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Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	
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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
Emerson, William, L.		

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: 1919 AL

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (AL)	From: 1917	To: 1919
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Final Return:

Wm. L. Emerson

William L. Emerson

INACTIVE

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Alabama

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Laborer (pend cont for 1 mo) TEMPORARY Sand Isl – Ala	480.	L. H.	Apr 26. 1918
Last day service Aug 23, 1918			
Keeper (Temp. (pend cont) " "	480	"	July 1. 1918.
Last day service Aug 23, 1918			
Keeper (Prob.) Sand Island L. Sta. Ala.	480	L.H.	
" "	600	"	Sept. 16. 1918
" Increase "	840	"	Nov 4 1918
Died – Jan (16?) 1919			
		INACTIVE	

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

APPOINTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

1918 MAY 18 AM 11 49

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

RECEIVED MAY 14 1918

New Orleans, La., May 13 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

LIGHT MAY 17 1918

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for permanent appointment in position of 1st Assistant Keeper.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 per annum.

CHIEF CLERK

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 26, 1918, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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APPOINTMENTS

1918 MAY 21 AM 8 54

Former position, - - - Former salary, - -

Location, - - -

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN MAY 21 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Reason, Pending appointment and arrival of a new 1st Assistant Keeper, vice Riley V. Castleberry, dismissed effective at close of March 31, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at this station, William L. Emerson was assigned to duty on April 26, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, May 14, 1918

A. L. Thurman

Secretary.

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Inspector.

Temporary pending certification.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

MAY 17 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPROVED (new position):

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A. L. Thurman

Acting Secretary.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Laborer at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective April 26, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED MAY 22 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Alabama.

MAY 22 1918

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT AUG 8 1918 HOUSES

JUN 15 1918 9 07 AM

I, William L. Emerson,

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.

William Lorenz Emerson

(Appointee signs here)

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

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. W. Thane,

(Official title) Notary Public Mobile Co Ala

My commission expires Sept. 23 1918.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Laborer in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for appointment to the position of first assistant Keeper.		

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

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CARDED

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., June 3, 1918.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 26, 1918.

(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Form 73

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT.

New Orleans, La., July 11, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles for position of Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, ~~Additional~~ Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 p.a. with rations.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective July 1, 1918, {the actual date of entrance on duty.[1] ~~xx~~ ~~xxxx

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

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 Four Hundred and Eight dollars per annum, effective July 1, 1918.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUL 18 1918 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. S. GILCHRIST

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Alabama.

CARDED JUL 17 1918

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT HOUSES JUL 30 1918

I, William L. Emerson, JUL 30 1918 8 46 AM

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.

William L Emerson

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26th day of JUL 30 3 39

July, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. W. Thames

(Official title) Notary Public

My commission expires Sept 23 1918

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present Addl. Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former Laborer in the L.H.Service	do.	do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of [redacted] Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., July 27, 1918.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1918.

(Date)

R R Somerville

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHT
JUN 6 1918
HOUSES

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

JUN 16 1918 9 07 AM

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

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

Mr. William Leverett Emerson.

CHIEF CLERK

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

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

Lighthouse (Bureau or Service.) Sand Island Light Station, Ala. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel).) 8th (District.)

4. Position to which appointed... Laborer in the Lighthouse Service.

5. Compensation ... $480 p.a.

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

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

Temporary appointment without examination.

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

Ft Morgan (City or town.) Ala (State or Territory.) Baldwin (County.) 2 (Congressional district.)

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

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

11. Where were you born? Chester Illinois

12. When were you born? Sept 24th (Month.) 24th (Day.) 1871 (Year.)

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

14. What is your marital condition? Widower

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

Mrs. Nora Calloway (Name.) (Number and street.)

Ft Morgan (City or town.) Ala (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

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

Relationship (widow or orphan).....

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

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

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

Carpenter in Ship Yards, Cook on Fish Schooners & Dredges;

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

High School Public

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

Mechanical Carpenter

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

None

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

Yes

Date, May 31st, 1918

Witness (in case signature is by mark):

(Signature) W. L. Emerson

P. O. Address: Ft. Morgan
City or town.

Number and street.

Alabama
State or Territory.

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

RSW

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 3, 1918.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

LIGHT HOUSES

SEP 17 1918 8 55 AM

APPOINTMENT CHIEF CLERK

Name of employee William L. Emerson

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Designation Keeper Laborer in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $480 p.a.

Place of employment Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Date of appointment: May 21, 1918, effective Apr. 26, 1918, Laboeer, $480 p.a., pending establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment; July 17, 1918, effective July 1, 1918, Addl. Kpr., $480 p.a. and rations pending establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

~~Last day served~~

Last day served: August 23, 1918.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 9 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
(*Official title.*)

Date September 4, 1918.

Lighthouse Service.
(*Bureau or service.*)

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

LIGHT AUG 26 1918 HOUSES

New Orleans, La., August 19, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 per annum. AUG 26 1918 8 53

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective August 24, 1918, { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty. CHIEF CLERK

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. (Temporary.) Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

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Rank on eligible list, First Rating, Assistant Keeper Percentage, 84, Other eligibles considered: 15

Edmund J. Hart, C; Justus E. Goodson, C.

Joseph T. Olsen, Temp.

Previous incumbent, Silas M. Welch. Services terminated, May 2, 1918.

