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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Anderson, Kraig	
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
kraiga@gmail.com	858-357-5100

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Elwell, Eben, A.		1871 ME

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death: 1964 ME

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Kraig Anderson

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (ME)		
From: 1918	To: 1922	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	
(Agency & Location)		
From:	To:	

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

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STAFF USE ONLY

Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No Two

CMRS Service Request Number: 2-300405 71250

Attendant Signature: folder

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks: Submitted to Arch Search 9/25/24 KA

Soundex: E440

SCREENING NOTES

☐ Reviewed and Nothing Removed

☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

1 of 2

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: ELWELL, EBEN A. **DOB:** 1/1/1871, ME 5/30/1872

SOUNDEX: E440

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area:	positive	negative
ARCIS:	Area:	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1918 TO 1922; DOD: 1/1/1964, ME; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, ME**

LIGHTHOUSES

February 3, 1922.

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Sir:

Charges having been preferred against you of making false and misleading statements both orally and in writing reflecting on the character and conduct of your superior officer, assault and battery, failure to become familiar with and take proper care of the apparatus at your station, and failure to keep station records; and the charges having been established in a degree sufficient to warrant such action, the Department, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, has dismissed you from the position of Keeper (first assistant) of Isles of Shoals Light Station, New Hampshire, at $840 per annum, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Eben A. Elwell,
C-P. Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.
1st

3. -----
to be effective as soon after its date as he enters upon duty. It is the understanding of this office that no formal nomination is necessary inasmuch as all necessary data is at hand in the Appointment Division of the Department.

4. Elwell has taken no leave in excess of the amount allowed by Regulations.

Superintendent.

In replying address Commissioner of Lighthouses and refer to date of this letter and file No.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Supt. of Lighthouses 1st Dist. PORTLAND, MAINE. FEB 2 1922

JEH:Hol. January 31, 1922.

Vincent H. Fernald.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine.

1. Referring to your indorsement of January 25, 1922, concerning cancelation of appointment of Vincent H. Fernald:

2. Concerning your recommendation that Fernald be given appointment and assigned to fill the next vacancy, you are advised that it is not practicable to make appointment without having an actual or contemplated vacancy.

3. Attention is invited to your letter of January 28, recommending the dismissal of Eben A. Elwell, first assistant keeper, Isles of Shoals Light Station, and you are advised that recommendation has this date been submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for the dismissal of Elwell, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department and you will be later advised of Department action thereon. In view of the proposed dismissal of Elwell you are requested to submit report as to recommending Fernald for appointment to a vacancy that will result therefrom. It will not be necessary to await Department action on recommendation for dismissal of Elwell before recommending appointment of Fernald, but such recommendation may be made at this time; however, if you recommend Fernald's appointment he should not be assigned to duty until Elwell is actually separated from the Service.

4. Advise the Bureau for the information of the Department whether Elwell has taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations (Regs. 1918, Art. 488, 2d par.). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

JCW:GFL

Supt.
Chief Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 1st District,
Portland, Maine, February 2, 1922.

1. Respectfully returned to Bureau of Lighthouses.

2. Recommendation is this day being made that Harold I. Hutchins, whose position as Assistant Keeper, Monhegan Island Light Station was abolished at the close of January 31, 1922, and who was as a result demoted to the position of Additional Keeper at $600 per annum, be promoted and assigned to the position of Keeper (First Assistant), Isles of Shoals L. S., vice Eben A. Elwell recommended for dismissal.

3. This will leave vacant the position of Additional Keeper at $600 to which it was originally intended to appoint Fernald, and to which it is recommended he be now appointed. This office has received no notification of the cancelation of Mr. Fernald's original appointment. If, however, this appointment certificate has been cancelled, it is suggested that he be given a new one

CES:GFL
Inclosures.

January 28, 1922

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

1. Herewith are submitted four charges preferred against Eben A. Elwell, Keeper (First Assistant) Isles of Shoals Light Station, N. H., together with his reply thereto.

2. I have made a personal investigation of the matter, have visited the station and examined the witnesses, and respectfully report the following

FINDING.

