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

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

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Epkens, William, J.		1861 Holland

MILITARY SERVICE

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

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

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

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

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

2 folders

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location)		
Lighthouse Service (CT/NJ/NY) 3rd District	From: 1912	To: 1921
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:
(Agency & Location)	From:	To:

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

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

CMRS Service Request Number: C-0083775

Attendant Signature:

CMRS Search Request Number(s):

Remarks:

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SCREENING NOTES

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☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

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Final Return:

EPKENS, WILLIAM J.

EPKENS, WILLIAM J.

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

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES AUG 17 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,

Aug.16,1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, William J. Epkens Legal residence, New York

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light-Station,N.Y.
or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Effective September 1,1912 ~~on the actual date of entrance on duty~~.

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 6 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 85.2

Other eligibles considered, Frank Jaycox,-Failed to answer
Geo. A. Brown - Accepts.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Isidor Levine Services terminated, August 31,1912

Reason, Resigned

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries,Keepers of Lighthouses"
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

AUG 20 1912

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

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Acting Commissioner

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PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

August 28, 1912.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ----, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) E. C. SHELSE

C
D

ACTING Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Isidor Levine.
Legal Residence: New York.

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E.O.D. Sept. 3, 1912

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 23, 1913 (Date.), 191

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 24 1913 DEPT OF COMM

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **William J. Epkens** Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$624 per annum**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.** Appropriation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **November 11, 1913** [1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty,~~ or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper Former salary, **$480 p.a.**

Location, **Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.**

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

Previous incumbent, Edward M. Grant Services terminated, **Nov. 10, 1913**

Reason, **Transferred**

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 25 1913

Acting Commissioner

TSC

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

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Dec 9, 1913 [illegible]
letter sent Supt & Clerk

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1913.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

(By promotion from assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

TREAS. DEPT. COMMERCE & LABOR LIGHTHOUSES OCT 31 1913

EOD Nov. 11, 1913.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

M
C

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward M. Grant.

Legal Residence: New York.

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NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24,1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William J. Epkens — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keepar — Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Epkens — Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

YATES

Secretary, Civil Service District

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

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

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 30 1915

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

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 Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

ESD
June 1/1916.
JF

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

R
M

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

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

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Mar. Engr.
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Chf. Clk.
Dep. Chf. Clk.
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DEC 29 1915
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GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Commissioner: Dept Bureaus Dec. 28,1915

The following correspondence re William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Copy of letter dated Dec.7,1915 to William J.Epkens.
2. Letter dated Dec.22,1915 from William J.Epkens.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that Mr.Epkens be cautioned re violating the Regulations re leave andreporting failure or inability to return to his station upon expiration of leave.

YATES

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 30, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the Inspector to send a letter of caution to this keeper, with copy thereof for the files of the Department and of this office.

Acting Commissioner.

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Commr.

January 4, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 30th ultimo, relative to the matter of charges preferred against William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, for absenting himself from duty from December 1 to 7, 1915, without authority from the Inspector's office and without providing a substitute as required by the regulations.

In view of the circumstances as explained in Mr. Epkens' letter of December 22, 1915, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that no other action be taken than to instruct the Inspector to send a letter of caution to the keeper, it being noted that a copy thereof will be furnished the Department for its files.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 10, 1916.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance, and files. Address a letter of caution to Epkens, forwarding two copies thereof to the Bureau.

Acting Commissioner

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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~~Comm'r.~~

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

January 12,1916

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.
New Dorp, N. Y.

C&P Dept
Dnw Jan 4, 1913
JC Jan 13

Referring to your letter dated December 2,1915 in answer to letter of charges from this office, dated December 7,1915, relative to absence from your duties as keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, from December 1st to December 7th, without authority from this office and without providing a substitute to perform your duties during your absence, same having been in violation of the provisions of the Regulations concerning shore liberty of keepers.

You are hereby cautioned for such violation of the regulations and informed that such violations will not be tolerated, and that a repetition of same in the future will result in more drastic action being taken.

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

In this connection your attention is invited to section 5, paragraph 105 of "Instructions to Employees", and to circular letter of instructions forwarded to all keepers in this District by endorsement of October 18,1912, which provides that the keeper or assistant keeper of a station such as Old Orchard Shoal must not be absent more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute. Your attention is also invited to the fact that Form 76 should be forwarded to this office for all leave.

YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

January 14, 1916.

SUBJECT: Copy 3d Inspr.'s letter of reprimand addressed to Wm.J. Epkens,Kpr.,Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., Jan.12,1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

November 10, 1921.

JEH-EK

William J. Epkens.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. Referring to your Form 93 of November 8, 1921, forwarding resignation of William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y. Y.

2. Epkens' resignation has this date been submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

3. It is noted that Epkens in his letter of resignation states that his health is failing due to lead poisoning from constant painting, and you are requested to submit report in regard to this matter.

WCB

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(COPY)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

1921 NOV 17 8 27

November 10, 1921.

JEH-EK

William J. Epkens.
11/29/4, wrote 3d Supt.
Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

Personal Letter Nov. 30

1. Referring to your Form 93 of November 8, 1921, forwarding resignation of William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

2. Epkens' resignation has this date been submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

3. It is noted that Epkens in his letter of resignation states that his health is failing due to lead poisoning from constant painting, and you are requested to submit report in regard to this matter.

Rec 3d repl Empl matter to Comptr Comm + that all such cases where any doubt may exist should be similarly reported. As the adjudication of such matters is vested in that Comm

T C 11/25

Hydrog.
Supt. Constr.
Mar. Engr.
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Supt. Opns.
Engineer.

(Signed) J. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWO-JHG

Staten Island, N. Y.,
November 16,1921

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. While it is possible that Mr.Epkens may have been affected to some extent from lead poisoning, it is to be noted that the only source of such poisoning on the station would be from painting, and as there are three men on the station to perform such work, it is not considered likely that such a source would cause lead poisoning unless Mr.Epkens was unusually susceptible to such poisoning. It is also to be noted that there has been no occurrence of this sort among the assistant keepers at this station or among the keepers and assistant keepers at the other stations in this District, at many of which there is much more painting to be done than at Old Orchard Shoal. In this connection it may be stated that Mr.Epkens has never been a very robust man during the time he has been employed in this District.

3. It is recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

Rec. 01 & advised Capt. Conway 11/25 J.S.C.

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JEH:Hol.

November 28, 1921.

William J. Epkens.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. Referring to your indorsement of November 16, 1921, in regard to statement of William J. Epkens that his health is failing due to lead poisoning from constant painting.

2. Your recommendation that no further action be taken in this matter is approved.

WCB

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

William J. Epkens

LEGAL RESIDENCE
New York

STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Asst Kpr. Old Orchard Shoal Lt Sta	$480.	L. H.	Sept. 3, 1912.
Keeper, " " " "	$600	"	Nov. 11, 1913.
" " " " "	648	"	Jan 1. 1916
" Increase "	1080	"	Nov 4, 1918
RESIGNED CLOSE OF Dec 30/1921.			

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Form 73 JHG

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES AUG 17 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,

Aug. 16, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO AUG 22 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, William J. Epkens Legal residence, New York

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light-Station, N.Y.

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

APPOINTMENT DIVISION RECEIVED AUG 22 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Former position, Former salary,

Location, 10.34

Rank in list of eligibles, (6) Rating, Keeper Percentage, 85.2

→ No. 1 of those available for this position.

Other eligibles considered, Frank Jaycox, - Failed to answer
Geo. A. Brown, - Accepts.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Isidor Levine Services terminated, August 31, 1912

Reason, Resigned (Submitted)

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

8-22-12

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED AUG 22 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

AUG 20 1912

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

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APPOINTMENT DIVISION AUG 28 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

J S Conway

Acting Commissioner

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

August 28, 1912.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ----, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

CHANGE REPORTED SEP 7 1912 U.S. COMMISSION.

CARDED.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED AUG 28 1912 TO DISBURSING CLERK DEPT OF COMM. & LABOR

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. O. SHELSE

C
D

ACTING Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Isidor Levine.
Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 1f1

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

SEP 17 1912 — DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

Carded in the Disbursing Office

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES — SEP 16 1912 — DEP'T OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

William J. Epkens,

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 J. Epkens
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 31st day of August, A. D. 191 2

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Wm R. Wade

(Official title) Notary Public

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Assistant Keeper	$480. p.a.	Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Sept 14/12 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Sept 31, 1912 (Date)

CARDED

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS — RECEIVED SEP 19 1912 G — DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 3 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 10 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES SEP 16 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

CHIEF CLERK RECEIVED SEP 16 1912 COMMERCE AND LABOR

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

CHIEF CLERK FORWARDED TO SEP 16 1912 APPTS. COMMERCE AND LABOR

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS RECEIVED SEP 17 1912 DEPT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR
CARDED

PART I.

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

1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)
William John Eskens

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

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)
Stapleton S.I. (City or town.) New York (State or Territory.) Richmond (County.) ~~eleventh~~ (11) (Congressional district.) 8th

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

5. Where were you born? Holland

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 28th (Day.) 1868. (Year.)

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

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

Mrs. Amanda Davidson (Name.) 32 Canal Street (Number and street.)

Hapleton L.I. (City or town.) New York. (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

Civil Service Examination ~~March 9th~~ Feby 24th 1912.

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

No

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

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

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

No

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

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

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

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

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Bonafide Seaman. Sailor. Steward. Cook. Laundryman Anchormaster and Longshore work. Stevedoring and Handling Hoisting engines and gear.