Reason, Resigned.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: William L. Emerson has served as temporary Laborer at above station from April 26, 1918, to June 30, 1918, inclusive, and as additional keeper from July 1 up to the present time. He has never served under any other branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the families of the keepers.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, August 21, 1918

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C. H. Jewett
Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

AUG 26 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN AUG 27 1918 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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[illegible] Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED AUG 28 1918

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Joseph T. Olsen,

Legal Residence: Alabama.

(See reverse side.)

C.F.D.

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Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., September 4, 1918.
(City.) (Date)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, **William L. Emerson.** Legal residence **Alabama.**

Position, **Keeper in the Lighthouse Service.** Salary, **$600 per annum.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **September 16, 1918,** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H. Service. Former salary, **$480 p.a.**

Location, **Sand Island Light Station, Ala.**

Rank on eligible list, -- Rating, -- Percentage, -- , Other eligibles considered:
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Previous incumbent, Riley V.Castleberry. Services terminated, **March 31, 1918.**

Reason, **Dismissed by Department letter of April 23, 1918.**

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: William L. Emerson is now serving under probationary appointment. He is the only employee in his grade at this station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position, and, owing to the isolation of the station and the difficulty this office has experienced in maintaining the full authorized complement, it is recommended that Emerson be appointed as nominated.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, September 5, 1918

Secretary, 10 Civil Service District.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPER--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $480 per annum to $600 per annum, effective September 16, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 13 1918 DEPT. OF COMMERCE D.C.

CARDED

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NEW ORLEANS, LA

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATION TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Hydrog.
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Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
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Contracts
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Dep. Commr.
Commr.

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LIGHT SEP 23 1918 HOUSES

SEP 23 1918 10 24 AM

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

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William L. Emerson,
Sand Island L.S.,Ala.

September 19, 1918.

OTHER CLERK

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The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department letter dated September 12, 1918, notifying William L. Emerson, keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, of change in his salary:

APPOINTMENTS

The Bureau is advised that this change was effected on September 16, 1918.

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Superintendent of Lighthouses.

SEP 24 1918

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

W. R. 1918 SEP 25 PM 4 25
Acting Commissioner

CARDED

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY OF LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $600 per annum to $840 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED

Respectfully,

(signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

ON BASIS OF THIS ACTION SEE LETTER DATED 11-15-18 IN FILE OF 1095-8

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION NOV 21 1918

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT SEP 23 1918 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEP 23 1918 10 24 AM

I, William L. Emerson,

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.

Wm. L Emerson

(Appointee signs here)

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

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Wilbur Thurston

(Official title) Notary Public Mobile Co Ala

My commission expires Sept. 23. 1918

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Keeper in the Light-house Service (Probationary appointment)	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former	Keeper in the Light-house Service (temporary appointment)	$480p.a.	Do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of ~~Lighthouse Inspector~~ Eighth District

New Orleans, La., September 19, 1918.

(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 24, 1918.

(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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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(CROSS REFERENCE)

January 24, the Bureau of Lighthouses reports that the Keeper and First Assistant Keeper of Sand Island Light Station have been reported missing,

See file of John M. Reynolds for recommendation.

CHIEF CLERK

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Form 93
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NOTICE OF ~~RESIGNATION OR~~ DEATH

1919 FEB 7 PM 3 LIGHT HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

New Orleans, La., February 3, 1919.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is notice of the death ~~transmitted the resignation~~ of the following-named employee:

Name, William L. Emerson — Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service

Legal residence, Alabama — Station, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Salary, $840.00 per annum.

Date of death: See below.
~~The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of~~ 1919 FEB 7 PM 4 03

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

Remarks:

On the afternoon of January 16th, William L. Emerson, accompanying the Keeper, left Sand Island Light Station in motor boat to go to Fort Morgan to meet the new second assistant and has not been heard from since. A landing party which visited Sand Island on January 17th found the station deserted. Continued search and inquiry by the tender CAMELLIA in the Gulf and along the south shores of Dauphin, Petit Bois, and Horn Islands failed to reveal any trace of the missing keepers or the launch, and all hope of their recovery has been abandoned.

CARDED

Superintendent of Lighthouses

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB - 6 1919

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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2-8-19

1919 FEB 7 PM 2 53

Acting Commissioner

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WILLIAM L. EMERSON

Form 73
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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

RECEIVED MAY 14 1918

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., May 13, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

LIGHT HOUSES

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for permanent appointment in position of 1st Assistant Keeper.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 per annum.

MAY 17 1918 9 03 AM

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 26, 1918, {'the actual date of entrance on duty; or
~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~

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

Location, - - -

Hydrog.
Engr. Conn.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts.
Cartogr.
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

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

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

Reason, Pending appointment and arrival of a new 1st Assistant Keeper, vice Riley V. Castleberry, dismissed effective at close of March 31, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at this station, William L. Emerson was assigned to duty on April 26, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission May 14, 1918

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

Temporary pending certification.

Denny
Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 17 1918

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON



May 21, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Laborer at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective April 26, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Alabama.

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LIGHTHOUSES
1928 MAR 6 AM 12 09

Los. Angeles. Calif.
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U. S. Light house Service
Washington D. C.