3. Regarding Charge I, it is evident, from certain of Mr. Elwell's entries in the station Journal that they were purposely made with itent to cast reflection on and injure the principal keeper; further he charged the keeper, before me, with making false entries in the Journal, which upon examination I found to be true entries. It has also been testified by Assistant Keeper Woodruff and his wife that Mr. Elwell has at various times made statements to them casting reflection on the character of his superior officer and I have been shown records of language used by Elwell and his wife before the other keepers and their wives, too vile and obscene to be submitted in writing to the Bureau.

4. Regarding Charge II, Assistant Keeper Woodruff's wife charges Elwell with striking her on the arm. This is substantiated by four witnesses: Keeper Upton, his wife and son, and Assistant Keeper Woodruff himself. The marks on Mrs. Woodruff's arm are testified to me as being visible for some hours after the blow.

5. Regarding Charge III, there is a conflict of testimony as to whether the failure of Elwell to light the oil stove in the fog signal house was due to his lack of knowledge or was done to purposely annoy his superior. I believe the latter is probably the reason. As to the grate in his kitchen range, I am satisfied from a personal examination that his answer to this charge is contrary to the facts of the case.

6. There is absolute proof, from blank spaces left in the station Journal covering periods of absence of the principal keeper, that the records were not kept by Elwell during this absence, but that at all other times when his superior was absent, both before and after, the records were kept in usual manner.

7. For some years there has been discord at this station and lack of harmony among the keepers resulting in the transfer of two keepers to other stations, but owing to a conflict of testimony it has each time been impossible to locate the real source of the trouble. From the experience of Assistant Keeper Woodruff at this station since his appointment and assignment there in October 1921, I am now

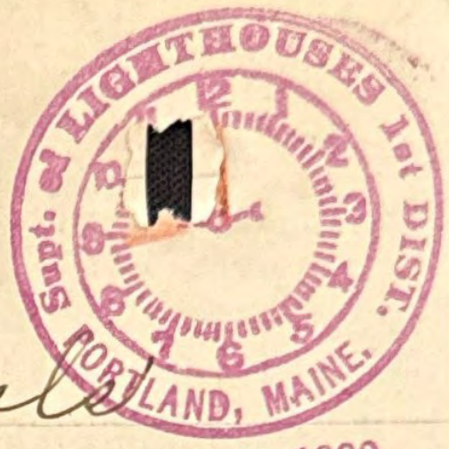
7. ----- satisfied that the source of the trouble has at last been located and that Elwell has been at the bottom of it.

RECOMMENDATION.

8. In view of my finding as above stated, and of the seriousness of the charges, it is recommended that Eben A. Elwell, Keeper (First Assistant) Isles of Shoals Light Station, N. H., be summarily dismissed from the Service.

C.E.S.

Superintendent.



Supt.
Chief Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk

JAN 23 1922

Isles of Shoals
Light Station.

Jan 16, 1922.

Superintendent of
Light houses 1st District:-

Dear Sir:-

The
following statements
are in answer to charges
prefered against me.

1st charge. Accusing Keeper of making false entries in journal. I acknowledge it was a mistake in putting down dates as we so found on examination and not done intentionally. If I have made any entries in journal tending to be misleading I am surely ignorant of such. I have never blackened a mans character here or elsewhere, nor do I recall useing vile and obscene language to my Superior, nor do I use such language in the presence of ladies.

2d. charge. I did not strike that woman. I have yet to strike a man let alone violence on women.

3d. charge. I do not claim to not know how to light an oil heater, a simple thing as that, but I do have to go by the Keepers orders when he is here, and always he tells me to let him know about lighting the extra one which I do, and it has always been agreeable.

3d. charge. About the range grate. I put it in one cold morning. (two days) before you came it looked and worked allright, only that morning I noticed one end lower than the other, it was not my intention to leave it that way. I let the fire out that night and properly fixed it without any help. it was just a mistake doing it in a hurry.

3d charge. When I am in
charge I know what to do,
during my experience here
of almost four yrs. if I was
not familiar with the
apparatus here, how could
I do it with the keeper
away on his leaves!
everything has gone all
right, and I have done
my duty here to the best
of my ability

I am writing on this paper as I could not get any official paper. the Keepers son said it was locked up. I called your office this morning. in regard to it and for advice. Mr Luther said if I could not get the official paper to use what I had. and I do not know when the Keeper will be here.