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

visited the Elementary Schools of Germany from the 6th to the 14th Year of age.

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

None

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

Civil Service Examination for Keeper of Light Houses July 1st 1912.

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

Yes

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. August 30th, 1912.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) William J. Eskins

P. O. Address: Paterson N. J.
City or town.

32 Canal Street
Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded Sept 14, 1912

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

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

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

L.H.Service. Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta N.Y. Third
Bureau or Service. Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) District.

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

3. State the date of appointment. August 28, 1912

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

Date E.O.D.

5. State the date of the oath. August 31, 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept. 3, 1912

7. What is his salary? $480.00 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

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

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

Local Civil Service Examination Feb. 1, 1912

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. Supreme Court Nyc
Jany 27, 1904

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) [signature]

(Official title)

Date: ——, 19

Form 73 JHG

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 23, 1913 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William J. Epkens Efficiency not reported Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective November 11, 1913 {'the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Assistant Keeper Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, Edward M. Grant Services terminated, Nov. 10, 1913

Reason, Transferred recommended Dunne 10-27-13

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks:

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

Yates

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

10/28/13

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

OCT 25 1913

Acting Commissioner

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1913.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

(By promotion from assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

APPOINTMENT DIVISION. REPORTED OCT 29 1913 TO DISBURSING CLERK

CARDED.

CHANGE REPORTED DEC 1913 COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward M. Grant.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT DEC17 1913 HOUSE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK DEC 24 1913

I, William J. Epkens

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.

APPOINTMENTS DEC 24 1913

William J. Epkens
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 15th day of December, A. D. 1913

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Chas. Heller

(Official title) Notary Public
Richmond Co. N.Y.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Keeper	$624 p.a.	Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.
Former[5] Asst.Keeper	$480 p.a.	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) Dec 16, 1913 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on Nov 11, 1913 (Date)

CARDED

(Signature, followed by title)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

CHIEF CLERK
DEC 11 191

December 9, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

APPOINTMENTS
DEC 11 1913
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Referring to Department letter appointing the following-named employee, secure and forward oath of office covering this appointment as soon as practicable. See paragraph "Forwarding oaths and personal question sheets," page 117, Regulations, 1911.

Name of employee: William J. Epkens

Position: Keeper, Lighthouse Service.

Date of Department letter: October 29, 1913.

(Signed) J S Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
DEC 9 - 1913

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

J S Conway

Acting Commissioner.

Form 73

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS — APPOINTMENT WRITTEN — JHG — DEC 24 1915 — DEPT OF COMMERCE

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES DEC 27 1915

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24,1915 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

CHIEF CLERK DEC 28 1915

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William J. Epkens — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

APPOINTMENTS DEC 28 1915 4

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Epkens — Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

J. L. DEC 16 1915

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District — J. T. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

DEC 27 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Acting Commissioner

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

11—2314

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

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 Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED DEC 29 1915 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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M

Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: New York.

OFFICE REPORTED JAN 1916 Q. & COMMISSION. 11—1393

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JAN 191916 HOUSES

APPOINTMENTS JAN 21 1916

CHIEF CLERK JAN21 1916

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, William J. Epkens

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 J. Epkens

(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 10th day of January, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. M. Colby,

(Official title) Notary Public Richmond Co., N.Y.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Keeper	$648 p.a.	Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.
Former[5]	"	$624 "	do

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Third District

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (Address) January 18 16 (Date)

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

CARDED

J. [illegible] (Signature, followed by title)

CHIEF CLERK JAN21 1916

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 29 1915
HOUSES

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

Dec. 28, 1915

CHIEF CLERK
DEC 31 191.

APPOINTMENTS
DEC 31 1915

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
ANSWERED
JAN 4 - 1916

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Copy of letter dated Dec.7,1915 to William J.Epkens.
2. Letter dated Dec.22,1915 from William J.Epkens.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that Mr.Epkens be cautioned re violating the Regulations re leave and reporting failure or inability to return to his station upon expiration of leave.

J. T. Tyler
Inspector

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 30, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to instruct the Inspector to send a letter of caution to this keeper, with copy thereof for the files of the Department and of this office.

H. M. Putnam

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

JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT DEC 29 1915 HOUSES

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
New Dorp, N. Y.

December 7, 1915

You are hereby charged with being absent from your duties as Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station from December 1, 1915 to the time at which your station was inspected at 9:00 A.M. December 7th, 1915, without authority from this office and also without providing a substitute to perform your duties during your absence, which is in violation of the provisions of the regulations concerning shore liberty of keepers.

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

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

YATES
Inspector

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Old Orchard Shoal Light Station
December 22nd. 1915.

Inspector:

In connection with the charge of having violated the "Liberty Regulations for Keeper." I beg leave to make following Statements.

In turning over the Flywheel of Motorboat I slightly sprained my right Wrist. I did not notify the Office as I expected every day to go back. such notification would have had none or very little value without a Doctors Certificate. This medical attendance I did not require nor could I but ill afford, since the destruction of my Pay Check some Months ago.

When fit and ready to go. I had to wait another day for my Check (5th falling on a Sunday.) to pay for Stores and Provisions. Unable to handle a boat when I left the Station, I did not take one of the Station Boats, and consequently had more delay in finding a Craft of convience for myself and a load of Stores.

As there are other little Circumstances, such as "Family affairs" have no weight, or regards with this Office. I regret

sincerely

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPEC
2D DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

I have been compelled by them, (very much to my own liking,) to violate any Rule or Regulation, and taking allways my duties seriously, in" also bound to be conscientiously enough, to recognise my Error, and offer my apologys for it promissing and hope that the Future, may save me from anymore errors or omissions - through the experience in this regretable instance.

That I should have been absent from the Station at a time when I should have likened most to be there, I very much regret - but becomes provoking when I arrived a half hour too late at the Station, to be present at the "Inspection" or Hearing, referring above stated, that my continued absence, was not voluntarily, neglectfull minded ly, but forced on me I beg kindly to considered

respectfully

William J. Hopkins.

Keeper.

January 4, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 30th ultimo, relative to the matter of charges preferred against William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, for absenting himself from duty from December 1 to 7, 1915, without authority from the Inspector's office and without providing a substitute as required by the regulations.

In view of the circumstances as explained in Mr. Epkens' letter of December 22, 1915, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that no other action be taken than to instruct the Inspector to send a letter of caution to the keeper, it being noted that a copy thereof will be furnished the Department for its files.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1916

CHIEF CLERK
JAN14 1916
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SUBJECT: Copy, 3d Inspr.'s letter of reprimand addressed to Wm.J. Epkens,Kpr.,Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., Jan.12,1916.

APPOINTMENTS
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Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

G. R. Putnam

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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

William J. Epkens, Keeper,

January 12,1916

Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.,

New Dorp, N. Y.

Referring to your letter dated December 2,1915 in answer to letter of charges from this office, dated December 7,1915, relative to absence from your duties as keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, from December 1st to December 7th, without authority from this office and without providing a substitute to perform your duties during your absence, same having been in violation of the provisions of the Regulations concerning shore liberty of keepers.

You are hereby cautioned for such violation of the regulations and informed that such violations will not be tolerated, and that a repetition of same in the future will result in more drastic action being taken.

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

In this connection your attention is invited to section 5, paragraph 105 of "Instructions to Employees", and to circular letter of instructions forwarded to all keepers in this District by endorsement of October 18,1912, which provides that the keeper or assistant keeper of a station such as Old Orchard Shoal must not be absent more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute. Your attention is also invited to the fact that Form 76 should be forwarded to this office for all leave.

YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

J. A. Yates

USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
8—4789-2

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

LIGHT
OCT 6 1916
HOUSES

RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Epkens, William John

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

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

Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings:

636

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 648 PA

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ 480

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

Substitute— Years:	Substitute— Months:	Regular— Years:	Regular— Months:
	3		10

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

Holland

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month:

February

Year:

1868

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

E8

16. Marital condition:

S

17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State:

11New York

County:

Richmond

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City:

Old Orchard Shoal L.Sta.
New Dorp, S.I.

State:

New York

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1918.

M

r. William J. Upham, Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 648 per annum to $ 1080 per annum, effective

November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $80.)

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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LETTER DATED 10/10/18
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APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

1921 NOV 12 AM 11 06

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Nov.8,1921 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NOV 12 1921 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Name, William J. Epkens Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1921.

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

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN NOV 12 1921 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

J. A. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

Inclosure

NOV 10 1921

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE
NOV 9 1921

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

November 5th, 1921.

Superintendent of Light Houses.
3rd Dist. Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Regarding the Charge of Absence of duty made against me I regret to report that the circumstances were such that I could not act otherwise.

My Dory was ashore, and due back 30 M. but foot steps of weather unable to come off - and the weather continuing, wind from the East. I hailed a fishing boat, as I felt sick, and wanted the Monthly reports landed the same boat. & bring my dory of in returning, which he did.

Having for 9 years efficiently handled my duty strictly more than the average Offshore Keepers - and Sailing boat through Rest raising from Constant painting. I respectfully tender herewith my resignation, to be effective 1 December 1921.

William J. Ephrens
Keeper.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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FWO:MBM. REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

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

November 2,1921.

William J. Epkins, Keeper.
Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
Box. 66, Stapleton, P.O.,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with leaving one keeper alone at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, although three keepers are employed at that station, it having been found when the station was inspected on the morning of November 1,1921 that both the keeper and the second assistant keeper were absent, the first assistant keeper being aloneon the station.

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

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

J.T.YATES,

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1921.