Can you please give me
Information about my
Father Capt Tom Emerson
who was Drowned in 1919
and his Body to my
knowing has not been
found. only some one
said there were two
men found on Cat Island
close to Mobile ala.
Do you know any thing
I have tried to find out
about things. I am his
oldest Daughter. And
cannot seem to get over
this terrible loss of my
Father. He had $ Checks

Ways
Surveys
Lighting
Radio
Weather
Nautical
Chief Engr.
Hydro.
Radio
Engr. Const.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Fiscal
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Inspector
Commissioner

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
MAR 15 1928
NEW ORLEANS

in his Pocket for his Salary. And was that paid to my Sister in Mobile Ala. Mrs Nora Calloway and Mrs Neva Calloway. I am writing this as my half Sister in Mobile did not want me to have anything. Will you write me about what you know regarding him & his death. And who this money was paid to.

And I Thank you very Kindly.

Mrs Chas H. Pleto.

4906 Druid St.

Los Angeles

Cal.

March 13, 1928.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

To Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

for remark and return.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner.

RLC:EMF

March 13, 1928.

Mrs. Charles H. Plato,
4906 Druid St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

1. Referring to your letter of March 2, requesting information regarding the death of your father, Capt. William Emerson:

2. You are respectfully informed that this matter is under consideration and that you will be further advised in regard thereto at an early date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHTHOUSES
1928 MAR 19 PM 12 02

Capt. Wm. L. Emerson,
Late Asst. Kpr. Sand Island
Light Station, Ala.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
March 17, 1928

Airways
Surveys
Lighting
Radio
Weather
Clerical
Chief Engr.
Hydro.
Radio
Engr. Constr.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner

1/22/28 Wrote Mrs Plato (copy 8th)

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. The records of this office show that William L. Emerson, Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Ala., left that station on January 16, 1919, in the station motor boat for Fort Morgan, Ala., for the purpose of meeting and transporting back to the station a new assistant keeper. He never reached Fort Morgan and nothing was ever heard from him, probably having drowned.

2. With regard to the statement of Mrs. Plato relative to two bodies being found on Cat Island shortly after Mr. Emerson's disappearance, the records show that only one body was found, that of a negro which floated ashore on Dauphin Island. There was a rumor that another body had floated ashore on Cat Island but this subsequently proved to be false.

3. Under date of June 4, 1919, this office wrote Mrs. C. H. Plato as per copy of letter attached.

4. On May 8, 1919, this office returned to Mrs. Nora Callaway, a half sister of Mrs. Plato, an affidavit which had been executed by her in connection with the salary due Mr. Emerson for the period January 1-16, 1919, requesting her to secure from each of the other children an affidavit in her favor waiving claim to their portion of the money due. Nothing further was heard from Mrs. Callaway.

5. The records also show that pay check for services rendered by Mr. Emerson during the month of December, 1918, in the amount of $83.95, was in his possession at the time of his disappearance. Payment was stopped on this check and bond of indemnity and affidavit were forwarded to Mrs. Nora Callaway at 211 Jefferson St., Mobile, Ala., in connection with the issuance of a duplicate check, but there is no record of these papers ever having been returned.

6. Apparently there is due the deceased pay for the month of December, 1918, $83.95, and for the period January 1-16, 1919, at the rate of $840 per annum. — plus subsistence

7. Letter from Mrs. Plato returned herewith.

E. S. LANPHIER
Superintendent of Lighthouses

RLC

March 22, 1928.

Mrs. Chas. H. Plato,
4906 Druid Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Madam:

1. With further reference to your letter of March 2, 1928, relative to the death of your father, William L. Emerson, formerly an employee of this Service:

2. You are respectfully informed that the records indicate that Mr. Emerson left Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, on January 16, 1919 in the station motor boat for Fort Morgan, Ala., on office business. He did not reach Fort Morgan and nothing was heard from him. In regard to your statement that two bodies were found on Cat Island shortly after Mr. Emerson's disappearance, the records indicate that only one body was found, that of a negro which floated ashore. It was rumored that another body had floated ashore but this subsequently proved to be false.

3. The records also show that pay check for services rendered by Mr. Emerson during the month of December, 1918, in the amount of $83.95, was in his possession at the time of his disappearance. Payment on this check was stopped and it therefore appears that the heirs of Mr. Emerson are entitled to that amount, together with the unpaid salary on account of services rendered by Mr. Emerson for the period January 1 to January 16, 1919, the date of his disappearance. In order to obtain this money, it will be necessary for you, as well as all the other heirs of Mr. Emerson, to submit letters testamentary to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. It appears that this matter was brought to your attention in a letter of June 4, 1919 addressed to you by the Superintendent, in response to which no further action apparently has been taken. The records further indicate that Mrs. Nora Callaway, 211 Jefferson St., Mobile, Ala., made application for the unpaid salary in 1919, and that similar instructions were given her by the Superintendent.

Respectfully,

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Wash., Copy to 8th Supt.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
COPY

Incl.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 8TH DISTRICT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
June 4, 1919

LIGHTHOUSES
1928 MAR 19 PM 12 02

Mrs. C. H. Plato,
814 - 37th Street,
Galveston, Texas

Madam:

1. In reply to your letter of May 28, 1919, regarding the amount due your father, William L. Emerson, late Assistant Keeper of Sand Island Light Station, Ala., the records of this office show that salary from January 1 to 16, 1919, remains unpaid. Before payment can be made, however, it will be necessary for the heirs to file affidavits. The papers in this case were forwarded to Mrs. Nora Callaway at Mobile, Ala., on March 22, 1919, but, up to date, they have not been returned.