4th charge about keeping the Station records. I have never refused. for the Keeper has not asked me. but I did fail to. for reasons which I explained to you.

I have answered these charges as my sense of right and conciencs dictated

Respectfully
Ed. A. Edwell
1st Asst Keeper.

Note: Keeper absent
Wadley
C.C.

CES:CFL

REGISTERED MAIL.

January 10, 1922

Eben A. Elwell, First Assistant Keeper,
Isles of Shoals L.S. Portsmouth, N. H.
Via Keeper.

1. As a result of my inspection of Isles of Shoals Light Station on January 5, 1922, the following charges are preferred against you. You are entitled to three days in which to submit such statement as you desire, and if you have no statement to make, you will so report in writing.

CHARGE I.

Making false and misleading statements both orally and in writing reflecting on the character and conduct of your superior officer.

SPECIFICATION: That on January 5, 1922, you accused the Keeper of your station, in my presence, of making false entries in the station journal, and upon investigation it was found that your statements were not true:- also, that during the absence of the Keeper you made certain entries in the journal of the station which were intended to be misleading; also that at various times, between October 6, 1921 and January 3, 1922, you have made detrimental and critical remarks to Assistant Keeper Woodruff and members of his family reflecting on the character and conduct of your superior officer; also that you have used vile and obscene language to your superior officer and to and in the presence of his wife and other women residents at your station; all this in violation of Articles 11 and 14 of "Instructions to Employees,1915".

CHARGE II.

Assault and Battery.

SPECIFICATION: That on Tuesday January 3, 1922, you struck the wife of Assistant Keeper Woodruff on the arm with such violence as to cause the effects of the blow to be visible for several hours thereafter; this in presence of competent witnesses, without just provocation, and in violation of Art. 8 of said "Instructions".

CHARGE III.

Failure to become familiar with and take proper care of the apparatus at your station.

SPECIFICATION: That at various times and after nearly four years experience, you claimed to be unable to light the oil heating stove in the fog signal house; also that in the presence of the inspecting officer at your station January 5, 1922, you admitted that the grate in your range was improperly installed, and that you had not taken steps to put it in properly; this in violation of Art. 9 of said "Instructions".

REGISTERED MAIL.
Eben A. Elwell, 1 A. K., I of S, Vi[illegible]sper.

CHARGE IV.

Failure to keep station records.

SPECIFICATION: That at various times, between January 1, 1921, and January 5, 1922, you refused or failed to keep journal records during the absence on shore leave of your superior officer, which records you had heretofore kept; this in violation of Articles 101 and 150 of said "Instructions".

Superintendent.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. P
Chief Clerk ✓
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk

FIRST DISTRICT

Isles of Shoals
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 6th, 1922

Supt. of Lighthouses 1st Dist. PORTLAND, MAINE. JAN 9 1922

Superintendent 1st Dist
Portland Maine

Dear Sir

On Jan 3rd Mrs Woodruff 2nd Asst wife came in to my house while I was at the boat slip helping Mr Woodruff get the boat up, He had been after mail and supplies.

Mr Elwell 1st asst had been into her house talking about me and she asked him to come in my house and prove it, He then came to my door and invited my family out in the yard and my wife said if you have any thing to say to any of us come in the house and say it like a man but he stood in the door and called my wife and son names that would not look nice in print

Said she was a low degraded thing and any one that had any thing to do with her was as bad as she was

Mrs Woodruff said dont you dare call me degraded and he slapped

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIRST DISTRICT

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her on the arm so hard that the ridges were there for several hours. She also said to my wife where is that thing you call a husband? (using improper language)

Mrs Elwell also came out and used very improper language regarding my wife and Mrs Woodruffs character

Yours Respct

Joe H Upton

Isles of Shoals

Light Station

Portsmouth

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
[redacted]THOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Supt. 97
Chief Clerk
2nd Clerk
3rd Clerk
4th Clerk

Supt. of Lt. Houses 1st Dist. PORTLAND, MAINE.
JAN 6 1922

FIRST DISTRICT
Isle of Shoals.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)
Jan. 3rd, 1922.