M
r. William J. Epkens,
Through the
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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

November 30, 1921.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CARDED (SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED NOV 14 1921 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. REPORT DATA ENTERED

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3rd district

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. SEP 3 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2D DIST. SEP 11 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

Department of Commerce and Labor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington

May 15, 1909.

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

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

Charles Nagel
Secretary.

PART I.

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

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

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

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

Stapleton S.I. (City or town.) New York. (State or Territory.) Richmond (County.) Eleventh. (11). (Congressional district.)

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

5. Where were you born? Holland

6. When were you born? February (Month.) 28th (Day.) 1868. (Year.)

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

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

Mrs. Amanda Davidson (Name.) 82 Canal Place (Number and street.)

Stapleton S.I. (City or town.) New York (State or Territory.)

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

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

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

Civil Service Examination ~~March 4th~~ 1912.

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

No -

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

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

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

No -

14. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.) No -

Regiment and company, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

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

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

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 12, 13, 14, and 15.)

Bonafide Seaman - Sailor - Steward - Cook - Lampsman Quartermaster and Longshore Work Stevedoring and Landing Hoisting engines and gear.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. SEP 3 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

To the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR:

SIR: I acknowledge receipt of a copy of Department Circular No. 215, of August 2, 1910, relating to political activity of officeholders, and fully understand its purport.

William J. Ephens
(Name.)

Asst Light House Keeper
(Position.)

2d Orchard Shoal Light House
(Bureau, Office, or Service.)

Date, August 30th 1912.

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None

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

Civil Service Examination for Keeper of Light House March 6th 1912.

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. August 30th, 1912.

(Signature) William J. Ephens

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

P. O. Address: Stapleton S. I.
City or town.

32 Canal Street
Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded, 19

(Signature)

(Official title)

gh school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Visited the Elementary Schools of Germany from the 6th to the 14th Year of age.

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

None

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

Civil Service Examination for Keeper of Light House Service March 19th 1912.

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

Yes.

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. August 30th, 1912.

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) William J. Ekkens

P. O. Address: Pelleton N. Y.
City or town.

32 Canal Street
Number and street.

New York
State or Territory.

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

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded, 19

(Signature)

(Official title)

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PART II.

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

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

L.H. Service. | Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta N.Y. | Third

Bureau or Service. | Place (city, town, station, or vessel.) | District.

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

3. State the date of appointment. August 28, 1912

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

Date E.O.D.

5. State the date of the oath. August 31, 1912

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. Sept. 3, 1912

7. What is his salary? $480.00 p.a.

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries Keepers of Lighthouses.

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

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

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

Local Civil Service Examination Feb. 1, 1912

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

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

Naturalized - Supreme Court U.S.C. Jany 27, 1904

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department. (Signature) _____

(Official title) _____

Date: _____, 19

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Z. C.

Effkins, Keeper Old Orchard Shoal Lt. absent a/c sickness for about a week - Still absent - Date fulfilment Known —

Keep pay ok for fulling.

Clerk

VCG. 12/19/21
V- Pay held pending last day of service.
P.S. 12/19/21

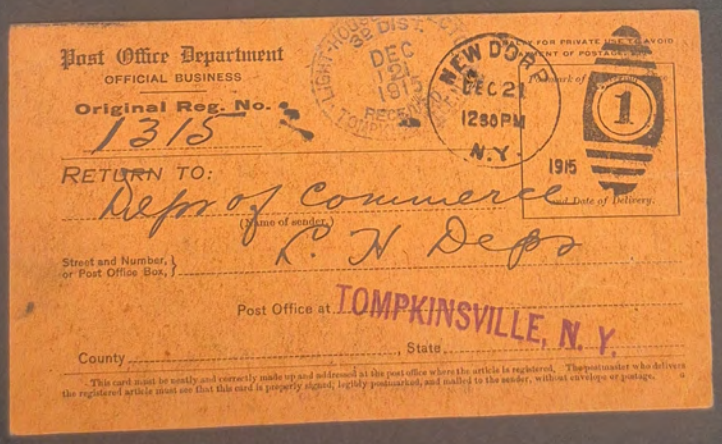


Stapleton. Dec. 17. 1921.

Superintendent of Light Houses. 3rd Dist.
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Having not late not received any Check for November Salary, and not knowing the cause of delay I respectfully by it be informed.

William J. Ephers.
late Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal. L.H.
P.O. Box. 66. Stapleton.



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Dept of Commerce
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L. H. Dept

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County ..... State .....

This card must be neatly and correctly made up and addressed at the post office where the article is registered. The postmaster who delivers the registered article must see that this card is properly signed, legibly postmarked, and mailed to the sender, without envelope or postage.

REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT. 28 Form 1548.

Received from the postmaster registered article, the original number of which appears on the reverse side of this card.

Date of delivery 12/21, 1921
(To be filled in by person signing receipt.)

When delivery is made to an agent of the addressee, both addressee's name and agent's signature must appear in this receipt.

William J. Ejkins.
(Signature or name of addressee.)

Earl G. Mary.
(Signature of addressee's agent.)

A registered article must not be delivered to anyone but the addressee or the person in whose care it is addressed, except upon addressee's written order or a written order from the sender transmitted by the mailing postmaster and duly verified.

When the above receipt has been properly signed, it must be postmarked with the name of delivering office and actual date of delivery and mailed to its address, without envelope or postage.

Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JNC

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Nov.8,1921 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William J. Epkens Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Salary, $1030.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1921.

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

Remarks:

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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Form 93

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OR DEATH

FWO-JHG

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N. Y. Nov.8,1921 , 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

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

Name, William J. Epkens Position, Keeper

Legal residence, New York Station, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

Salary, $1080.00 per annum

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of Nov.30,1921.

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

Remarks:

VC R.S.

Mess fc

J. T. YATES.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

FWO:MBM.

REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED.

November 2,1921.

William J. Epkins, Keeper.
Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
Box. 66, Stapleton, P.O.,N.Y.

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.

1. You are hereby charged with leaving one keeper alone at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, although three keepers are employed at that station, it having been found when the station was inspected on the morning of November 1,1921 that both the keeper and the second assistant keeper were absent, the first assistant keeper being alone on the station.

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

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

J.P.YATES.

RETURN RECEIPT.

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

W. Eymers

(Signature or name of addressee.)

(Signature of addressee's agent.)

Date of delivery, 10/5/21, *19*

Form 3811

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C O P Y

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,

November 5,1921

Superintendent of Lighthouses;

3rd District,

Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Regarding the charge of absence of duty made against me, I regret to report that the circumstances were such that I could not act otherwise.

My 2d Asst.was ashore and due back 30th and from stress of weather unable to come off, and the weather continuing, wind from the East, I hailed a fishing boat as I felt sick and wanted the monthly reports landed, the same boat to bring my assistant off in returning, which he did.

Having for 9 years conscientiously tended my duty strictly more than the average off-shore keepers and failing health through lead poisoning from constant painting, I respectfully tender herewith my resignation to be effective 1 December,1921.

William J. Epkens,

Keeper

FWO-JHG

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Sheal Light Station,
P. O. Box 66,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Nov. 8, 1921

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov. 5, 1921.

1. Your letter dated November 5, 1921 resigning your position as keeper of Old Orchard Sheal Light Station, has been received and forwarded to Washington, with recommendation that same be accepted, effective at the close of November 30, 1921.

2. Fill out the enclosed three copies of Form 30 to show all the Government property at Old Orchard Sheal Lt. Sta. Hold the forms until further orders are sent you regarding same.

J. T. YATES

FWO-JHG

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
P. O. Box 66,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Nov.18,1921

SUBJECT: Resignation.
REFERENCE: Your letter Nov.5,1921.

1. Transmitted herewith is Department letter dated November 12, 1921 accepting your resignation as keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, effective at the close of November 30,1921.

2. John J. Morrell, 1st assistant keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station has been recommended for promotion to the position of keeper, and you will therefore turn over to Mr.Morrell at the close of Nov.30th, the station and all Government property for which you have been responsible, taking his receipt therefor in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office. Advise this office promptly by letter of the date on which you leave the station and the date on which you turn the station over to Mr.Epkens.

J. I. YATES.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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November 12, 1921.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation from the position designated below, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Bureau, to take effect at the close of business on November 30, 1921.

Bureau..... Lighthouse Service.

Station..... Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

Position..... Keeper.

Salary..... $1080 per annum.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

Chief of Appointment Division.

3rd district

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON November 10, 1921.

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

JEH-EK

William J. Epkens.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. Referring to your Form 93 of November 8, 1921, forwarding resignation of William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, N.Y.

2. Epkens' resignation has this date been submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

3. It is noted that Epkens in his letter of resignation states that his health is failing due to lead poisoning from constant painting, and you are requested to submit report in regard to this matter.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWC-JHG

Staten Island, N. Y.,
November 16,1921

1. Returned to Commissioner.

2. While it is possible that Mr.Epkens may have been affected to some extent from lead poisoning, it is to be noted that the only source of such poisoning on the station would be from painting, and as there are three men on the station to perform such work, it is not considered likely that such a source would cause lead poisoning unless Mr.Epkens was unusually susceptible to such poisoning. It is also to be noted that there has been no occurrence of this sort among the assistant keepers at this station or among the keepers and assistant keepers at the other stations in this District, at many of which there is much more painting to be done than at Old Orchard Shoal. In this connection it may be stated that Mr.Epkens has never been a very robust man during the time he has been employed in this District.

3. It is recommended that no further action be taken in the matter.

J. T. YATES.

In replying address
Commissioner of Lighthouses

and refer to date of this letter
and file No.