2. It is requested that you forward to this office a list containing the names of the late Mr. Emerson's children.

3. Postage stamp received with your letter is inclosed.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) E. S. Lanphier

First Assistant Superintendent in Charge

COPY

VERNOL R. JANSEN

MOBILE, ALABAMA

July 7th, 1931.

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10/9/31

Bureau of Lighthouses,
Dept. of Commerce & Labor,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing on behalf of James S. ~~Patterson~~, General Administrator for Mobile, county, Alabama, today appointed administrator of the estate of one William L. Emerson who was the light house keeper of Sand Island, a light marking the entrance of Mobile Bay and drowned in the waters of Mobile Bay or the Gulf of Mexico about January 16th, 1918.

At the time of his death William L. Emerson had a voucher for one months pay which had not been cashed and was due a salary from January 1st to January 16th as such keeper. His body and the voucher or check was never recovered. The relatives have not had administration on his estate on account of their inability to prove death and the manner thereof. Thirteen years have elapsed without anyone hearing from or of him, and an administration has been requested of our Local Probate Court.

Very truly yours,

(s) Vernol R. Jansen.

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July 15, 1931

8/28/31 Reminded

Mr. Vernol R. Jansen,
431 Meaher Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter dated July 7, 1931, relative to salary due William L. Emerson as keeper of Sand Island Lightstation during January 1918, is acknowledged:

You are advised that the above letter has been referred to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, Louisiana, for report and as soon as same has been received you will be further advised.

Respectfully,

For the Commissioner:

J. F. PLOCHARCZYK
Acting Chief, Financial Division

JFP:JAB

Copy to Supt. of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La. together with copy of letter dated July 7, 1931, and with request that full report be furnished the Bureau.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

WJB.

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

July 28, 1931.

William L. Emerson,
deceased.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. With reference to letter addressed to the Bureau by Mr. Vernol R. Jansen, 431 Meaher Bldg., Mobile, Ala., dated July 7, 1931, requesting information relative to Wm. L. Emerson, deceased lighthouse keeper, and Bureau reply thereto dated July 15, 1931, copies of which were transmitted to this office by Bureau indorsement:

2. The only information this office is able to furnish from the records is as follows:

William L. Emerson entered on duty as a light keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Ala., on April 26, 1918. On the afternoon of January 16, 1919, he left the station in the station motor boat for Fort Morgan, Ala., and was never heard from any more.

With reference to the pay checks which the deceased had not cashed it is suggested that this matter be taken up with the Treasury Department as the Treasury Department Statements of Disbursing Officer Account for the period in question cannot be located. These statements were rendered under the account of John A. Shadinger and James A. Malone.

E. L. Langhorne
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Form 84 b

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1931 SEP 5 AM 9:18

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NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Aug. 28, 1931

10/9/31 wrote Vernol R. Jansen

Superintendent of Lighthouses, New Orleans, La.

Subject: claim of Wm. L. Emerson for salary due as keeper of Sand Island Lightstation during Jan. 1918.

Bureau (endorsement) ~~letter~~ on letter dated July 15, 1931 addressed to Mr. Vernol R. Jansen, Mobile, Alabama.

No report has been received from your office on the above subject. Submit report or advise when same may be expected.

For the Commissioner:

O. L. CRICKENBERGER
Chief, Financial Division
~~Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses~~.

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LIGHTHOUSES
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(Signed) E. S. Lanphier

Superintendent of Lighthouses
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VERNOL R. JANSEN
LAWYER
431 MEAHER BUILDING
MOBILE, ALA.

September 2, 1931.

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1931 SEP 4 AM 9:35

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Department of Commerce
Bureau of Lighthouse
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

On July 7, 1931 I wrote ypu relative to the salary due Will L. Emerson as the keeper of Sand Island Station due Jan. 1918. On July 15, 1931 you wrote me that the matter would be referred to New Orleans and that office would reply to my inquire.

I have heard nothing from the New Orleans Department and would appreciate some action on your part to expedite this matter.

Very truly yours,

V. R. Jansen

VRJ:GS

October 9, 1931

Mr. Vernol R. Jansen,
451 Meaher Building,
Mobile, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated September 2, 1931, and previous correspondence relative to salary due Will L. Emerson for services as keeper of Sand Island Light Station for period ended January 16, 1919:

The records of this Service indicate as follows:

> William L. Emerson entered on duty as a light keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Ala., on April 26, 1918. On the afternoon of January 16, 1919, he left the station in the station motor boat for Fort Morgan, Ala., and was never heard from any more.

Also any information you may desire relative to unpaid checks may be obtained by addressing the General Accounting Office, Check Accounting Division, this city, and making reference to the accounts of Special Disbursing Agents John A. Shadinger and James A. Malone, Lighthouse Service, New Orleans, La., for the period Oct. 1, 1918 to March 31, 1919.

It is regretted that this information was not furnished at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

W. P. HARMAN
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

JFP:JAB

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
NOV 20 1918
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

NOV 20 1918 2 24 PM.

November 19, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
NOV 23 1918
New Orleans, La.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 600 per annum to $ 840 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Sand Island Ala.

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November 25, 1918.

William L. Emerson, 1st Asst. Kpr.
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 19, 1918, notifying you of increase in salary to $840 per annum, effective November 1, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commsr.
Commsr.

