also recommendation in the case of Hall.

1918 MAR 1 PM 2 40

G. R. Putnam

March 4, 1918.

Sir:

Upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, the Department has confirmed the action of the Seventh Inspector in suspending you from duty for a period not to exceed 90 days, effective February 19, 1918, pending the disposition of charges of gross neglect of duty.

This suspension shall be with lawful pay if you are exonerated of the charges, or if the same are not found sufficiently substantiated to justify suspension without pay; and shall be without pay and allowances if they are sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant such action.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAR 4 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Mr. Charles W. Elden,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

C&N.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 9 1918
HOUSES

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 6, 1918.

Charges & Specifications
against C. W. Elden
Asst. Keeper Anclote Keys L.S.

Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Charges and specifications preferred against Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, Fla. 8516.

Charge. Neglect of duty.

Specification 1. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being regularly on watch in the watchroom did leave his post of duty between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock and went to his bed, where he was found by the keeper. All this on or about February 6, 1918.

Specification 2. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being regularly on watch in the watchroom and when the keeper awoke he found the light not revolving, upon investigation it was found that Elden had left his post of duty and was found in his room setting in a rocking chair, and when informed that the light was down, replied, "I know it" I am going to it now, and he did go. All this at 4.35 A.M February 10, 1918.

Specification 3. In this that Chas. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper at Anclote Keys Lightstation, being reguarly on watch, in the watchroom, and when the keeper noticed the light extinguished at 10:45 P.M. and upon investigation the keeper found that Mr. Elden had left his post of duty and gone below, where he was found in bed asleep. All this on or about February 13, 1918.

To which the accused plead as follows.

Guilty as to being asleep once, but not on February 6, 1918 between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock as charged.

Finding. Guilty proved by plea, though not as charged.

Recommendation. In view of the fact that this light is particularly at this time of the greatest importance and being connected by telephone for military purposes, constant vigilance is required, therefore the accused is no longer

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CHIEF CLERK

considered to be a reliable or responsible person to be entrusted with the grave responsibilities pertaining to the position of an Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, and it is recommended that he be separated from the Service from February 18, 1918, the date upon which his suspension went into effect.

Copies of the charges and the reply of the accused are enclosed.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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ACTION TAKEN
MAR 19 1918
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lighthouse Inspector.

APPOINTMENTS

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
March 15, 1918.

Charles W.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce, recommending that Elden be dismissed from the Service, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

A report will be made at a later date whether Elden has taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

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APPROVED:

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Assistant Secretary.

Acting Commissioner.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



SEVENTH DISTRICT

GGC. COPY.

Anclote Keys Lightstation.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 9th., 1918.



Lighthouse Inspector,

Key West, Florida.

I prefer charges against C. W. Elden, Assistant Keeper for neglect of duty.

I have found him asleep on duty four different times since November 7, 1917.

On the 6th of February at 8.10 o'clock his light was out and I found him in bed.

(Sgd.) T. A. Moody,
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAR 9 1918
HOUSES

SEVENTH DISTRICT

GGC. COPY.

Anclote Keys Lightstation.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 10, 1918.

LIGHT
MAR 25 1918
HOUSES

To Lighthouse Inspector,

Key West, Fla.

I have again to report C. W. Elden for neglect of duty.

At 4.35 this morning I woke to find the light not revolving. I found him in his quarters sitting in a rocking chair in stocking feet. I said to him "Mr. Elden your light is down". He said "I know it" Im going to it now" and did so.

Mr. Elden is very careless and unconcerned about his light on his watch. Instead of improving he gets worse.

(Sgd) T. A. Moody.
Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



GGC. COPY.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Anclote Keys Lightstation.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 14, 1918.

Lighthouse Inspector,

Key West, Fla.

At 10.45 last night my wife noticed the light was out, and called me. I found Mr. Elden down in his quarters asleep in bed.

(Sgd) T. A. Moody,

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

L. H. INSPECTOR
MAR 4 1918
KEY WEST, FLA.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Anclote Keys Lt. Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

March 2 1918

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L. H. INSPECTOR
MAR 20 1918

LIGHT
MAR 25 1918
HOUSE

Light-House Inspector
Key West Fla

I have a copy of the charges against me for neglect of duty I deny being asleep that many times I was asleep once, that particular night I was not asleep dated Feb 6 at 8.10 o clock

L W Elder asst Keeper
T. A. Woody

March 19, 1918.

Sir:

Charges of neglect of duty having been preferred against you, and sustained in a degree sufficient to warrant your removal, the Department, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of assistant keeper of Anclote Keys Light Station, Florida, at $516 per annum, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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Mr. Charles W. Elden,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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L. H. INSPECTOR MAR 20 1918 KEY WEST, FLA. LIGHT HOUSES MAR 25 1918

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Lighthouse Inspector, Key West, Florida.

Referring to your letter of March 6, 1918, in regard to charges against C. W. Elden, assistant keeper, Anclote Keys Light Station.

You are advised that recommendation has this day been submitted to the Department for the dismissal of Elden, effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

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Report whether Elden had taken leave in excess of the accrued rate, in accordance with the Regulations of 1914, paragraph 470, (3d paragraph).

Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

It is assumed from your letter, although it is not clear to the Bureau, that Elden's suspension became effective at the close of February 18, 1918.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
[redacted]
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

(Signed) Conway

Acting Commissioner

Office of Inspector, 7th L. H. District, Key West, Fla.

March 21, 1918.

AB-GGC.

Returned to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

The Bureau is advised that C. W. Elden has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

W. W. Bennett

Lighthouse Inspector.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
MAR 28 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

1918 MAR 28 PM 4 20

Commissioner.

File
Elden

CHARLES W. ELDEN

INACTIVE

STATE FROM WHICH APPOINTED
Fla.

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	OFFICE, BUREAU, OR DIVISION	DATE APPOINTED
Actg. 2nd Asst. Kr. Rebecca Shoal Lt.-Sta. Fla. (temp.)	$500 pa	Light-House	Mar. 8-07
" (permanent)	"	"	Apr. 8 - 07
1st Asst. Keepr. Rebecca Shoal L.S. Fla	$550. "	"	Dec 4. 1907.
1 " " Sand Key L.S. Fla	$500	"	Mar 21. 1908
1 " " Carysfort Reef L. Sta. Fla	$50. pm	"	Aug. 14, 1908.
1st " " " " "	$600.	"	July 1 1911
Asst. Kpr., Anclote Keys L.S. Fla	$504	"	Dec. 16, 1915
" " " " "	$516	"	Jan. 1, 1916
Suspended - Feb 19, 1918	Removed from	Feb 18, 1918.	

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