JEH:Hol.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

William J. Epkens.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Staten Island, N. Y.

1. Referring to your indorsement of November 16, 1921, in regard to statement of William J. Epkens that his health is failing due to lead poisoning from constant painting.

2. Your recommendation that no further action be taken in this matter is approved.

G. R. PUTNAM

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

FWC-JHG

Dec. 8,1921

William J. Epkens,
P. O. Box 66,
Stapleton, N. Y.

SUBJECT: Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Nov.18.

1. Referring to letter from this office dated Nov.18th relative to your resignation and directing you to advise this office by letter of the date on which you turn the station over to your successor; the latter information has not yet been received, and you are requested to forward same by return mail.

J. T. [illegible]
Superintendent

Kapleton. December 9th 1921

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
DEC 10 1921
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Superintendent of Light Houses: 3rd District
Tompkinsville N.Y.

On request I respectfully report that I on Dec. 1st 9 am. I handed the keepership of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station over to W.T. Morell. appointed by Office.

Appologising for omissing this, or delaying

William J. Ephrens.
Ex Keeper.

Last day of Service Nov. 30. 1921

Entd
P.S. 12/10/21

VC. P.S. 12/14/21

December 14th 1921.

Mr. P. Schrumpf:

Receipt for Transfer of Property from Mr. William J. Epkens, Keeper: Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta. is correct.

William R Shaver

GSK's Office.

S ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
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THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

Jan 15th, 1921.

P.S.

Superintendent of Light Houses.
3rd District. Tompkinsville. N.Y.

For the sake of expediency as well as of convenience I respectfully request that any mail for this Station, not to be send any more in care of Mr. William Decker; as we have no longer any connection with him, and don't care to impose ourselves so often on his private residence.

William J. Eskens. Keeper.

P.O. Box. 66. Stapleton. S.I.
N.Y.

K - change address in our book 1/21

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta. 75
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 1st, 1920.

Superintendent of Light Houses.
3rd Dist. Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir.

On account of shift of residence of my old assignee I respectfully advise this Office of a necessary change in my Post Office address.

William J. Epkens - Keeper

Lt. H. W. Decker.
63 Clinton St
Stapleton
N.Y.

Epkens

4/23/20 S.I.

Mrs Decker
Mrs Andrews
Mrs

JHG

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
C/O Wm. Decker, 131 Cobra Ave.,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Feb. 27, 1920

SUBJECT: Absence from station.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb. 8, 1920.

1. Referring to your absence from Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, from January 24th to February 8th, inclusive, and to the services of Laborer Eichenbacher who assisted in the operation of the station from January 31st to February 8th. Eichenbacher's pay for 9 days amounted to $33.12, and the meals furnished him at the station amounted to $7.33, making a total expense of $40.45. You are advised that part of this expense was deducted from commutation of rations due you for the month of January, and the balance will be deducted from later months until such time as the total expense of $40.45 has been repaid the Lighthouse Service.

For and in the absence of the Supt.

F. W. Ockenfels

1st Asst. Supt.

VC

All paid by deduction from pay - 40.45

Feb. 27,1920

Voucher Clerk;

Deduct from pay of Keeper Epkens of Old Orchard Shoal, payment of commutation of rations, sufficient to cover expenses of Laborer Eichenbacher, laborer, while he was assisting in the operation of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, from January 31st to February 8th,1920.

Eichenbacher left Depot Jan.31st and returned Feb.8,1920.(inclusive)

9 days at $3.68 per day.....	$33.12
Meals at station.....	7.33
Total.....	$40.45

No meals on tenders furnished Eichenbacher, and he had no travel expenses

Paid back
13.95 Jany
13.05 Feby
13.45 Mch
40.45

Total amt due $40.45

pay on roll 50 +

Clk.
1st Asst. Supt.

Feb. 11,1920

Voucher Clerk

Pay Epkens, Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal, for January, less amount due him for commutation of rations.

13.95 Jan
13.05 July

Commutation is also to be deducted from Feb. and March pay, and later months if necessary, ~~xx~~ sufficient to cover salary of substitute Eichenbacher and also meals furnished him by tenders and the assistant keeper at Old Orchard Shoal, the total cost of which will be furnished you later

Epkens Roll in Sta July 8

1st Asst.

Hold pay ck for full inf.

Clerk

1/30

Z. C.

Ephrin, Keeper Old Orchard Shoal Lt. absent a/c sickness for about a week - Still absent - Date he left not known —

Hold pay ck for full info -

Clerk

Feb 21 1920

FC:

Epkens Keeper old Orchard shoal

returned to duty Feb 8.

Erchenbacker substitute from

depot left sta on that date

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Epkens Comm withheld

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13.05 – Feby

TELEPHONE TOMPK. 824 REG. NO. 1859

J. D. LUCEY, M. D.

390 VAN DUZER STREET STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

OFFICE HOURS: 1.30 TO 3, 6.30 TO 8 P. M.

EXCEPT SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

[redacted]

ADDRESS AGE

DATE

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Mrs Epkins has been ill with Bronchitis since Jan 14 19 20

J D Lucey M D

Jan 31, 1920

LIGHT-HOUSE MISSION 3d DIST. FEB 2 1920 RECEIVED PORT KINSVILLE, N.Y.

FILE COPY

JHG

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William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,
C/O William Decker, 131 Cebra Ave.,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Feb. 20,1920

SUBJECT: Absence from duty from Jan.24 to Feb.9,1920.
REFERENCE: Your letter Feb.5,1920.

1. You are directed to forward to this office, Form 76, in duplicate requesting authority for your absence from duty from January 24th to February 9th,1920. In this connection your attention is called to Paragrapg 8 of Instructions on back of Form 76 relative to forwarding application to cover leave of absence.

J. T. YATES.

Received 2/21

Feb. 11,1926

Voucher Clerk

Pay Epkens, Keeper of Old Orchard Sheal, for January, less amount due him for commutation of rations.

Commutation is also to be deducted from Feb. and March pay, and later months if necessary, in sufficient to cover salary of substitute Eichenbacher and also meals furnished him by tenders and the assistant keeper at Old Orchard Sheal, the total cost of which will be furnished you later.

(Sgd) FWO
1st Asst.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



REQUEST

"Old Orchard Shoal," Feb. 16th, 1920
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 16 sick leave days of shore liberty or leave, from Jan. 24th to February 8th, inclusive, 1920 I have had none days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Substitute furnished from Depot.
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

(Street or R. D. Route.), (City.), (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William J. Eskens
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, Feb. 21, 1920, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 15 days, from 10 A M Jan. 24, 1920 to 10 A.M., Feb. 8, 1920, inclusive, 191 .

Substitute must * be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

*Should have been.

J. T. YATES

~~Inspector~~ Supt. 3rd *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 24th Jan. 10 am., 1920.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 8th Feb. 10 am., 1920,
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 15 days.

Period charged: 15 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William J. Eskens
Keeper in charge.

William J. Eskens
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2D DIST.
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1920
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Beach Light Sta
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

February 8th, 1920

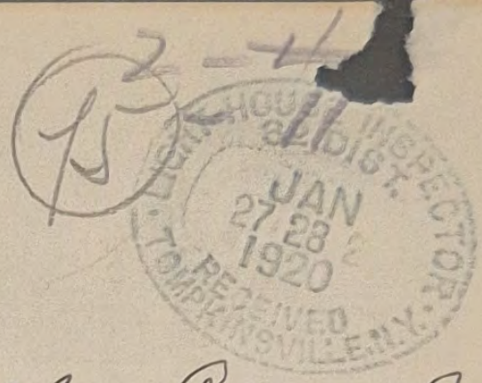
Superintendent of Light Houses
3rd Dist. Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Sir

I have received from my Hours. There
is day Febs. 8th — 18 hrs. taken up my duties while
Substitute H. Eschenbacher has left this Station 11. hrs.

William J. Ephrom Keeper

14366



56 Laurel Ave. Stapleton S.I.

Superintendent of Light Houses:
3rd Dist. Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Regret to report that, when coming ashore for Provisions - I have been seriously taken ill and unable to return to the Old Orchard Shoal Station. unfit to move about and find a substitute for my place. I respectfully request for a vessel be sent there from the York until such time, as I be able again to get off. which will be as soon as my condition permits

William J. Egbert
Keeper

Laborer Eschenbacher sent by
Tender 1/31/20.
Retd to depot 2/9 - in a.m.

1st Clk.

Laurel Ave. Febr. 5th 1920.



Superintendent of Light Houses.

Tompkinsville. N.Y.

In reply to Letter recieved to day regarding my absence from Old Orchard Shoal Light Station and my illness I respectfully beg to inform this Office that I left that Station on Jan. 24th and took sick as soon I came ashore. Still on the road to recovery - and anxious to get back to my duty - I will try to get back as soon as my condition and the weather will permit, which may be to morrow or day after.

respectfully.

W. J. Eskens. Keeper

FILE COPY

JHG

William J. Epkens,
56 Laurel Avenue,
Stapleton, N. Y.

Feb. 4,1920

SUBJECT: Absence from duty.
REFERENCE: Your letter, without date, received Jan.28,1920.

1. Referring to your letter, without date, received at this office January 28,1920, stating you were at home ill and unable to return to your duties as Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station. Advise this office by return mail of the date on which you left Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, and also the date on which you expect to return to duty.

J. T. YATES

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SALARY
KEEPERS -- LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

D5 LIGHT NOV 12 1918 HOUSES

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November 9, 1918.