LIGHT SEP 16 1918 HOUSES

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPER--LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEP 18 1918 New Orleans, La.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

September 12, 1918.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 480 per annum to $ 600 per annum, effective September 16, 1918, or as soon thereafter as you enter upon duty.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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William L. Emerson,
Sand Island L.S.,Ala.

September 19, 1918.

The Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Referring to Department letter dated September 12, 1918, notifying William L. Emerson, keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, of change in his salary:

The Bureau is advised that this change was effected on September 16, 1918.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MCC
1 inclosure

September 19, 1918.

William L. Emerson, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated September 12, 1918, notifying you of change in your salary from $480 per annum to $600 per annum, effective September 16, 1918.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses

Copy furnished Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Alabama, for his information and the station files.

You are directed to assign Mr. Emerson to duty as First Assistant Keeper.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
OFFICE OF ~~LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR~~ SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES Eighth DISTRICT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., September 4 (City.) (Date.), 1918.

Action recommended, Promotion and appointment.

Name, William L. Emerson.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Legal residence, Alabama.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Salary, $600 per annum.

Effective September 16, 1918. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Former position, Keeper in the L.H. Service. {~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Ala. Former salary, $480 p.a.

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

Previous incumbent, Riley V.Castleberry. Services terminated, March 31, 1918.

Reason, Dismissed by Department letter of April 23, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: William L. Emerson is now serving under probationary appointment. He is the only employee in his grade at this station and the vacancy to which promotion is proposed could not be foreseen at the time of his appointment. There is no suitable person in the Service who desires transfer to this position, and, owing to the isolation of the station and the difficulty this office has experienced in maintaining the full authorized complement, it is recommended that Emerson be appointed as nominated.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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TMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

MCC

September 4, 1918.

William L. Emerson, 2d Assistant Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that nomination has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $600 per annum and the usual ration allowance, effective commencing about August 16, 1918. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., For his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



EIGHTH DISTRICT

Sand Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Sept 1st, 1918.

Light House Superintendent
New Orleans, La.

Sir.

Replying to your letter of Aug 24th, 1918 relative to Mr. W. L. Emerson 2nd Asst. Keeper, I beg to inform you, that he has the necessary qualifications, and is worthy of promotion to the position of 1st Asst Keeper.

I am in receipt of money due me from Mr John D. Dalsilliè Keeper Galveston Harboar Sta, which I mentioned to you in letter of Aug 17th.

Respectfully.
Sydney Gibbon.
Keeper.

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August 24, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

Referring to your letter of August 17, 1918, and to letter of Second Assistant Keeper William L. Emerson, dated August 22, 1918, in re differences in amounts of salary checks for the months of June and July, 1918:

You are informed that the temporary increases given during the last fiscal year continued only until June 30, 1918, after which time all employees receiving such increases reverted back to their base pay.

The Bureau has under consideration the revision of pay of all keepers in the Service and you will be notified in due time the amount of the increases, if any, authorized for the keepers at Sand Island Light Station.

You are requested to advise this office as soon as practicable whether or not 2d Assistant Keeper Emerson possesses the necessary qualifications and is worthy of promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPY (MCC)

Extract from letter dated August 17, 1918, from S. Gibbon, Sand Island L.S.

"My salary cheque for the month of July to amount of $90.95 just received. Before the increase in ration allowance, it amounted to $88.50. The increase amounted to $4.50 for 30 days, which should make my cheque $93.00. Is this an error or a reduction in salary."

Respectfully,

S. GIBBON.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICT
AUG 24 1918
New Orleans, La.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Send Island Station
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 22, 1918

Sir

Referring to the Reduction of 15.00 Per month in my Pay it is a Hard matter for me to Retain my Position at a Salary Including Ration of 53.50 as Every thing is so High it Cost me Right at 1400 to Live Here so you See the Balance is not Sufficient for additional Needs So Please Advise if this Salary is Permanent Soon as Convenient and Oblidge Respectfully Wm. H. Emerson
Could Buy U.S.S On this Salary Sydney Gibbon.

Kps.

I cant see where you can hire employes at this rate of Pay, this man can command more than $53.50 at most any kind of employment in other Services.

S.G.

[illegible] @ 600 50. 10% [illegible] 5500

July

@ 480 40 minimum retainer 13.95 53.95

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 18 1918

JUL 18 1918 8 55 AM

July 17, 1918.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR JUL 22 18 New Orleans, La.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

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 Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective July 1, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) W. M. GILCHRIST

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F Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Alabama.

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MEMORANDUM SHOWING LAST DAY SERVED BY TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

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

Name of employee William L. Emerson

Designation Laborer in the Lighthouse Service *Compensation* $480 p.a.

Place of employment Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Date of appointment: May 21, 1918, effective May 26, 1918, Laborer, $480 p.a., pending ~~Last day served~~ July 17, 1918, effective July 1, 1918, Laborer, $480 p.a., pending establishment of a register of eligibles for permanent appointment.

Last day served: August 23, 1918.

Copy furnished Secretary, 10th C.S.District, Room 210 Customhouse Bldg., New Orleans, La., for his information and files.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent of Lighthouses, 8th Dist.
(Official title.)

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Date September 4, 1918.

Lighthouse Service.
(Bureau or service.)