Supt. of Light houses:-

Dear Sir:

I'm sorry to have to make report of Mr E. A. Elwell, 1st Assistant of Isle of Shoals ~~Light~~ Station, in regards to his actions since I came on to this Station.
While after Stores & Mail at the Coast Guard Station at Appledore, this after noon Mr Elwell came into my part of house after a book that my Wife borrowed from his wife, and he began to tell about Capt Upton trying to get him off this light. And he said some pretty hard things about Capt Upton What he & his wife said about me, And my wife said "Come in and prove them." Then he went into his house & got his wife & They came over by Capt Upton's door and began to talk and my wife said something to Mr Elwell and he struck her on the arm and left the prints of his whole hand on her arm. and the mark stayed there for over three hours.

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THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIRST DISTRICT

.....
(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

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Mr Elwell said That Mrs Upton (wife of Capt Upton) was a "low degrading thing and that those associating with her were as low as she." My Wife was in Capt Uptons house at the time and when Mr Elwell said that about Mrs Upton she got up and said to Mr Elwell "Don't you dare say that I am low degrading" and that was when he (Mr Elwell) struck her. He struck my wife twice.

Now I have found Capt Upton & family very peaceful and refined in Every Way. This is not Mr Elwells first offence since I came here. Just one Month ago Dec 2 the I went into his store to return some book that I had borrowed from him. He & his wife & he both started talking about Capt Upton and I said that I had nothing against Capt Upton. and then Mrs Elwell ordered me from the house and Mr Elwell followed me as far as my door and called me a Coward because that I would not come

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

FIRST DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel.)

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luck and fight with him. And then they said (his wife + him Mr Elwell's) that all that I was doing was "sucking around" just because I was trying to do my duty by Capt Upton. Mrs Elwell has said things before Mr + Capt Upton's family about my wife that I would be ashamed to write.

Will You kindly give this letter Your closest attention and oblige.

Yours very Truly.

Thomas Jef. Woodruff.

I took this report into Mr Elwell and he refused to even look at it or sign it.

Thorough keeper Joe H Upton

GFL

February 5th, 1919.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to Department's "Notice of Change in Salary", dated January 20th, 1919, in the case of Eben A. Elwell, Keeper, this district, whereby his salary was increased from $780 per annum to $840 per annum:

2. The effective date of Mr. Elwell's entrance on duty under his new rate of pay is February 1st, 1919.

(SGD.) SHERMAN
Superintendent.

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Copy to E. A. Elwell, First Assistant Keeper, Isles of Shoals Light Station, Portsmouth, N. H., through the Keeper.

1. For his information.

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

JAN 21 1919

LIGHT JAN 21 1919 HOUSES

Supt. of LIGHTHOUSES 1st DIST. PORTLAND, MAINE.

JAN 26 1919

January 20, 1919.

M

r. Eben A. Elwell,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 780 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective on the date upon which you enter on duty at the increased date of pay.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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1st district

GFL Form 206

File No. 8

RECORD OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF LIGHT KEEPER OR ASSISTANT LIGHT KEEPER

IN CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL RE[redacted] THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

Office of Lighthouse ~~Inspector~~ Supt., 1st District,

Place, Portland, Maine,

Date, December 2nd, 1918.

To the Medical Officer in Charge,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Dr. P. B. Adams, A. S. Surgeon,
Rockland, Maine.

Sir:

Please examine Eben A. Elwell, Keeper,

nativity, American; age, 46; height, 5 feet, 9 inches;

weight, 165 pounds; color of hair, ----; color of eyes, ----

distinguishing marks, Not aware of any.

as to eyesight, hearing, and physical condition.

When the examination has been completed the findings should be recorded on this blank and the blank returned to the applicant.

Respectfully,

C E S.

Supt. of Lighthouses ~~Inspector~~.

(Signature of applicant:)

(To be signed in the presence of the officer issuing this blank or witnessed by a designated employee of the Lighthouse Service.)

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Place, Rockland, Maine,

Date, December 18, 1918.

To Lighthouse Inspector,

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

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

(Sgd.) F. B. Adams

A. A. *Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service.*

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

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Original returned to Elwell same day as received, 12/19/18.

REPORT OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PLACE, Rockland Maine

DATE, December 18, 1918.