M
r. William J. Ephens,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir: You are advised that your salary as keeper in the Lighthouse Service has been changed from $ 648 per annum to $ 1080 per annum, effective November 1, 1918. (The above rate of pay includes longevity pay of $60.)

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

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE



THIRD DISTRICT

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

September 11th, 1916.

Inspector!

After recovering from my recent attack of Illness. (Painters Colic). I respectfully request our Duty again!

William J. Eastmen
Keeper.

U.S. HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 25 1916 RECEIVED TAMPA, FLA.

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36 Level Hill. Stapleton

Inspector!

being suddenly and seriously taken ill. I wish beg. for leave of absence 1 hour. until a man can be in my place. and in consideration of my condition. I respectfully beg. for the granting of my request.

William J. Eptons

Keeper of

Old Orchard Shoal Lgts L.

Approved by
Inspector 8/25

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UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

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

Ekens, William John

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

3rd Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Keeper

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

Lighthouse Keeper

6. Annual earnings:

636

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ 648 Pa

9. Initial rate of pay:

4$0

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

Substitute—		Regular—	
Years:	Months:	Years:	Months:
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11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

Holland

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month:

February

Year:

1868

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

E8

16. Marital condition:

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17. War veteran?

No

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State:

11New York

County:

Richmond

19. Civil service status:

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20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

CE

21. Place of employment—

City:

Old Orchard Shoal L.Sta.
New Dorp, S.I.

State:

New York

DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD.

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Form A.

Department of Commerce

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. SEP 22 1916 RECEIVED

August 24, 1916.

To Officers and Employees of the Department of Commerce:

In order to be able to furnish certain data to the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the preparation of estimates of the probable cost of retirement of civil employees of the United States, the Department requests that you give to the best of your ability the following information and return this form to Inspector, 3rd Lt. House Dist. Tompkinsville at the earliest practicable date. Please give this matter immediate attention.

It is important that this letter be answered promptly

E. F. Sweet
Acting Secretary.

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1. Name: William J. Eggleston
2. Character of your work during official hours: Light House Keeper.
3. Total amount of compensation received from the Government during the year ended June 30, 1916; $ 678. If in service less than one year, state number of months served, _____, and total amount of compensation received, $ _____.
4. Service in any other department or civil establishment of the United States. If none, so state.

Department or establishment	Bureau	From (date)	To (date)
no		no	no

5. Rate of compensation at original entry into the Government service: $ 480.
6. Educational training:
   Elementary school, years 8.
   High school, years none
   College or University, years no
   Special courses of study, years no
   (e.g. law, architecture, business, political science, technical, etc.)
   Degrees taken no
7. Marital condition, (single, married, widow, widower, or divorced) single.
8. Service in Civil or Spanish War, Philippine Insurrection, Indian Campaign, or other military engagement no. If none so state _____.
9. Congressional District (under present Congressional apportionment) to which your present appointment is charged, //. ; State, New York; County, Richmond. Congressional District, //.
10. If classified, indicate by "Yes" the method by which you originally obtained your competitive classified status. Competitive examination, no. Non-competitive examination, yes. Individual Executive order specifying you by name, no. Blanket Executive order covering entire class, no. Classified by Act of Congress, no. Reinstated under individual Executive order, no. Reinstated under blanket Executive order, —. Reinstated in position classified by Executive order, —. Reinstated in position classified by Act of Congress, —.

J. D. LUCEY, M. D.
390 VAN DUZER ST.
STAPLETON, S. I.
Phone 824 Tomp.
OFFICE HOURS:
1.30 TO 3 P. M.
6.30 TO 8 P. M.

William Epkens is ill and not able to work. He suffers with Neuritis. Temperature 4 P.M. 102° F. He is not able to work.

Dr. 23 August 1916 J D Lucey M D

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U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
INSPECTOR
3D DIST.
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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INSPECTOR'S OFFICE 3D DIST. AUG 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 25 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Aug. 25th 1916

REQUEST

Orchard Shoals (Station.), N. Y.

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted 21 days of shore liberty or leave, from Aug 23rd to Sept 12th, inclusive, 1916 I have had 25 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

Frank Oberly (Name.), 56 Canal St Stapleton S. I. (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

56 Laurel Ave. (Street or R. D. Route.), Stapleton (City.), New York (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William J. Eskens
Keeper in charge.

(Applicant's signature.)

(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT, August 25, 1916

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for 21 days, from Aug. 23rd to Sept. 12th, inclusive, 1916

Substitute must (Insert "must" or "need not.") be furnished during this absence.

J. T. YATES.

Inspector, Third Lighthouse District.

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 3 p M. August 23, 1916. (State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 9 A M. Sept. 11th, 1916. (State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 20 days.

Period charged: 20 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William J. Eskens
Keeper in charge.

William J. Eskens
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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William J. Epkens, Keeper, January 12,1916

Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.,

New Dorp, N. Y.

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Referring to your letter dated December 2,1915 in answer to letter of charges from this office, dated December 7,1915, relative to absence from your duties as keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, from December 1st to December 7th, without authority from this office and without providing a substitute to perform your duties during your absence, same having been in violation of the provisions of the Regulations concerning shore liberty of keepers.

You are hereby cautioned for such violation of the regulations and informed that such violations will not be tolerated, and that a repetition of same in the future will result in more drastic action being taken.

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

In this connection your attention is invited to section 5, paragraph 105 of "Instructions to Employees", and to circular letter of instructions forwarded to all keepers in this District by endorsement of October 18,1912, which provides that the keeper or assistant keeper of a station such as Old Orchard Shoal must not be absent more than two consecutive days without providing at his own expense a substitute. Your attention is also invited to the fact that Form 76 should be forwarded to this office for all leave.

(*) Copy of Circular Letter referred to forwarded to Keeper with this letter.

YATES

Inspector

Copy forwarded to Commissioner for information contained.

YATES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

LIGHT HOUSES JAN 4 1916

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. JAN 11 1916 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

January 4, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Third Inspector's letter of the 28th ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 30th ultimo, relative to the matter of charges preferred against William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, for absenting himself from duty from December 1 to 7, 1915, without authority from the Inspector's office and without providing a substitute as required by the regulations.

In view of the circumstances as explained in Mr. Epkens' letter of December 22, 1915, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that no other action be taken than to instruct the Inspector to send a letter of caution to the keeper, it being noted that a copy thereof will be furnished the Department for its files.

E. F. Sweet
Assistant Secretary.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
January 10, 1916.

Referred to Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N.Y., for his information, guidance, and files. Address letter of caution to Epkens, forwarding two copies thereof to the Bureau.

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Acting Commissioner

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Dec. 28,1915

Commissioner:

The following correspondence re William J. Epkens, keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station, New York, is enclosed for the Bureau's consideration:-

1. Copy of letter dated Dec.7,1915 to William J.Epkens.
2. Letter dated Dec.22,1915 from William J.Epkens.

In view of the facts as shown in the attached correspondence, it is recommended that Mr.Epkens be cautioned re violating the Regulations re leave and reporting failure or inability to return to his station upon expiration of leave.

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT.

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Dec. 24, 1915 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Increase in compensation.

Name, William J. Epkens — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $648 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

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

Former position, Keeper — Former salary, $624 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

Previous incumbent, William J. Epkens — Services terminated, Dec. 31,1915

Reason, Increase in compensation.

Relatives in Government Service,

Remarks: In accordance with Bureau letter of Dec.17,1915.

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

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YATES

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

DEC 30 1915
HOUSES

December 29, 1915.

Mr. William J. Epkens,
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 Six Hundred and Forty-eight dollars per annum, effective January 1, 1916.

(By increase in compensation from $624 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

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(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice:
Legal Residence: New York.

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COPY

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,

December 22nd, 1915

Inspector

In connection with the charge of having violated the Liberty Regulations for Keepers, I beg leave to make following statements.

In turning over the flywheel of motor boat I slightly sprained my right wrist. I did not notify the office as I expected every day to go back, such notification would have had none or very little value without a Doctor's certificate. This medical attendance I did not require nor could I but ill afford since the destruction of my pay check some months ago.

When fit and ready to go I had to wait another day for my check (5th falling on a Sunday) to pay for stores and providions. Unable to handle boat when I left the station Idid not take one of the station boats, and consequently had more delay in finding a craft of convenience for myself and a load of stores.

As there are other little circumstances such as family affairs have no weight or regards with this office, I regret sincerely to have been compelled by them (very much to my own liking) to violate any rules or Regulations and taking always my duties seriously I am also bound to be conscientiously enough to recognize my error and offer my apoligies for it promising and hoping that the future may save me from any more errors or omissions through the experience in this regretable instance.

That I should have been absent from the station at a time when I should have likened most to be there, I very much regret but becomes provoking when I arrived a half hour too late at the station to be present at the inspection as having referring above stated that my continued absence was not voluntary neglectful mindedly but forced on me, I beg kindly to be considered,

Respectfully,
(Sgd.) William J. Epkens
Keeper

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William J. Epkens, Keeper, December 20,1915

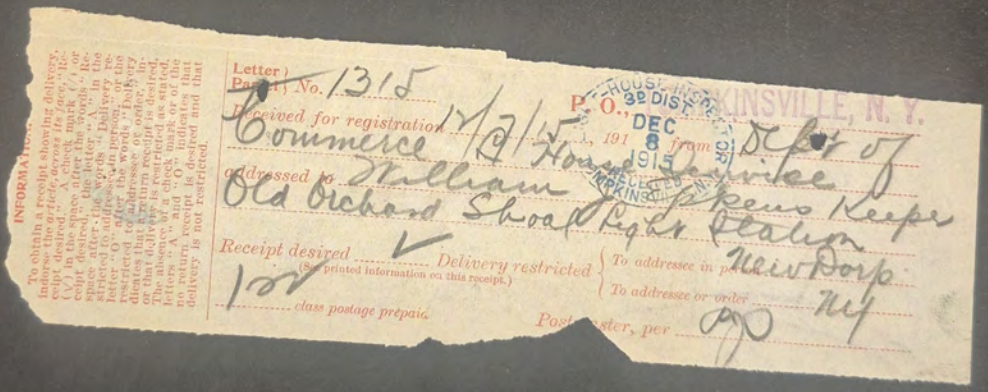
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,

New Dorp, N. Y.