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Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present: Addl.Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former: Laborer in the L.H.Service	do.	do.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

Office of [redacted] Inspector, 8th District

New Orleans, La., July 27, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

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

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

[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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COPY (MCC) Recd., July 27, 1918, 11 a.m.

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William L. Emerson,

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.

William L. Emerson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 26th day of July, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

S(J. Wilbur Tharp,
E(Notary Public,
A(Mobile Co.,
L(Ala.

[4] (*Name*) J. W. THARP,

(*Official title*) Notary Public
Mobile Co., Ala.

My commission expires Sep. 23, 1918.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Addl.Keeper in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former Laborer in the L.H.Service	do.	do.

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

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES [redacted], 8th DISTRICT

New Orleans, La., July 27, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

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

[5]
(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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TWO inclosures.

July 23,1918.

William L. Emerson, Additional Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Ala.
(Through the Keeper).

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated July 17, 1918, appointing you additional keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Ala., at $480 per annum, and an allowance of 45 cents per day in cash instead of rations, effective commencing July 1, 1918.

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

B. B. Dorry,
Superintendent.

Copy furnished Sydney Gibbon, Keeper, for his information and the files of the station.

Superintendent.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Eighth DISTRICT,

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., July 11 (City.) (Date.), 1918.

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of register of eligibles for position of Keeper in Lighthouse Service.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, Additional Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 p.a. with rations.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Laborer in L.H. Service. Former salary, $480 p.a. without ration

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Ala.

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

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Previous incumbent, New position. Services terminated, - - - -
Authorized by Department letter of June 5, 1918.

Reason, Pending appointment of a new First Asst. Keeper vice Riley V. Castleberry, dismissed effective at close of March 31, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Wm. L. Emerson has been serving as temporary Laborer at above station since April 25, 1918, and, due to the difficulty experienced in maintaining the authorized complement of keepers owing to low rates of pay, he was assigned to duty on July 1st as additional keeper, with ration allowance, at pay of lowest rated position at this station, in accordance with Department letter of June 5, 1918.

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

Through C. D. Seay 7/11/18 mcc
Secretary, Civil Service District.

Superintendent.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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July 11, 1918.

William L. Emerson, Laborer,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that nomination has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your appointment as temporary additional keeper at Sand Island Light Station at a salary of $480 per annum and a ration allowance of 45¢ per day in cash. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Alabama, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent.

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 21, 1918



Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Laborer at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars per annum, effective April 26, 1918.

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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V

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: New position.

Legal Residence: Alabama.

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4 inclosures

May 27, 1918.

William L. Emerson, Laborer,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated May 21, 1918, appointing you Laborer at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at a salary of $480 per annum (plus 10% during the present fiscal year to end June 30, 1918), effective commencing April 26, 1918.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same promptly. Upon receipt of the oath at this office, properly executed, check in payment of your services from April 26 to 30, inclusive, will be mailed to you.

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

Give the above careful attention.

(Signed) B. B. DORRY,
Inspector.

Copy furnished S.Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Ala., for his information and the station files.

IN THE ABSENCE AND BY
DIRECTION OF THE INSPECTOR.

Superintendent.

Recd., L.H.Inspr., N.O.,La., June 3, 1918. 9 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William L. Emerson,

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.

WILLIAM LEVERET EMERSON
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 1st day of June, A. D. 1918.

(Affix official seal here)

S(J. Wilbur Tharp,
E(Notary Public,
A(Mobile County,
L(Alabama.

[4] (*Name*) J. W. Tharp

(*Official title*) Notary Public, Mobile Co., Ala.

My commission expires Sep.23,1918.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment.
Present	Laborer in the Lighthouse Service	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former [5]	Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of establishment of a register of eligibles for appointment to the position of first assistant keeper.		

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT

MCC

New Orleans, La., June 3, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 26, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) Inspector.

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Emerson Salary Cheque for April has not been received, he was employed on 26th. He is getting his application ready to send in as soon as possible.

..... DISTRICT,

La., May 13 (Date.), 1918.

to exceed 30 days from permanent appointment in ce, Alabama.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Salary, $600 per annum.

Effective April 26, 1918. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, - - -

Location, - - - Former salary, - - -

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

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

Reason, Pending appointment and arrival of a new 1st Assistant Keeper, vice Riley V. Castleberry, dismissed effective at close of March 31, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at this station, William L. Emerson was assigned to duty on April 26, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

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

Through C. J. Seay 5/13/18

..... Secretary, Civil Service District.

D ..... Inspector.

John

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 8th DISTRICT,

New Orleans, La., May 13, 1918.
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Temporary appointment for a period not to exceed 30 days from date of certification of eligibles for permanent appointment in position of 1st Assistant Keeper.

Name, William L. Emerson. Legal residence, Alabama.

Position, Laborer in the Lighthouse Service. Salary, $480 per annum.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective April 25, 1918, {the actual date of entrance on duty, or ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty~~.

Former position, - - -

Location, - - -

Former salary, - - -

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

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

Reason, Pending appointment and arrival of a new 1st Assistant Keeper, vice Riley V. Castleberry, dismissed effective at close of March 31, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: Due to the emergency existing at this station, William L. Emerson was assigned to duty on April 25, 1918. He has never been employed under any branch of the Department of Commerce.

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Through C. J. Seay 5/13/18
Secretary, Civil Service District.