Name of applicant, Eben Elwell

Eyes: Color, Blue; exophthalmus, No

chronic inflammation, No; other anbormality, None

Eyelids: Ptosis, No; condition of conjunctiva on eversion, Normal

other conditions, Normal

Eyesight:

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

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

Is applicant partially or wholly color-blind? No

If color-blind, state which color he confuses

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

Ears:

Abnormalities, None; shape, Normal

Position, Normal; condition of drums Normal

Evidence of mastoid disease, No

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

Distance conversational speech can be heard: Right ear, 40 feet; left ear, 40 feet.

Distance whispered speech can be heard: Right ear, 15 feet; left ear, 15 feet.

Lungs: Normal

Heart: Normal

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

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Reasons for certification of disqualification: [redacted]

PLACE FOR SEAL OF THE U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE.

(Signature of applicant:) (Sgd.) Eben A. Elwell

(To be signed in the presence of the medical examiner.)

11—5999

GFL
Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1767, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

COPY

I, Eben A. Elwell,

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.

Eben A. Elwell
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 25th day of November, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

SEAL HERE.

[4] (*Name*) John L. Mitchell

(*Official title*) Notary Public

My commission expires April 28, 1921.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Keeper	$780. per annum	Isles of Shoals Light Station, N. H.
Former [5] Second Asst. Kpr.	$480. per annum	Same as above.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, First District

Portland, Maine, (Address) November 30th, 1918. (Date)

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

C. E. Sherman Superintendent.
(Signature, followed by title)

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1918.

Mr. Eben A. Elwell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Seven Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum,

effective November 1, 1918.

By promotion from second assistant keeper at $480 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position. (By increase in compensation.)

Legal Residence: Maine.

Supt. of Lighthouses 1st Dist. PORTLAND, MAINE.
NOV 12 1918

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

GFL

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, ...

Eben A. Elwell,

do solemnly[1] ..... (See below) 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.

☞ Eben A. Elwell
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] ..... (See below) Sworn to and subscribed before me, this[3] 13th day of May, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

SEAL HERE

[4](Name) Edward K. Gould

(Official title) Notary Public.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present		
2nd Asst. Keeper	$480. per annum	Isles of Shoals Light Sta., N. H.
Former[5]		
New appointee.		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, ... District

PORTLAND, ME. (Address) First (District) MAY 16 1918 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on MAY 15 1918 (Date)

Sherman Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

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[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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PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

(When forwarding this form, no letter of transmittal is required)

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1913.

To the CHIEFS OF BUREAUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

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

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

Eben Agustus Elwell

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

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

Rockland	Maine	Knox	2nd
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? South Thomaston Maine

6. When were you born? May 30 1872
Month. Day. Year.

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

Mrs. Ebin A. Elwell (Name.) — 30 Holmes St. (Number and street.)

Rockland (City or town.) — Maine (State or Territory.)

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Leroy Elwell	Sprucehead, Maine	Position Asst. Keeper; Department or office Two Bush Island	Brother	Married
		Position; Department or office		
		Position; Department or office		

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

No — No

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No					

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

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.)

Company and regiment, 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 or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan) ———

Name under which soldier or sailor rendered service ———

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

15. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 10, 11, 12, and 13.)

Ship Yards

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

Public Schools

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

Stone Cutter

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

The present one is all

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

Yes

Date, May 13th, 1918.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) /S/ EBEN A.ELWELL

P. O. Address: ROCKLAND
City or town.

80 HOLMES -ST
Number and street.

MAINE
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded May 16 1918, 191

(Signature) C.E.SHERMAN

(Official title) Inspector, 1st L.H. District.

PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officer of the Bureau of the Department to which the employee is assigned or by some authorized official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

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

Lighthouse Service (Bureau or Service.) Isle Of Shoals Light Station (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) First (District.)

2. Position to which appointed: Second Assistant Keeper

3. Date of entrance on duty: May 15 1918

4. Compensation: $480.00 per annum.

5. Appropriation from which paid: Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

C. S. Exam. for Assistant Light Keeper - noneducational

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

Same as given in certificate of appointment.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department May 16 1918, 191

(Signature) /S/ C. E. Sherman,

(Official title) Inspector, First Lighthouse Dist.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
MAY 7 1918
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

1st DIST.
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
PORTLAND, MAINE.
MAY 10 1918

May 4, 1918.