You are advised that the salary of the position of keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., will be increased from $624.00 to $648.00 per annum, and of the assistant keeper from $480.00 to $516.00 per annum, both effective beginning January 1,1916.

YATES

Inspector



Letter
Parcel No. 1315

P. O., DEC 8 1915 from HOUSATONIC 3P DIST. CT. PERKINSVILLE, N. Y.

Received for registration 12/3/15, 191 , from Dept of Commerce

addressed to Lt. William Howard Patrick Keeper

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station New Dorp NY

Receipt desired ✓ (See printed information on this receipt.) Delivery restricted { To addressee in person / To addressee or order

1 ct class postage prepaid. Postmaster, per PJO

INFORMATION

To obtain a receipt showing delivery, indorse the article across its face, "Receipt desired." A check (✓) in the space after the word "Yes" or "No" in the line following the indorsement, or the space after the letter "A" in the line following the words "Delivery restricted to addressee in person," or the space after the letter "B" in the line following the words "Delivery restricted to addressee or order," indicates that a return receipt is desired, or that delivery is restricted as stated. The absence of a check (✓) in the space after the letters "A" and "B" indicates that no return receipt is desired and that delivery is not restricted.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
9TH DIST.
DEC 7 1915
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REGISTERED MAIL
RECEIPT REQUESTED

William J. Epkens, Keeper, December 7,1915

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,

New Dorp, N. Y.

You are hereby charged with being absent from your duties as Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station from December 1,1915 to the time at which your station was inspected at 9:00 A.M. December 7th,1915, without authority from this office and also without providing a substitute to perform your duties during your absence, which is in violation of the provisions of the regulations concerning shore liberty of keepers.

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

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

YATES
Inspector

Form 76

SHORE LIBERTY OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF KEEPERS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. JAN 21 1916 RECEIVED

REQUEST

Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta. Dec. 6, 1915.
(Station.)

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT:

I respectfully request that I be granted seven (7) days of shore liberty or leave, from first of December to 7th December, inclusive, 1915. I have had 24 days shore liberty or leave to date during this calendar year.

This application for shore liberty or leave is made in accordance with regulations governing this subject for this class station and with the understanding that I furnish, if required, at my own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform my duties and who will be satisfactory to you.

The name and address of the substitute I propose to furnish follow:

substitute not required
(Name.) (P. O. Address.)

If leave is granted, my address during absence will be as follows, and any change will be reported to the keeper in charge of the station:

56 Laurel Avenue, Stapleton, S. I., New York
(Street or R. D. Route.) (City.) (State.)

Forwarded. Approval recommended.
Proposed substitute is considered satisfactory and competent.

William J. Eghens
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper in charge.

Keeper
(Title.)

AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT, Jan. 21, 1916, 191

The above application for shore liberty or leave is hereby approved for seven days, from Dec. 1st to Dec. 7th, inclusive, 1915.

Substitute * must be be furnished during this absence.
(Insert "must" or "need not.")

*Substitute should have been furnished.

J. T. Yates

Inspector, Third *Lighthouse District.*

FINAL REPORT

Absence begun: At 3 eg p.m. Dec 1st, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Returned to duty: At 10 a.m. Dec 7th, 1915.
(State nearest hour.)

Period of absence: 6 3/4 5-19/24 days.

Period charged: 6 3/4 5-19/24 days.

Certified correct and forwarded.

William J. Eghens
Keeper in charge.

William J. Eghens
(Applicant's signature.)

Keeper
(Title.)

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William J. Epkens, Keeper, January 4th, 1916

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station,

New Dorp, N. Y.

Referring to previous correspondence relative to leave of absence taken by you from December 1st to 7th, 1915.

You are directed to submit to this office, without further delay, two copies of Form 76, to cover said leave.

YATES

Inspector

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Keeper O.K. for pay
Inspector

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2d DIST.
MAR
1914
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

Old Orchard Road Light Station
March 4th 1914.

3rd Light House District
Tompkinsville. N.Y.

Referring to my absence on sick leave. I beg leave to report that I have this day March 2nd 10 a.m arrived on my Station and taken up my duties, dismissing my substitute Mr. Frank Oberley, after finding everything allright.

N. J. Epkens
Keeper.

Department of Commerce

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 3D DISTRICT

No. 2511

TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y. Jan 9 1914

To Approved Jan 9 1914 C.P.

Please accomplish the following, and endorse and return this paper when completed.

Ethio, Rep Old Orchard Shoal This absence on account of illness Hold up pay until matter is settled. —

INSPECTOR

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
2ND DIST.
MAR
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260. Broad Street. Stapleton.

March 12th 1914.

Inspectors.

3rd Light House District. Tompkinsville

Thankfully acknowledge receipt of two weeks leave of absence. In accordance with instruction. a competent man. (Frank. Oberly. 32. Canal St. Stapleton) went in my place. on early morning of. 11th March. and. although my condition compelled me to come ashore. for medical attendance a couple of days prior to that date. I beg. to have the 11th of March accepted. as the commencement of my sick leave. trusting that I'm able to return to my Duty. before the two weeks leave expire.

William J. Eykens. Keeper
Old Orchard Shoal Light Station

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Form 76

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 3rd DISTRICT

Tompkinsville, N.Y., March 11th , 1914

Wm. J. Epkens, Kpr. Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Station,
260 Broad St.,
Stapleton, S.I., N.Y.

Your application ~~of~~ without date received Mar. 11, 1914, for two ~~xxxxx~~ weeks ~~days~~ leave of absence has been received, and your request is hereby granted, provided you furnish, at your own expense, a substitute competent in all respects to perform your duties and satisfactory to the Light-house Inspector.

Report by letter the date on which you leave the station, also the date on which you return to duty, ~~and give the name of the person employed as substitute~~. Keep this office, and also the person left in charge of the station, advised of your address while you are absent from duty.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

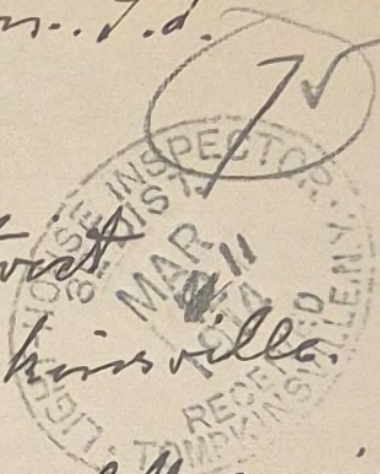
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260. Broad Street. Stapleton. S.I.

Inspector
3rd Light House District
Tompkinsville.





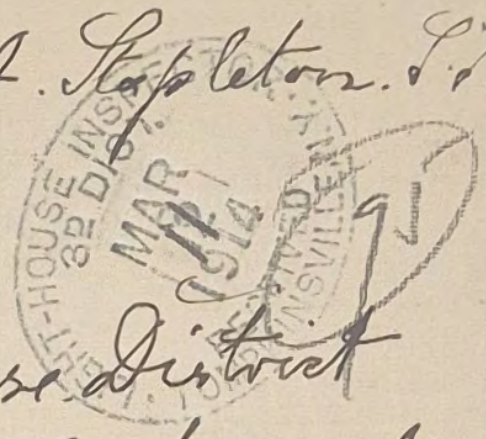
Complying with the Regulations of the service I beg to be granted a two weeks leave of absence from my duty. Hoping that in that time my Illness will have disappeared. As I dont know how long it will last and as I am at present completely disabled I can only refer to any Doctor who strictly insists on a couple of Weeks of absolute Rest so I beg for two weeks leave willing to return to my duty before that if my condition will permit.

respectfully.

William J. Eskens
Keeper
Old Orchard Shoal Light H.

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260. Broad. St. Stapleton. S. I.



Inspector.

3rd. Light House District

Tompkinsville

In response of Letter received to day I beg leave to inform this Office that confined to my bed I have endeavoured to find a substitute for my position. his name is Frank Oberley of 32. Canal street Stapleton competent and conscientious, hele be well able to fill my place for the time being. My illness is too real and severe to allow of my coming to this Office, and compels me to act otherwise than I would have done under normal circumstances. so urgent as was the Case I have arranged that this man will leave Great Kills in the morning for the Light Station. for, not awaiting for this the consent of the Office I beg to be excused

William J. Ephons
Keeper Old Orchard Shoal Light St.

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March 11th, 1914.

Wm.J.Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
260 Broad St.,Stapleton,
Staten Island, N.Y.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter without date received at this office today, stating that you have employed Mr. Frank Oberley as substitute to to perform your duties during your absence, and that Mr. Oberley will leave Great Kills in the morning(which is presumed to be today, March 11th) for Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

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March 9th, 1914.

William J.Epkens, Keeper Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
260 Broad Street, Stapleton,
Staten Island, N.Y.

Referring to your letter of March 7th, 1914, stating that your doctor has ordered you to rest for a couple of weeks, and that you are unable to work:

Your attention is invited to the fact that the regulations of this service require that you provide at your own expense a competent substitute to perform your duties during your absence.