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Inspector.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Sand Island Lt Sta.
May 7th 1918



Light House Inspector
New Orleans La.

y 3, 1918.

Sir

The following information is furnished, relative to letter of April 16th 1918, in regard to employment of W. L. Emerson as temporary Laborer, at this Sta.

1 Name. William L. Emerson.
2 Residence. Ft Morgan. Ala.
3 Place of Birth. Chester, Ill. Randolph Co, Sept 24th 1871
4 Has employed by Engineer Dept as cook, for six weeks, at $5.00 + subsistance
5 Mr Hassel Calloway, Son-in-Law, Quarantine-service, at salry of $60.00 + subsistance as Boatman, for three years.
6 I employed him on April 26th 1918.

Respectfully.
Sydney Gibbon.
Keeper.

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May 3, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

Referring to your letter of April 27, 1918, stating that you had employed Mr. William Emerson as temporary Laborer at Sand Island Light Station on the morning of April 26, 1918:

You are requested to furnish as soon as possible the information called for in letter from this office dated April 16, 1918.

Inspector.

JAM-MCC

April 24, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

Referring further to letter from this office dated April 16, 1918, authorizing you to employ a temporary laborer pending the appointment and arrival of a new assistant keeper at Sand Island Light Station

If you have not yet secured a person for the above position, you are directed to call on Mr. William Emerson, of Fort Morgan, Alabama, who has made application for employment at the station under your charge. If he possesses the necessary qualifications for the position, you are authorized to employ him, furnishing the information called for in my letter of April 16, 1918, together with a statement as to his capabilities.

Inspector.

Fort Morgan Ala
April 24 1918
Light House Service
New Orleans La

Dear Sir
As I am desirous of Securing
Employment at Some Light Station
and as I am not doing any thing at
Present and do not care to go to Sea just now
would like to fill One of your Vacancies
I am a Middle Aged man No family and
can furnish good References
Would be Pleased to hear from you as Soon
as Convenient
Respectfully
John Emerson
Fort Morgan Ala

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
Apr 24 1918
New Orleans, La.

April 16, 1918.

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

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

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

6. The exact date you placed him on duty.

Give the above your careful attention.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Superintendent.

JAM-MCC

April 16, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

You are informed that under date of April 10, 1918, this office recommended the dismissal of First Assistant Keeper Castleberry effective at the close of March 31, 1918, the date on which he was suspended from duty.

Advise this office promptly whether or not Second Assistant Keeper Welch possesses the necessary qualifications and is worthy of promotion to the position of First Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station.

In view of the vacancy caused by Mr. Castleberry's suspension, you are authorized to employ a suitable person in the position of temporary Laborer. Salary will be paid this temporary laborer at the rate of $480 per annum (plus 10% during the present fiscal year). No allowance will be made for rations. The person employed must be a citizen of the United States and he must be at least 18 years of age. Furnish this office the following information concerning him:

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

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

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

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

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

6. The exact date you placed him on duty.

Give the above your careful attention.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector:

Superintendent.

Send Island Lt Sta.
May 4th 1918.



Light House Inspector.
New Orleans La.

Sir.

Mr William Emerson now working here as temporary Laborer requests that he be furnished with application Blanks for entry into the Lt, Ho; Service, as assistant Keeper; I believe he will make a good employee, as he appears to take interest in his work, and is satisfied to serve at this Station;

I also request that another man be sent to fill vacancy caused by Mr Welch leaving on and report on which you should have received by this date.

Respectfully.
Sydney Gibbon.
Keeper.

MCG

May 7, 1918.

Sydney Gibbon, Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.

If the services of William Emerson as temporary laborer at Sand Island Light Station are satisfactory and he desires to submit an application for permanent appointment as Assistant Keeper in the Light-house Service, you are directed to have him execute and return to this office as soon as possible inclosed blank Form 1025.

Inspector.

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

Carpenter in Ship Yard, Cook on Fish Schooners & Dredges

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

High School Public

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

Mechanical Carpenter

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

None

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

Yes

Date, May 21st, 191 8

Witness (in case signature is by mark): .....

(Signature) W. S. Emerson

P. O. Address: Ft. Morgan
City or town.

Number and street.

Alabama
State or Territory.

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

RSW

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded June 3, 191 8.

(Signature) .....

(Official title) Inspector, 8th Lighthouse District.

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

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

Name.	Post-office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
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17. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No .....

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

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
No	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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19. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No .....

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
No	.....	.....	.....
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21. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States other than during war time, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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22. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? ... No. (If answer is "Yes," give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Relationship (widow or orphan) .....

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

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
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CERTIFICATE OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

August 27, 1918.

LIGHT HOUSES AUG 30 1918
AUG 30 1918 9 57 AM.
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR SEP 3 1918 New Orleans, La.

Mr. William L. Emerson,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

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Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Joseph T. Olsen,

Legal Residence: Alabama.

(See reverse side.)

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1 copy ll above mentioned sheet

Form 111

COPY (MCC) Recd., Sep.12,1918.

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William L. Emerson,

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.

Wm. L. Emerson
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 10th day of September, A. D. 191 8.

(Affix official seal here)

S(J.Wilbur Tharp
E(Notary Public,
A(Mobile Co.,
L(Alabama.

[4] (Name) WILBUR THARP

(Official title) J.WILBUR THARP, Notary Public, Mobile Co., Ala.