Mr. Eben A. Elwell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office and to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, Second Assistant Keeper (Isles of Shoal)

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

N
C

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alvah Robinson.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

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Original Cd MAY 10 1918
Rec'd on duty MAY 15 1918
Oath dated MAY 13 1918
Oath Fd In MAY 15 1918

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

Elon A. Elwell
(Name.)

2nd Asst. Keeper, Isles of Shoals Lt. Sta.,
(Position.)

First Lighthouse District.
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

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Date, May 13 1918

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

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

5/30/1872

Employee Name: ELWELL, EBEN A. **DOB:** 1/1/1871, ME

SOUNDEX: E440

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Commerce 6029	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Commerce	Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury 2188	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Old Treasury	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

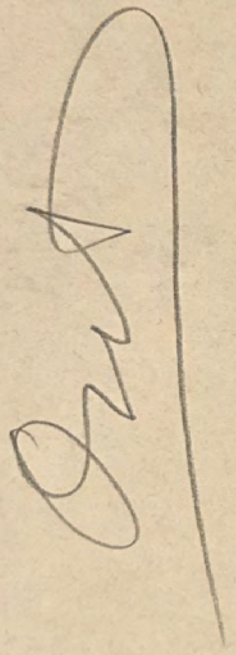
If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative
Agency: Coast Guard SRCs	Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk	positive	negative

If Negative:

CMRS: possible CG service	Area: _____	positive	negative
ARCIS: _____	Area: _____	positive	negative

Notes: **DOS: 1918 TO 1922; DOD: 1/1/1964, ME; LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE, ME**



EBEN A. ELWELL EBEN A.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, First DISTRICT,

Portland, Maine (City.), April 25th (Date.), 1918.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

RECEIVED APR 26 1918 LIGHTHOUSES

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MAY 4 1918

Action recommended, PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT.

Name, Eben A. Elwell — Legal residence, Rockland, Maine.

Position, Second Assistant Keeper (Hydrog. / Engr. / Mar. Engr. / Accounts. / Contracts / Chf. Clk. / Dep. Commr. / Commr.) — Salary, $480. per annum.

Location, Isles of Shoals Lt Sta, New Hamp. — Appropriation, Sals., Kprs.

Effective May 4th, 1918, {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, New appointee — Former salary, ---

Location, ---

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper (Asst.) Percentage, 86.60, Other eligibles considered: Eugene N. Larrabee (D); Thomas H. Morgan (D); Benjamin F. Eaton (C); Thomas Watts (C).

Previous incumbent, Alvah Robinson — Services terminated, April 30th, 1918.

Reason, Recommended for transfer to Assistant Keeper, Moose Peak Light Station.

Members of family in Government Service, One - brother Assistant Keeper in the Lighthouse Service - married.

Remarks: Mr. Larrabee stated that he could not accept this position inasmuch as it would be impossible for him to report for duty for one month or more after the position was offered to him, if he were selected. Mr. Morgan stated that he was unable to accept as his wife had slow fever. This station has quarters for families.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAY 1 - 1918, 191

B. L. Dalton
Secretary, Civil Service District.

C. C. Thomas
Inspector, First Lighthouse District.

*changed in Bureau

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON MAY 4 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHT
MAY 7 1918
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

MAY 7 1918 11 01 AM

May 4, 1918.

Mr. Eben A. Elwell,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

N
C

(Signed) Clifford Hastings
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Alvah Robinson.

Legal Residence: Maine.

(See reverse side.)

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1922 JAN 30 AM 10 22

CES:GFL.
Inclosures.

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

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

January 28, 1922

Commissioner of Lighthouses:-

1. Herewith are submitted four charges preferred against Eben A. Elwell, Keeper (First Assistant) Isles of Shoals Light Station, N. H., together with his reply thereto.

2. I have made a personal investigation of the matter, have visited the station and examined the witnesses, and respectfully report the following

FINDING.