It is requested that you comply with the regulations in this respect, and furnish a competent substitute to perform your duties as Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station. You will please inform this office promptly as to what action you take in regard to the matter of furnishing a substitute, and at the same time, make formal application for leave of absence for such time as you expect it will be necessary for you to be absent from duty.

Your prompt reply is requested.

YATES

260 Broadstreet: Stapleton.
March 7th 1914.

Inspector

9th Light House District
Tompkinsville.

With regard I have to inform the Office and Department that I am ordered by the Doctor to be absolutely rest for a couple weeks and as I am completely unable to work in any way I think it my duty to inform the Office of my condition that arrangements may be made that somebody may take my place, until I am sufficiently recovered to get back to my duty.
Enclosing my Doctors certificate I remain
respect and regretfully.

William J. Eastmans
Keeper of
Old Orchard Shoal Light H.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 2d DIST. MAR 9 1914 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE N.Y.

P. S. Rowboat is securely hauled out at Sauers Hotel. Great Kills.

William J. Eckhart.
Co. H. MacNeal.
260 Broadstreet
Stapleton. S. I.

J. D. [redacted] LUCEY, M. D.

OFFICE HOURS:
1.30 to 3 a. m.
6.30 to 8 p. m.

390 VAN DUZER ST.
STAPLETON, N. Y.
Telephone 824 Tomp.

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE 3RD DIST. WAR RISK 1918 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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Wm G. Ekkens
Neo Broad St Stapleton is
under my care and
not able to work. He
suffers with Lumbago

Dr J D Lucey

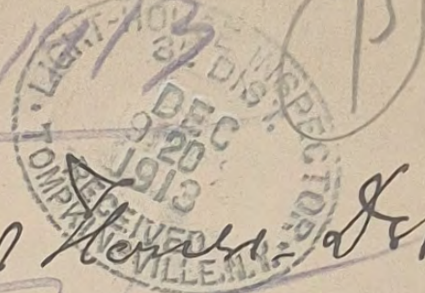
Ed. Orchard Shoal Lgh. Sta.

December 18th 1913.

Inspector

Third Dist.

Tompkinsville.



In response to request, to familiarize myself with the workings of Power boat in Yard. I beg leave to state, that Wind and Weather permitting, I'll be at the Yard on Jan. 3rd next at 10 A.M. to comply with Order although I have been handling Power Boats for ca. 10 Years when employed in Yachts.

Respectfully,

W. E. Eskens

Keeper

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Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.
December 15th 1913.

Inspector.
3rd Light House District
Tompkinsville, N.Y.

Regarding delay in sending in my Oath of Office Form. I respectfully beg to be excused, as I could not conscientiously leave the Station in Charge of a Man unfamiliar with the Engines and other Duties, while breezing strong West Winds, did Lardly allow of any communication with the Shore per Rowboat.

W. J. Eskens
Keeper.

JHG

Dec.12,1913

William J. Epkens, Keeper,

Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,

New Dorp, N.Y.

Referring to letter from this office dated Nov.3, 1913 enclosing Department letter appointing you to the position of Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

The blank oath of office enclosed with above letter, which should have been sworn to and returned promptly, has not yet been received. Return same to this office immediately.

A new oath is enclosed, in case you have mislaid the one previously sent you.

YATES

Oath of Office

JHG

Dec.12.1913

William J. Epkens, Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N.Y.

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TATES

cc- Epkens

Epkens
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR
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TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

December 9, 1913.

Lighthouse Inspector, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Referring to Department letter appointing the following-named employee, secure and forward oath of office covering this appointment as soon as practicable. See paragraph "Forwarding oaths and personal question sheets," page 117, Regulations, 1911.

Name of employee: William J. Epkens

Position: Keeper, Lighthouse Service.

Date of Department letter: October 29, 1913.

Conway
Acting Commissioner.

Old Orchard Shoal Light Station
November 10th 1913.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 32 DIST. NOV 11 1913 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE

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Inspector:

I have this Day relieved Mr. Edward H. Grantar Keeper of this Station. having signed receipts in triplicate.

William J. Ephens.

Ephens & OD as Keeper, Old Orchard Shoal on Nov. 11-1913

Ephraim
Old Orchard Grant ✓ 75

Nov. 10, 1913

E. M Grant- reports turning over Letter Old Orchard Grant to Wm. J. Ephraim.

Lee - Grant

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Nov.3,1913

Wm. J. Epkens, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,
New Dorp, N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter of October 29, 1913 appointing you to the position of Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

In accordance therewith, you are hereby directed to relieve the present Keeper, Edward M.Grant, on the close of November 10,1913, giving him receipt for the station and all Government property for which he has been responsible, in triplicate on Form 30, one copy of which is to be forwarded to this office.

Inform this office promptly by letter when you have relieved Mr.Grant and taken charge of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

YATES

GENERAL APPOINTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1913.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

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

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

(By promotion from assistant keeper at $480 per annum.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice: Edward M. Grant.

Legal Residence: New York.

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Epkens

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NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 23, 1913 (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, **William J. Epkens** Legal residence, **New York**

Position, **Keeper** Salary, **$624 per annum**

priation, **Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses**

f entrance on duty or
as he enters on duty.

r salary, **$480 p.a.**

William J.Epkens $624.a.
Kpr, Old Orchard Shoal,
Light Sta.

, Other eligibles considered:

nated, **Nov. 10, 1913**

Remarks:

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

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

YATES

Secretary, *Civil Service District.*

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y., (City.) Oct. 23, 1913 (Date.), 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Promotion

Name, William J. Epkens — Legal residence, New York

Position, Keeper — Salary, $624 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y. — Appropriation, Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective {1 the actual date of entrance on duty, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.} November 11, 1913

Former position, Assistant Keeper — Former salary, $480 p.a.

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta., N.Y.

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

ious incumbent, Edward M. Grant — Services terminated, Nov. 10, 1913

eason, Transferred

ives in Government Service,

arks:

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

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Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—2314

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Oct. 23,1913

William J. Epkens, Asst.Keeper,
Through the Keeper,
Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.
New Dorp, N.Y.

You are informed that you have to-day been nominated for promotion to the position of Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light Station.

Should you be appointed to this position you will enter on duty about November 10,1913.

YATES

Epkens

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May 24,1913

Wm. J. Epkens, Asst.Keeper,

Through the Keeper,

Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.

New Dorp, N.Y.

Referring to your list of stations to which you would accept transfer in case of a vacancy. One of the stations on that list is West Point, at which place there will be a vacancy in the position of keeper about June 10. There are no quarters for keepers at this station, but there is a watchroom where the keeper can stay nights. This is a small fixed light, with a fog bell struck by machinery. The salary is $516 per annum. Living quarters could probably be rented at Highland Falls.

Advise this office by return mail whether or not you desire to accept transfer to this station.

June 2d -

Epkens Declines - on acct of no quarters.

See West Pt.

Epkens-

No 1.

Old Orchard Light Station
February 5th 1913.



Inspector.

Will you please post following List of Light Stations, that I would accept in case of transfer or promotion as Keeper.

Epkens.

Recomended, Grant.—

X Conover Beacon.
X Chappel Hill Beacon.
X Coney Island.
X Elm Tree Beacon.
X Esopus Meadows.
X Fort Wadsworth.
X Four Mile Point.
X Hudson City.
X Havesink 1st or 2nd Asst.
X North Hook Beacon.
X New Dorp Beacon.
X Old Orchard Shoal.
X Princess Bay.
X Point Comfort.
X Passiac.
X Romer Shoal.

Circular sent Nov. 18-1913
Filed away Dec. 10-13
No new list received

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X Rokland Lake.
X Roundout.
X Saugerties
X Perrytown.
X West Bank.
X Waaskaack.
X West Point.

No. 1.



Old Orchard Light Station.
February 5th 1913.

Inspector!

Will you please post following List of Light Stations that I would accept in case of transfer or promotion as Keeper.

Eptkens.

Recommended, Grant. —

Conover Beacon.
Chappel Hill Beacon
Coney Island.
Elm Tree Beacon.
Esopus Meadows.
Fort Wadsworth.
Four Mile Point.
Hudson City
Navesink. 1st or 2nd Asst.
North Hook Beacon
New Dorp Beacon.
Old Orchard Shoal.
Princess Bay.
Point Comfort.
Passiac.
Romer Shoal.

LIGHT-HOUSE DIST. OF N.Y.
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Rockland Lake.
Roundout
Saugerties
Tarrytown
West Bank.
Waackaack.
West Point.

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Aug. 30,1912

William J. Epkens,

32 Canal Street,

Stapleton, N.Y.

Enclosed herewith is Department letter appointing you to the position of Assistant Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Light-Station, N.Y.

In accordance therewith, you will report at this Depot before 7 A.M. on September 3rd,1912, and go on board Tender which will take you down the Bay and land you at the station.

Show the Keeper this letter which will be his authority for assigning you to duty.

YATES

Tompkinsville,N.Y.,
Aug. 30,1912
Copy forwarded to Keeper of Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,for his information.
Mr.Epkens has been ordered to report for duty at your station on Sept.3,for duty as Assistant Keeper.
Report to this office promptly by mail the date of his entrance on duty.

U. S. Light-House Service
DEPOSIT TO CREDIT LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRD DISTRICT, TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
Light House Inspector.
SUBJECT:
1912
No. of Indorsement.

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Department of Commerce and Labor
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
Washington

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August 28, 1912.