My commission expires Sept. 23, 1918.

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.
Present Keeper in the Light-house Service (Probationary appointment)	$480 p.a.	Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.
Former Keeper in the Light-house Service (temporary appointment)	$480p.a.	Do.

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

MCC

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

New Orleans, La., September19, 1918.
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 24, 1918.
(Date)

(Signature, followed by title) SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Lt'h House Service
[Branch of service or department.]

Fort Morgan, Ala
[Name of city.] [State.] ala

Sept 10, 1918

DECLARATION OF APPOINTEE.

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

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What was your age on your last birthday and what was the date of your birth?	Sept. 24th 1871 .. .. 47. Past ✓
2. Where were you born?	Chester, Randolph Co, Ills ✓
3. What were the names of the persons who signed the vouchers to your application?	Mr. Gonzales, Hassell, Calaway ✓ Capt. E. Johnson ✓
4. In what city or town, and in what building were you examined?	residence Keeper in Lt'h House Service Fort Morgan ✓
5. To what position have you been appointed? State the salary. If temporary, so state.	Keeper L.H. H.O. Service Probationary 48.00 P.A. ✓ apointment

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

Name.	Post office address.	Position and department or office in which employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
Hay. L. Emerson	Francs	Position R.R. Telegraph Bus. Department or office Sergeant	Son	single ✓
Hassell Calaway	Fort Morgan ala	Position Boatsman Department or office Quarantine	Son Law	✓
		Position Department or office		

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

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

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

Wm. L. Emerson ✓
[Signature.]

Fort Morgan, ala
[Give here your present post-office address, city and state, including street and number.]

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

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

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

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

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Signature J. W. Thompson.

Official title Notary Public Mobile Co Ala

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September 12, 1918.

William L. Emerson, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

"Oath of Office" executed by you under date of September 10, 1918, is herewith returned and you are requested to have the notary public affix his official seal in the proper place and forward the form to this office as soon as practicable.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Alabama, for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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September 4, 1918.

William M. Emerson, 2d Asst. Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

Transmitted herewith is Department "Certificate of Probationary Appointment" dated August 27, 1918, as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at a salary of $480 per annum and the usual ration allowance, effective commencing August 24, 1918.

Subscribe to inclosed "Oath of Office" before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths and return same as soon as practicable as no compensation under the new appointment can be paid you until the oath is received in proper form.

You are also directed to complete and return Form 124, "Declaration of Appointee."

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished S. Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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August 20, 1918.

William L. Emerson, Additional Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Alabama.
(Through the Keeper.)

You are informed that nomination has been forwarded to the Commissioner of Lighthouses recommending your probationary appointment as Second Assistant Keeper at Sand Island Light Station, Alabama, at $480 per annum and the usual ration allowance. You will be duly advised of the Department's action in the matter.

(Signed) DORRY,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy furnished S.Gibbon, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Fort Morgan, Ala., for his information and the station files.

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: New Orleans, La., August 19 (City.) (Date.), 1918.

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Name, William L. Emerson.

Position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. Legal residence, Alabama.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama. Salary, $480 per annum.

Effective August 24, 1918, Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

Former position, Keeper in the Lighthouse Service. (Temporary.) Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Sand Island Light Station, Alabama.

Rank on eligible list, First Assistant Rating, Keeper Percentage, 84, Other eligibles considered: Edmund J. Hart, C; Justus E. Goodson, C.

Previous incumbent, Silas M. Welch.

Reason, Resigned. Services terminated, May 2, 1918.

Members of family in Government Service, None.

Remarks: William L. Emerson has served as temporary Laborer at above station from April 25, 1918, to June 30, 1918, inclusive, and as additional keeper from July 1 up to the present time. He has never served under any other branch of the Department of Commerce. Quarters are not provided at Sand Island Light Station for the families of the keepers.

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

Secretary, Civil Service District. Superintendent of Lighthouses.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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July 23, 1918.

William L. Emerson, Additional Keeper,
Sand Island Light Station,
Fort Morgan, Ala.
(Through the Keeper.)

Replying to your letter of July 19, 1918, you are informed that check for $55 covered salary due you for the month of June. Under your appointment as temporary Laborer you were not entitled to ration allowance.

However, as advised in separate letter this day, you have been appointed temporary additional keeper (second assistant) at Sand Island Light Station effective commencing July 1, 1918, which will entitle you to a ration allowance of forty-five cents ($.45) per day in cash in addition to salary.

It is expected that an examination will be held shortly by the Local Board of Civil Service Examiners, and, if you obtain the require rating, you will be given due consideration for permanent appointment as second assistant keeper at Sand Island Light Station.

(Signed) DORRY,

Superintendent.

Copy furnished S. Gibbons, Keeper, Sand Island Light Station, Ala., for his information and the station files.

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Superintendent.

Morgan cla July 19th 1918

Mr. Worry. Supt.. Light House. Service

C/Our City

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR JUL 23 1918 New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir

In Reply to yours of the 15th with Check for 65-00 Dollars Enclosed Retained money Or straight Salary Please Advise as to what Position Im Holding Laborer Or 1st Assistant would Be Pleased to hear from Oft if there is any Chance for Promotion as I think im well qualified for any Part of it Hope as I think our Efforts will Enform you to that effect Please Advise to that Effect and Oblidge

Yor Respectfully

Wm L Emerson

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