3. Regarding Charge I, it is evident, from certain of Mr. Elwell's entries in the station Journal that they were purposely made with itent to cast reflection on and injure the principal keeper; further he charged the keeper, before me, with making false entries in the Journal, which upon examination I found to be true entries. It has also been testified by Assistant Keeper Woodruff and his wife that Mr. Elwell has at various times made statements to them casting reflection on the character of his superior officer and I have been shown records of language used by Elwell and his wife before the other keepers and their wives, too vile and obscene to be submitted in writing to the Bureau.

4. Regarding Charge II, Assistant Keeper Woodruff's wife charges Elwell with striking her on the arm. This is substantiated by four witnesses: Keeper Upton, his wife and son, and Assistant Keeper Woodruff himself. The marks on Mrs. Woodruff's arm are testified to me as being visible for some hours after the blow.

5. Regarding Charge III, there is a conflict of testimony as to whether the failure of Elwell to light the oil stove in the fog signal house was due to his lack of knowledge or was done to purposely annoy his superior. I believe the latter is probably the reason. As to the grate in his kitchen range, I am satisfied from a personal examination that his answer to this charge is contrary to the facts of the case.

6. There is absolute proof, from blank spaces left in the station Journal covering periods of absence of the principal keeper, that the records were not kept by Elwell during this absence, but that at all other times when his superior was absent, both before and after, the records were kept in usual manner.

7. For some years there has been discord at this station and lack of harmony among the keepers resulting in the transfer of two keepers to other stations, but owing to a conflict of testimony it has each time been impossible to locate the real source of the trouble. From the experience of Assistant Keeper Woodruff at this station since his appointment and assignment there in October 1921, I am now

7. ----- satisfied that the source of the trouble has at last been located and that Elwell has been at the bottom of it.

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RECOMMENDATION.

8. In view of my finding as above stated, and of the seriousness of the charges, it is recommended that Eben A. Elwell, Keeper (First Assistant) Isles of Shoals Light Station, N. H., be summarily dismissed from the Service.

C. E. Sherman
Superintendent.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
January 31, 1922.

JEH:Hol.
2 inclosures.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that Elwell be dismissed from the Service effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department. Statement as to the amount of leave taken by Elwell, this date called for, will be submitted to the Department when received.

1st Asst. letters 2/1/22 wrote effective date Elwell's dismissal as Feb. 10, 1922 JB

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dept. letter 2/3/22 to Elwell on Ret. 4, thru 1st Supt. for dismissal.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
PORTLAND, ME.

CES:GFL

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

REGISTERED MAIL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 1ST DISTRICT
PORTLAND, ME.

January 10, 1922

Eben A. Elwell, First Assistant Keeper,
Isles of Shoals L.S. Portsmouth, N. H.
Via Keeper.

1. As a result of my inspection of Isles of Shoals Light Station on January 5, 1922, the following charges are preferred against you. You are entitled to three days in which to submit such statement as you desire, and if you have no statement to make, you will so report in writing.

CHARGE I.

Making false and misleading statements both orally and in writing reflecting on the character and conduct of your superior officer.

SPECIFICATION: That on January 5, 1922, you accused the Keeper of your station, in my presence, of making false entries in the station journal, and upon investigation it was found that your statements were not true:- also, that during the absence of the Keeper you made certain entries in the journal of the station which were intended to be misleading; also that at various times, between October 6, 1921 and January 3, 1922, you have made detrimental and critical remarks to Assistant Keeper Woodruff and members of his family reflecting on the character and conduct of your superior officer; also that you have used vile and obscene language to your superior officer and to and in the presence of his wife and other women residents at your station; all this in violation of Articles 11 and 14 of "Instructions to Employees,1915".

CHARGE II.

Assault and Battery.

SPECIFICATION: That on Tuesday January 3, 1922, you struck the wife of Assistant Keeper Woodruff on the arm with such violence as to cause the effects of the blow to be visible for several hours thereafter; this in presence of competent witnesses, without just provocation, and in violation of Art. 8 of said "Instructions".

CHARGE III.

Failure to become familiar with and take proper care of the apparatus at your station.

SPECIFICATION: That at various times and after nearly four years experience, you claimed to be unable to light the oil heating stove in the fog signal house; also that in the presence of the inspecting officer at your station January 5, 1922, you admitted that the grate in your range was improperly installed, and that you had not taken steps to put it in properly; this in violation of Art. 9 of said "Instructions".