Mr. William J. Epkens,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

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

Assistant Keeper,

in the Lighthouse Service,

at a salary of Four Hundred and Eighty dollars

per annum, effective on the date on which you enter upon

duty in the above-mentioned position.

(By selection from certificate No. ----, and subject to a probationary period of not to exceed six months as provided by paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, to be found on the reverse hereof.)

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) R. C. SHELSE

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ACTING Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.
Vice: Isidor Levino.
Legal Residence: New York.

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LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR 2ND DIST. AUG 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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J. H. Yates. Esq.
Inspector. 3rd. Light House. District.
Tompkinsville. N. Y.

Thankfully. acknowledge. receipt of. Letter. with. nomination for. Position. as. Assistant Keeper of. "Old. Orchard Shoal Light Station.

Will be. on. my Way to. Staten Island. Tomorrow. where. at. Canal Street. 32. any Order. or Communication. will promply. attended to. Your Servant.

Respectfull. Servant.
William J. Eskens.

Newport. R. I. August. 18th. 1912.

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ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR TRANSFER OF APPOINTEE

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, Third DISTRICT,

Tompkinsville, N.Y.,

Aug. 16, 1912 , 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

The following recommendation is submitted:

Action proposed, Probationary appointment

Name, William J. Epkens Legal residence, New York

Position, Assistant Keeper Salary, $480.00 per annum

Location, Old Orchard Shoal Light-Station, N.Y.

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

Former position, Former salary,

Location,

Rank in list of eligibles, 6 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 85.2

Other eligibles considered, Frank Jaycox,-Failed to answer
Geo. A. Brown - Accepts.

Letters of declination inclosed,

Previous incumbent, Isidor Levine Services terminated, August 31, 1912

Reason, Resigned

Remarks: Payable from "Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses"
No employe of the District desired transfer to this position.

CHIEF CLERK
BUTLER
ASPINWALL

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

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

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August 16,1912

William J. Epkens,

Steam Yacht Norwhal,

New London, Conn.

Referring to your application for the position of Assistant Keeeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light-Station.

You have to-day been nominated for this position and will therefore hold yourself in readiness to proceed to that station when definite orders are sent you. It is expected that your services will be required about September 1st. In the meantime it is requested that you call at this office before the end of this month for a personal interview, if practicable.

Acknowledge receipt of this letter.

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. AUG 15 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Wm. J.Epkens,
Steam Yacht Norwhal
New London, Conn.

Office of the Inspector, 3rd *Light-House District,*

Tompkinsville,N.Y., Aug. 12,1912,
(Place.) (Date.)

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

Assistant Keeper in class

at Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

This station is off shore in New York Lower Bay
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $480. per annum per annum.

There are Quarters for keepers who must provide their own furniture except stoves. No quarters for families of keepers. Quarters for families can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(Here state whether [illegible] quarters are provided for the [illegible] number of keepers and assistants, and if not, whether such can be obtained by application in the vicinity.)

Fuel 7 tons coal,1 cord wood per year for 2 keepers Rations Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached note)
(State allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered [illegible]

LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3d DIST. AUG 15 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

On account of absence from New London please to advise. Tardy reply of response - Mail from there will be forwarded daily to our Boat.

respectfully.

W. J. Epkens.

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

(Signature:) W. J. Epkens.

(Post-office address:) Steam Yacht Narwhal

Date, Aug. 14th 1912. P.O. Box. 243. New London. Conn.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR 3D DIST. AUG 13 1912 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.
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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Wm. J.Epkens,
Steam Yacht Norwhal
New London, Conn.

Office of the Inspector, 3rd *Light-House District,*

Tompkinsville,N.Y. (Place.), Aug. 12,1912 (Date.),

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

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at Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

This station is off shore in New York Lower Bay
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $480. per annum per annum.

There are Quarters for keepers who must provide their own furniture except stoves. No quarters for families of keepers. Quarters for families can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(Here state whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for keepers and assistants, and if not, whether they can be obtained by them in the vicinity.)

Fuel 7 tons coal,1 cord wood per year for 2 keepers Rations Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached note)
(State the allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES

Inspector 3rd. *Light-House District.*

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you, or do you decline? pleased to accept

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

(*Signature:*) W.J. Epkens.

(*Post-office address:*) Steam Yacht Narwhal P.O. Box. 243. New London. Conn.

Date, Aug. 14th 1912.

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LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHT-HOUSE ESTABLISHMENT

Wm. J.Epkens,
Steam Yacht Norwhal
New London, Conn.

Office of the Inspector, 3rd *Light-House District,*

Tompkinsville,N.Y., Aug. 12,1912,
(Place.) (Date.)

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of

Assistant Keeper in class

at Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,N.Y.

This station is off shore in New York Lower Bay
(Here state whether station is ashore or afloat.)

The salary is $480. per annum per annum.

There are Quarters for keepers who must provide their own furniture except stoves. No quarters for families of keepers. Quarters for families can probably be rented on Staten Island.
(Here state whether or not quarters are provided by the Government for the families of keepers, and if not, whether they can be rented by the keepers in the vicinity.)

Fuel 7 tons coal,1 cord wood per year for 2 keepers Rations Allowance 30¢ daily (See attached note)
(State allowance of fuel and rations, if any.)

This position is also offered to other eligibles, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

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You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J.T.YATES

Inspector 3rd. *Light-House District.*

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you, or do you decline?

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time?

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered?

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Frank Jaycox,
Geo.A.Brown

My reasons for declining the position tendered are as follows:

(*Signature:*)

(*Post-office address:*)

Date,

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Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.
Feb 11th 1913.

Inspector,—

In answer to your letter of Feb. 3rd. I will say that the services of Mr. William J. Eskens Asst. Keeper has been satisfactory in every respect. And in my opinion he is a competent and suitable man to receive a permanent appointment.

Grant.—

William J. Eskens.

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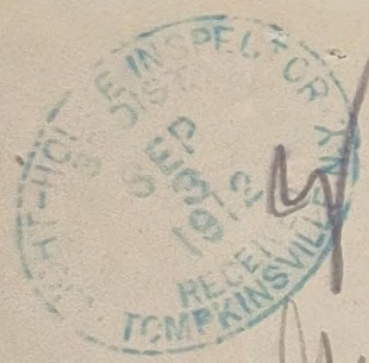
Feb.3,1913

Edward M. Grant, Keeper,

Old Orchard Shoal Lt.Sta.,

New Dorp, N.Y.

The probationary period of employment of William J.Epkens, assistant keeper at Old Orchard Shoal Light Station will expire on March 3,1913. Inform this office by return mail if his services have been satisfactory, and whether or not he is a competent and suitable man to receive a permanent appointment.



Old Orchard Shoal Lt. Sta.
Sept. 3rd. 1912.

Inspector,

Mr. William J. Ephtens reported this day at this station, for duty as, Asst. Keeper at 10.30 am.

Grant —

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Form 201
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LETTER TO ELIGIBLES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DIST.,

A. H. Evans

Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1931

SIR: You are hereby informed that you are being considered for the position of 2d Asst. Keeper of
(State position, location, and whether station is ashore or afloat.)
Little Gull Island Lt. Sta. located off shore on Gull Is., in Long Island Sound.

Total Compensation: $ 1260 per annum

Quarters and Fuel: Family quarters are provided for the 3 keepers at this station.
(State whether or not quarters and fuel are provided by the Government for the families of keepers at this station, or if quarters can be rented by appointees in the vicinity.)

Furniture: Keepers must provide their own furniture except kitchen range.
(State articles of furniture to be furnished by the Government.)

Promotion: Appointees will be considered for promotion to higher positions as vacancies occur.

Shore Liberty: Not exceeding 72 days per annum may be granted to employees at this station.

This is a letter of inquiry and not an offer of the position, as other eligibles are also being considered for the same position, any one of whom may be selected, although all may indicate willingness to accept this position.

No furniture or quarters for families are provided, except as stated above. Any additional articles of furniture required, and necessary provisions, must be provided by employees.

Read carefully the Instructions to Eligibles on the other side before returning this letter.

You will, therefore, please advise this office in this connection by answering the questions below and returning this communication at the earliest date practicable.

Respectfully,

J. T. YATES

The following questions should be filled in by applicant:

Are you willing to accept this position if it is offered you? Yes.

If selected, I can report for duty in 7 days from to-day.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at this time? Yes.

Are you willing to accept the next appointment offered? Yes.

Do you wish your name restored to the register at some future time? If so, give date.

Are any members of your family, or relatives (either blood or by marriage), in the service of the United States Government? Answer "Yes" or "No." No. If yes, state how many ____; and fill in the following blanks.

Name.	Post-office address.	Where employed.	Relationship.	Married or single.
		Position Department or office		
		Position Department or office		

(If you have more than two relatives in the Government service, give same information as to them on a separate sheet of paper.)

If not willing to accept this position, state your reasons below:

(Signature) Albert H. Evans.

Date Sept. 30th 1931.

(Post-office address) 24 East Bowery Street,
Newport, R.I.

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It is important that this letter be answered promptly.

There are no schoolmfacilities at this station. The oldest Boy will stay with his Grandmother During School period.
Have you any children? Yes. If so, how many? 3
What are their ages? Boy 8. Girl 4. Boy 2.

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LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECT
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Old Orchard Shoal Light Sta.
May 29th 1917.

Inspector.

Respectfully notify this Office that my Post Office address is No. 17 William Street, Tompkinsville (not Stapleton as I erroneously stated before on account of the Number 17 being on the Tompkinsville side of the Street.

William J. Eptkins Keeper

17 William Street
Tompkinsville.