REGISTERED MAIL.
Eben A. Elwell, 1 A. K., I of S, Via Keeper.

CHARGE IV.

Failure to keep station records.

SPECIFICATION: That at various times, between January 1, 1921, and January 5, 1922, you refused or failed to keep journal records during the absence on shore leave of your superior officer, which records you had heretofore kept; this in violation of Articles 101 and 150 of said "Instructions".

Superintendent.

LIGHTHOUSE

COPY:GFL

1922 JAN 30 AM 22

Isles of Shoals Light Station

Jan. 16, 1922.

Superintendent of Lighthouses 1st District.

Dear Sir:-

The following statements are in answer to charges prefered against me

1st Charge, Accusing Keeper of making false entries in journal, I acknowledge it was a mistake in putting down dates as we so found on examination and not done intentionally. If I have made any entries in journal tending to be misleading I am surely ignorant of such. I have never blackened a mans character here or elsewhere, nor do I recall using vile and obscene language to my Superior, nor do I use such language in the presence of ladies.

2d. Charge. I did not strike that woman. I have yet to strike a man let alone violence on women.

3d. Charge. I do not claim to not know how to light an oil heater, a simple thing as that, but I do have to go by the Keepers orders when he is here, and always he tells me to let him know about lighting the extra one, which I do, and it has always been agreeable.

3d. Charge. About the range grate, I put it in one cold morning, two days before you came, it looked and worked allright, only that morning I noticed one end lower than the other, it was not my intention to leave it that way. I let the fire out that night and properly fixed it without any help. It was just a mistake doing it in a hurry.

3d. Charge. When I am in charge I know what to do, during my experience here of almost four yrs. if I was not familiar with the apparatus here, how could I do it with the Keeper away on his leaves, every thing has gone all right, and I have done my duty here to the best of my ability.

I am writing on this paper as I could not get any official paper, the Keepers son said it was locked up. I called your office this morning, in regard to it and for advice, Mr. Luther said if I could not get the official paper to use what I had, and I do not know when the Keeper will be here.

4th Charge. About keeping the Station records, I have never refused, for the Keeper has not asked me, but I did fail to for reasons which I explained to you.

I have answered these charges as my sense of right and concience dictated.

Respectfully,
(Sgd.) E. A. ELWELL
1st Asst. Keeper.

Note: Keeper absent.(Sgd.) WOOLLEY,CC.

JEH:Hol. January 31, 1922.

Vincent H. Fernald. Eben A. Elwell

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Portland, Maine.

1. Referring to your indorsement of January 25, 1922, concerning cancelation of appointment of Vincent H. Fernald:

2. Concerning your recommendation that Fernald be given appointment and assigned to fill the next vacancy, you are advised that it is not practicable to make appointment without having an actual or contemplated vacancy.

3. Attention is invited to your letter of January 28, recommending the dismissal of Eben A. Elwell, first assistant keeper, Isles of Shoals Light Station, and you are advised that recommendation has this date been submitted to the Secretary of Commerce for the dismissal of Elwell, effective at the close of a date later to be determined and reported to the Department and you will be later advised of Department action thereon. In view of the proposed dismissal of Elwell you are requested to submit report as to recommending Fernald for appointment to a vacancy that will result therefrom. It will not be necessary to await Department action on recommendation for dismissal of Elwell before recommending appointment of Fernald, but such recommendation may be made at this time; however, if you recommend Fernald's appointment he should not be assigned to duty until Elwell is actually separated from the Service.

4. Advise the Bureau for the information of the Department whether Elwell has taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations (Regs. 1918, Art. 488, 2d par.). Be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Dept. letter 2/3/22, to Elwell on Feb. 4, thru 1st dept. for his dismissal.

See V.H. Fernald's file for further action on this letter.

February 11, 1922.

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Eben A. Elwell,
leave.

Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Bureau indorsement of January 31 on the First Superintendent's letter of January 28, recommending the dismissal of Eben A. Elwell, keeper (first assistant), Isles of Shoals Light Station, the Bureau is in receipt of information from the Superintendent that Elwell has not taken leave in excess of the amount allowed by the Regulations.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Chief Clerk, Bureau of Lighthouses.